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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

UNITED MARINERS LODGE (No. 30).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 21st of January, 1873. Bro. G. J. C. Smith, W.M. presiding. The lodge was opened in ancient form in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees, when Bro. W. J. Osborne, W.M. elect., was duly installed into the chair of K.S., by the Installing Master Bro. I. Driscoll, P.M., 30, assisted by a board of 18 Installed Masters. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. J. C. Smith, I.P.M.; W. Ansell, S.W.; H. Bethell, J.W.; R. J. Deeley, S.D.; Lefeaux, J.D.; T. Smith, I.G.; Caseley, D.C.; Field, S.; J. Driscoll, A.S.; Crossley, O. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to a well provided banquet. The usual loyal toasts having been given, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who duly responded. A Past Master's jewel having been awarded to Bro. G. J. C. Smith, by the lodge, the W.M. duly presented it. The toasts to the visitors P.M.'s, and the Installing Master having been given, Bro. J. Driscoll, P.M., favoured the brethren with a beautiful recitation called "The Spirit of Charity." The toast of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons was then given, coupled with the name of Bro. G. J. C. Smith, I.P.M., who has accepted the office of Steward, at the forthcoming festival, which toast was duly and fully responded, by Bro. Smith, and Bro. Gompertz, P.M., P. Prov. G.P., Herts; other toasts followed concluding with the Tyler's. A number of songs were given during the evening, a very enjoyable evening having been spent. The visitors were Bros. Younghusband, P.M., P. Prov. G. P. 241, Lancashire; Gompertz, P.M., P. Prov. G.P. Herts, 869; Parker, P.M., 619; How, P.M., 212; Senecal, P.M., 860; Barly, P.M., 441; Fulham, P.M., 1031, Birmingham; Tye, P.M., P. Prov. G.P., Middlesex, 1237; Roberts, P.M., 192, and numerous other brethren.

KEIGHLEY.—*Royal Yorkshire Lodge (No. 265).*—The brethren of this lodge met together on Friday evening last, in the lodge room of the Masonic Hall, Hanover-street, to celebrate their annual festival in honour of St. John the Evangelist. The banquet, to which about sixty brethren sat down, was presided over by Bro. J. W. Rhodes, W.M., assisted by his officers, Bros. W. Naylor, S.W.; C. Dinsdale, J.W., and others; and the Worshipful Past Masters, Bros. Hopkinson, Scott, Smith, Summerscales, Wall, and Williamson. The usual patriotic, loyal, and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen," briefly adverted to the advancement and prosperity of the country under Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign; the brethren heartily responded by singing the National Anthem. After the toast of "His Royal Highness the Prince of

Wales, Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," Bro. Asquith gave the song and chorus "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Bro. Capt. Williamson responded with patriotic and soldierly warmth to the "Army, Navy, and Reserved Forces;" after which B. T. Aked sang "Let me like a Soldier Fall." "The M.W.G.M. of England, the Marquis of Ripon, K.G.," was worthily given by the W.M., who portrayed the benevolence and charity of the M.W.G.M. in such a manner as to make every brother feel that there was one at their head who ever had the interest of Masonry at heart. The toast was heartily and enthusiastically greeted with the honours, &c. "The Visiting Brethren" was given by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Hoyle, Hope Lodge (302), Branford; Dr. Murgatroyd, P.M. Airedale (387), Shipley; B. Pawson, P.M., the Three Graces (408), Haworth; B. Kidd, Craven Lodge (810), Skip-ton; and Booth, of Exeter. "The I.P.M. of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge" was given by the W.M., who extolled the able and praiseworthy manner in which the business and working of the lodge had been conducted during the past year, and the interest displayed for the good of Masonry in general in so worthily maintaining the high position of the Royal Yorkshire. The brethren received the toast as it deserved. The I.P.M. gave the toast of "The W.M.," which was heartily responded to by the brethren. "The Officers of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge" and other toasts were severally proposed and honoured; and the W.M., in giving "The Masonic Charities," had only to observe, before the brethren should honour the toast, that charity was the distinguishing badge of every true Mason, and was very happy to say that the brethren of this lodge had contributed about fifty guineas to the Masonic charities during the last year. Bro. S. Summerscales, in proposing "The Distressed Masons," said that he merely desired to remind the brethren that the "distressed Masons" were men who had seen "better days," and therefore felt their present misfortunes the more keenly, &c. The toast was drunk in silence. With toasts, songs, and glees the evening glided pleasantly away, and the brethren retired to their respective homes at "low twelve."

BODMIN.—*One and All Lodge (No. 330).*—At the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 12th of January, inst., the notification from the Grand Lodge announcing the appointment of the Right Honourable The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, was read, whereupon it was resolved with great applause, that a congratulatory address be presented to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, tendering to him the sincere congratulations of this, the Mother Lodge of the eastern division of this province on his appointment as Provincial Grand Master, and that it be signed by the acting Master, Bro. Colick, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., and transmitted by Bro. Rich, P.M. the P.J.G.W., Hon. Secretary 330, to which the following gracious answer has been received.

"Mount Edgcumbe, Davenport.
"Jan. 22nd, 1873.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of a fraternal address signed by you on behalf of the other officers and brethren of the One and All Lodge, congratulating me upon my appointment as Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, and I beg that you will accept my best thanks for your good wishes and be assured that I am deeply sensible of, and much gratified by this expression of your kind feeling towards me; and that I hope it may not be very long before I have an opportunity of becoming further acquainted with yourself and the members of your lodge.

"I remain, Worshipful Sir and Brother,
Yours, fraternally,
Mount Edgcumbe."
"Bro. H. J. COLVILLE, P.M., Acting W.M. No. 330. P. Prov. J.G.W."

PORTSMOUTH.—*Portsmouth Lodge (No. 487).*—The installation of the W.M. elect of this lodge (Bro. G. S. Lancaster) took place in the Masonic Hall, St. Mary's-street, Portsmouth, on Monday afternoon, in the presence of a number of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren, in-

cluding the R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. J. R. Stebbing, P.G. Deacon of England, and the following P.M.'s and W.M.'s—Bros. M. E. Frost, P.G. Treasurer; F. M. Wells, T. Batchelor, H. Ford, S. D. Forbes, Rake, T. Cousins, A. Cudlipp, J. Morgan, W. C. Redward, F. G. Bradbear, H. Cawte, W. H. Ford, R. H. C. Ubsdell, F. Bigg (London), Leigh Bailey, and H. T. Miller, H. Sleeman, W.M. elect, Gosport Lodge, and S. R. Ellis, W.M. elect, Royal Sussex Lodge. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. Frost, and the musical portion was rendered with much effect by Bros. W. Barnes, P.G.O., Bradbear, P. Prov. G. Reg., Lancaster, P.G.S., and Sleeman. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Payne, S.W.; J. Maltby, J.W.; John Moore, S.D.; E. Bunting, J.D.; E. M. Wells, Treasurer; M. E. Frost, Secretary; J. Astridge, Assistant-Secretary; W. Barnes, Organist; Townshend, D.C.; G. Bond, I.G. After the closing of the lodge, a banquet was served in the adjoining room, to which upwards of 60 sat down, including a number of guests invited by the W.M., who with great liberality placed the wines upon the tables. The W.M. presided, and the vice-chairs were filled by the Wardens of the lodge. At the conclusion of the dinner the W.M., in terse and appropriate terms, gave "The Queen," "P.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Craft;" and "The M.W. the G.M., the Marquis of Ripon," to which D.P.G.M. of Hants (Bro. J. R. Stebbing, P.G. Deacon of England) responded. He was sure they rejoiced with him that the D.G.M. of England (the Earl of Carnarvon) was a Hampshire man, whom they very much regarded, and who was an active Freemason. The G.M. was very much beloved for his personal bearing and kindness of heart. No doubt many of the other officers of the Grand Lodge were there to the exclusion of men who had an equal and perhaps a greater title to that position, but it was pleasing to say that all who occupied positions in the Grand Lodge had done a great deal of good work outside their lodges for the Masonic Charities and in helping on the work of the Masonic structure in one way or another. The G.M. had looked a little beyond the City of London, and it was only some few years ago that two additional Deacons were added to the number of appointments at the disposal of the G.M. in order that the brethren of the provinces might have their merits acknowledged. He hoped it would not be long before the G.M. would cast his eye in the direction of Portsmouth, so that one of his (the speaker's) fellow townsmen might be placed on the dais. There was great Masonic merit in the locality, and men deserving the recognition of the G.M. The W.M. next gave "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P." and expressed a hope that he would hold the office for many years to come. In proposing "The R.W. the D.P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. J. R. Stebbing, and officers of P.G.L.," the W.M. said he felt highly honoured by the presence of the D.P.G.M., who attended at some personal sacrifice. D.P.G.M. Stebbing responded in a lengthened and eloquent speech. He referred to the fact that he had constituted that lodge, and consecrated it some thirty-one years since. In exhorting brethren not to be over anxious as to the attainment of Masonic honours, he mentioned that when he consecrated the lodge he had the appointment in his pocket of the D.P.G.M. of Hampshire, but he did not then accept it, and had waited until he was an older man. After suggesting that it would be well if they endeavoured to close the meetings of the lodge a little earlier than at present, the D.G.M. called attention to the wonderful progress Masonry was making in the present day. The number of lodges had doubled within a generation, and the number of members far exceeded the number in any former period of its history, although Masonry had existed from the earliest times. After much reading and research he believed Masonry was one of the oldest institutions that had existed in this world. Masonry was not made up of the Grand Lodge or its officers, or of the number of the lodges, but it consisted in the strength and wisdom of the lodges and in the faithfulness and

honesty of the men who were members. If they were faithful to their trust and did not tarnish the mighty fabric under the shadow of which they reposed, and outside of it were faithful to its principles, it would continue to be one of the brightest, noblest, and greatest institutions which the Great Architect of the Universe ever gave to man. Even if any of these failed it was too great an institution to be affected thereby; notwithstanding any little speck it would shine forth in the strength of immortal youth, until that period when the end of all things shall come, and whether in easy or troublous times,

Like some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm;
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.

Masonry would live for ever, a thing both rich and rare. He urged the brethren to be true to their obligations, to realise the full advantages of the great and blessed Order by being worthy of it, and striving to be among the noblest of its sons. (Loud applause). Bro. H. Ford, after dwelling in forcible terms upon the duty of the brethren to promote charity and good feeling, gave "Poor and Distressed Brethren all over the World." Bro. Frost gave "The W.M., Bro. G. S. Lancaster," and expressed his belief that he would make as good a Master as they had had for many years. The toast was drunk with great cordiality, and the W.M. made a fitting response. Bro. Ubsdell then proposed "The W. Masters, and Representatives of neighbouring Lodges," to which Bro. Leigh Bailey responded in a telling speech, in which he dwelt upon the importance of carrying out the vital principles of Masonry. "The Visitors" was given by Bro. Rake, and ably acknowledged by Bro. F. Bigg, of London. "The Installing Master" was given by the D.P. G.M., who spoke of the importance of uniformity of practice in the different lodges, and acknowledged by Bro. Frost. "The I.P.M." proposed by Bro. Cousins, and acknowledged by Bro. Ubsdell; "The P.M.'s" spoken to by Bros. T. Batchelor and Cousins, and "The Officers," responded to by Bro. J. Payne, brought the list of toasts to a close. The speeches were interspersed with some excellent singing by several of the company. Bro. Bigg's rendering of the "Death of Nelson" almost within sight of the ship "in which the gallant hero fought" having been received with unequivocal enthusiasm.

DEVIZES.—*Hillsire Lodge of Fidelity* (No. 663).—This lodge held its installation festival at the Town Hall, Devizes, on Friday, the 21st inst., when Bro. J. H. Chandler, P. Prov. G.O. Wilts, was in a most able and effective manner duly installed into the chair of K.S. by his father, Bro. John Chandler, P. Prov. G.J.W. Wilts, and P.M. of Lodge 355 Swindon, assisted as regards the addresses at the conclusion of the ceremony by Bro. William Nott, P. Prov. G. Reg. Wilts, and P.M. of this lodge, and in the presence of the V.W. Bro. Samuel Wittery, D.P.G.M., Wilts, P.M. of this lodge. After the brethren had been re-admitted and the W.M. saluted in customary form, he proceeded to invest the S.W. and other officers the complete list of whom is as follows:—Bros. Joseph Burt, P. Prov. G.S.W. Wilts, I.P.M.; the Rev. Henry Richardson, M.A., S.W.; Henry I. Ward, J.W.; the Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.M., 663, P.G.C., Eng. Chaplain; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; William Nott, P.M., Sec.; T. B. Fox, S.D.; John Marsh, J.D.; Thos. Raymond, I.G.; Thos. Waite, P.M., D. of C.; John Parker, Steward; John Hayter and Jas. Philpatt, Tyler. The newly installed W.M. was supported by a goodly number of the brethren of the lodge, including Lodges, those named Bro. William Bisset, P. Prov. G.S.W., Wilts, P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, and a P.M. of this lodge, Bro. J. H. Chandler, P.M., 355, P.G.W. Wilts, and others. There were also present as visitors:—Bro. G. A. Gay, P.M. Moira, 326, P.G.J.D., Bristol; B. Gay, I.P.M., 326, P.G.D.C., Bristol; W. Munro, S.W., 329, Geo. F. Tuckey, J.D., 327; Chas. Sixty, J.W., 652; Chas. Barnes, 327, J.C., and others. After the lodge business was closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Crown Hotel, to which a liberal supply of game had been contributed as usual by Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed the repast, that of the W.M.

being given in a most eloquent manner by the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Wittery, who referred to his father, the (Installing Master) services for his own lodge at Swindon, and held them up as a pattern for the son's imitation in the Devizes Lodge, of which he had been this day installed as the ruler.

LIVERPOOL.—*The Derby Lodge* (No. 724).—The annual gathering of the brethren of this lodge for installation and other purposes was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-st., on Wednesday evening, the 22nd ult., when there was one of the most numerous and influential meetings which have been held for some time. The lodge was opened according to ancient form by Bro. J. F. Jones, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. C. H. Hill, P.M.; R. Cain, P.M.; W. Snortis, S.W.; J. D. McLaren, J.W.; T. Chesworth, Treas.; G. Hutchin, Sec.; J. W. Ballard, S.D.; G. Barker, I.G.; T. H. Ward, O.; and W. Mills, Tyler; J. Davison, J. Stewart, E. Mc Swiney, J. B. Jeffery, W. Evans, A. Hart, G. Dykms, M. Hart, E. Wise, T. Maxwell, &c., a number of distinguished visitors were present. This highly imposing gathering of the principals of sister lodges proved how much the "Derby" is valued and esteemed in the province. After the minutes were unanimously confirmed, two brethren were balloted for and declared duly elected. The balance sheet for the past year showed that the funds of the lodge were in a healthy condition. Bro. Jones, W.M., then initiated Mr. Thomas Mc Nabb, into the mysteries and privileges of the order, Bro. J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas., afterwards took the chair, and proceeded with the installation of Bro. W. Shortis, W.M., elect, who was presented by Bros. C. H. Hill, and J. F. Jones. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year were subsequently invested.

GOSPORT.—*Gosport Lodge* (No. 903).—The annual meeting of this lodge, for installation and other purposes, was held at the Star Hotel, Gosport, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Bro. Wilson, P.M., opened the lodge in the 1st degree, and the minutes of the last regular lodge, which contained a vote of 5 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, were read and confirmed. This sum, together with previous grants, will constitute the lodge a Vice President of that Institution, as it already is of the Institution for Boys. The report of the Audit Committee was also read, showing a very favourable balance in hand on last year's account. A ballot was then taken for two brethren as joining members and one candidate for initiation, which was declared unanimously in favour in each case. Bro. Whitcomb, P.M., was then proposed and seconded as Treasurer of the lodge for the ensuing year and was duly elected. The chair was then taken by Bro. W. T. Miller, I.P.M. P. Prov. G.S.D. Hants, proceeded to install Bro. H. Skemm as Worshipful Master for 1873. The ancient charges were read to and the obligation taken by the W.M. elect, when all brethren not installed Masters retired, and a Board of installed Masters was formed. The brethren were readmitted in the several degrees, and saluted the W.M. according to ancient form, after which the Installing Master delivered the usual address to the W.M., officers, and brethren. This concluded the ceremony of installation, which was conducted throughout with such ability, eloquence, and grace of diction as we have rarely seen equalled and never surpassed. Indeed, Bro. Miller, although a comparatively young Mason, has already achieved a wide reputation as a most able, learned, and energetic one, and by his energy and zeal during his year of office as W.M., has raised the Gosport Lodge to a position second to none in the province for its working. A Masonic Anthem, composed by Bro. Robinson, of Dublin, and an ode, written and composed by Bro. J. Douglas, P.M., P. Prov. G.W., and Bro. T. G. Bradbear, P. Prov. G.O., were sung during the ceremony by Bros. Lancaster and Knight, assisted by Bros. Bradbear, P.M., Stapleford, P.M., and Totterdell. Bro. Barnes, P.G.O., presided at the harmonium. The following brethren were then invested by the W.M. as his officers, viz:—Bro. J. Hall, S.W.; G. T. Lancaster, J.W.; Rev. E. B. C.

Churchill, Chaplain; C. B. Whitcomb, Treas.; J. Maling, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; H. Long, J.D.; A. Knight, D.C.; V. Brown, I.G.; W. Eades, and G. Cavell, Stewards. Mr. Gill, a candidate duly elected for initiation, was admitted to the lodge, and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry; the ceremony being performed by the newly installed W.M. in a style which elicited the admiration of the many Past Masters present. A vote of thanks to the Installing Master for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony was proposed and unanimously passed by the brethren. Several candidates having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was then closed in perfect harmony and solemn prayer. The banquet, held at the India Arms Hotel, was attended by about 60 brethren, including most of W.M.s of neighbouring lodges and a number of other distinguished visitors. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Installing Master being received with vociferous cheers; and it having transpired that the father of the worthy brother was present, that gentleman was congratulated by Bro. P. M. Wilson upon the ability displayed by his son in conducting the duties of that evening. Bro. P. M. Miller responded to the toast in his usual felicitous manner, and his father warmly acknowledged the pleasure he had received and the pride he felt at the high esteem in which his son was held by the brethren. The toast of the evening, that of the Worshipful Master, proposed by Bro. P. M. Miller, was received with equal warmth. Bro. Miller highly complimenting the W.M. upon the very creditable manner in which he performed the ceremony of initiation. The W.M. returned thanks in feeling terms for the compliments passed upon him, and assured the brethren that he would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and maintain that unanimity which had hitherto existed in the lodge. The Tyler's toast brought this very pleasant evening to a close at a seasonable hour.

NEW MILLFORD.—*The Hayland Lodge* (No. 998).—On Tuesday, 7th inst., the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place at the South Wales Hotel. There was a strong muster of the brethren, including Bro. Major J. A. Phillips, D.P.G.M., W.D.S., Wales; Bro. T. Phillips, P.S.W.W.; Bro. W. G. Phillips, P.P.D.C.; Bro. G. Parry, P.P.S.G.W.; Bro. G. Phipps, P.P.J.G.D.; Bro. Nicholson, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. J. Smedly, P.P.G.J.W.; Bro. T. Rich, Owen, P.G.R.; Bro. J. Scritchly, P.G.S.W.; Bro. J. Gaddan, P.G.D.L.; Bro. Dr. Reynolds, P.G.S., with several visitors from sister lodges, and about 20 other brethren who came to honour the lodge with their presence. Business commenced at 5 o'clock, the installation ceremony being ably performed by Bro. T. Phillips, P.M., 378, P.G.S.W., assisted by Bro. G. Phipps, P.M., 990, P.P.G.J.D.; Bro. G. Parry, P.M., 990, P.P.G.S.W., and Bro. W. G. Phillips, P.M., 990, P.P.G.D.C. The Worshipful Master elect was Bro. Charles Miles, who immediately proceeded to invest his officers:—Bro. P. L. Davies, S.W.; Bro. T. Cousins, J.W.; Bro. J. Scritchly, P.M., 990, Treasurer; Bro. T. Phillips, P.M., 378, P.G.S.W., Secretary; Bro. James Harris, S.D.; Bro. J. Davis, J.D.; Bro. Walkley, I.G.; Bro. S. Cook, P.M., Tyler; Mr. S. Miles having been unanimously elected the W.M. at once proceeded to initiate him into the mysteries and secrets of the Order. This was done in a most masterly manner, showing that the W.M. was well qualified in the duties of his high office with great ability, and which was highly applauded by the brethren. The R.W.D.P.G.M. then asked permission of the W.M. to be allowed to address a few words to the lodge. He stated that he was much pleased at the manner in which he found the lodge duties performed, paying a high compliment to Bro. T. Phillips, P.M., P.G.S.W., for the able manner in which he had initiated the W.M. that evening, also to the brethren who so ably assisted him. In alluding to the manner in which the newly installed Master had performed his duties he considered it reflected great honour on the lodge in having made such a selection in the choice of a W.M. He was pleased to express great admiration to the W.M.

for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening; that he had no doubt from the ability of the W.M. the business of the lodge would be conducted in a satisfactory manner. It would afford him much pleasure to report to Sir Pryse Pryse, the R.W.P.G.M., the high state of efficiency in which he found the lodge. This announcement was highly pleasing to the brethren, and much applauded. The lodge was then closed in due form by the W.M., and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent supper had been prepared by the worthy host, Mr. Whitton, in his usual first-rate style. The W.M. presided, supported on his right by Bro. Major J. A. Lloyd Phillip, R.W.D.P.G.M.; Bro. Phillips, P.M., 378, P.G.S.W.; Bro. I. Smedly, P.M., 990, P.P.G.J.W.; Bro. I. R. Owen, P.M., P.G.R.; Bro. Dr. Reynolds, P.G.S.; on his left by Bro. J. Gaddam, I.P.M., 990, P.G.S.; Bro. G. Phipps, P.M., 990, P.P.G.J.D.; Bro. J. Scritchly, P.M., 990, P.G.S.W.; Bro. G. Parry, P.M., 990, P.P.G.S.W.; Bro. G. W. Phillips, P.M., 990, P.P.G.D.C.; and about 20 other brethren and several visitors from H. West and Pembroke Dock. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M. of England, the Marquis of Ripon," "The R.W.D.G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, past and present," "The R.W.P.G.M. of the W.D.S. Wales, Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart," "The Provincial Grand Officers past and present." The W.M., in a kind and graceful manner, proposed "The health of Major Lloyd Phillips, R.W.D.P.G.M., W.D. South Wales." This was most enthusiastically received by the brethren, who drank it in a bumper. The R.W.D.P.G.M., after referring to the kind manner in which the brethren had been pleased to drink his health, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be amongst them in his official capacity as D.P.G.M., and to observe the very excellent manner in which the lodge was worked, and the state of efficiency to which it had attained. The able way in which the installation ceremony had been conducted, and also the very satisfactory manner in which the newly Installed Master had discharged his duties were to be highly commended. He then asked permission to be allowed to propose a toast, which he knew would be well received, which was that of the W.M. who had shown his ability as Master that evening, and under whose guidance he had no doubt the lodge would go on and prosper. This was very cordially received, and suitably acknowledged by the W.M., who expressed his thanks to the R.W.D.P.G.M. for the kind way in which he had spoken of his merits as a Master, and the cordial manner in which the brethren had responded. He felt proud of being Master of this lodge, considering it as being the highest honour that could be conferred on him, and he assured the brethren that it was duly appreciated, and if in the first ceremony he had performed he had executed it to their satisfaction he was much gratified and pleased at their approval, and that he was glad to see so many visitors present. The W.M. then proposed the Installing Master, Bro. T. Phillips, knowing that this toast would be well received from the high estimation in which he was held by the brethren, not only in that lodge but in the whole province, and also the high position he held in the P.G. Lodge, and his willingness at all times to further the interest of Freemasonry, he being in fact one of the founders of the lodge. Bro. Phillips having suitably replied, proposed "The Health of Bro. G. Parry, as one of oldest Masons in the province." This toast was well received. Bro. Parry being highly popular with the Craft. Bro. Parry having replied, gave an historical account of Masonry since he knew it and showed the rapid spread of the Order subsequently to that time. Bro. T. Phillips then proposed the "Health of the Visitors," coupling it with the name of Bro. T. R. Owen, P.M., who ably responded pointing out the advantages of Freemasonry and the many benefits it conferred on the members of the Craft, and showing in a masterly manner the principles of the Order when duly carried into effect. The W.M. then proposed the "Health of the Officers," which was responded to by Bros. Davis and

Cousins. The "Health of the worthy Host and Hostess" was then proposed by Bro. Phillips for the very excellent dinner which they had provided. Mr. Whitton was then called in, and duly acknowledged the compliment. The brethren separated about 10 p.m., after enjoying a most agreeable evening.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—This flourishing lodge held its meeting on Tuesday, the 14th inst., in the Lodge Room at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, to install Bro. John A. Wardell, W.M. elect, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened at 1 o'clock. The ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. William Pissey, P.M., No. 160, and P. Prov. J.G.W. of Essex, in a very impressive and effective manner, after which the newly installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bro. J. R. Hennam, S.W.; Bro. Albert Lacking, J.W., the Rev. Bro. J. W. Herbert, P.M.; and Provincial Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. Frederick Wood, P.M., and P. Prov. S.G.W. (re-elected) Treasurer; Bro. Josiah Beck, Secretary; Bro. E. E. Phillips, S.D.; Bro. W. Chaplain, J.D.; W. Bro. H. Rowley, P.M., and P. Prov. S.G.D.; re-appointed Director of Ceremonies. Bro. W. Frost, I.G.; Bro. Chignell and Bellies, Stewards; W. Bro. E. Nottley (re-elected) Tyler. The following P.M.'s and visitors were present: Bro. Frederick Bincks, W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; W. Bro. Frederick Wood, P.M., No. 1000, and P. Prov. S.G.W. Bro. H. G. Savage, W.M. No. 174; W. Bro. W. Smith Cox, P.M., No. 1000, and P. Prov. G. S. B.; W. Bro. Samuel Cox, I.P.M., No. 1000; Rev. W. Bro. T. Herbert, P.M.; and Provincial Grand Chaplain; W. Bro. William Pissey, P.M., No. 160 and P. Prov. J.G.W.; W. Bro. D. B. Groat, P.M., No. 160, and P. Prov. S.G.D.; W. Bro. H. Rowley, P.M., No. 1000, P.P. S.G.D.; Bro. Huriss, P.M., No. 1000, and P. Prov. A.G.D.C. W. Bro. Jas. Cantor, P.M., No. 1000; W. Bro. B. Nottley, P.M., No. 1000; W. Bro. G. J. Jones, P.M., No. 159; Bro. H. Gurling, No. 47; Bro. G. W. Lay, Great Northern, No. 1287; Bro. Herbert Jones, J.D., No. 160; Bro. R. G. Owens, No. 395; Bro. J. R. Stephens, No. 395, and others. The lodge being closed the brethren, about 37 in number, sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Mrs. Cantor of the Middleton Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and a very agreeable and enjoyable evening was spent.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1021).—Monday, the 17th January, was a great day among the Freemasons of Furness, when Bro. Sir James Ramsden was installed Worshipful Master of the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness. There was a very large gathering of brethren from all the lodges in the district, and all united in cordial congratulations on the choir being accepted by a gentleman so well known and distinguished in the neighbourhood, whose indefatigable exertions in obscure fishing villages has in a very few years been converted into a prosperous corporate town, with nearly 30,000 inhabitants. And so greatly do those inhabitants value the services of Sir James Ramsden, that they have erected his statue in the town of Barrow at a cost of £3,000, defrayed by voluntary subscriptions. His public services have also been recognised by Her Majesty, who has conferred upon him the honour of knighthood. The ceremony of installation was duly performed by Bro. A. P. Prov. Grand Sec., assisted by Bro. W. H. P. Prov. G. R.; and at the close of the ceremony, a number of the brethren were invited by the Worshipful Master to a sumptuous banquet at the Prince's Hotel. The following brethren were invested as officers:—Bros. Henry Cook, P. Prov. G.R. for C. and W., as P.M.; Rev. T. S. Barrett, Chaplain; Myles Haslam, S.W.; R. T. Taylor, J.W.; Joseph Fisher, Treasurer; Henry Bigot, P.M., Sec.; John Lewis, D. of C.; Joseph Harrison, S.D.; Thos. McKnight, J.D.; Benjamin Townson, Steward; William Ewart, I.G.; John Kay, Tyler. Among the invited were the following:—Bros. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Wylie, P. Prov. G.R.; Lord Muncaster, P.G.R. C. and W.; John Whitwell, M.P. Kendal, Past

Grand J.W.; Capt. Mott, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. H. Schneider, P. Prov. G.J.W.; Dr. Barber, P.M., 995; M. Kennedy, P.M., 995; Geo. Remington, P.M., 995; Thos. Roper, P.M., 995; John Case, P.M., 995; Thos. Dodgson, P.M., 995; R. Pearson, P.M., 995; Matthews, W.M., 995; W. J. A. Baldwin, W.M., 1398; Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chaplain, 1398; A. Worral, P.M., 1225; Geo. Cornfield, P.M., 1225; W. H. Silver, P.M., 1225; J. S. Ormandy, P.M., 1225; R. W. Graham, W.M., 1225; Henry Cook, P.M., 1021, P. Prov. G.R., C. and W.; J. T. Smith, P.M., 1021 (Mayor of Barrow); Dr. Allison, P.M., 1021; W. Relph, P.M., 1021; W. E. Cox, P.M., 1021; John Barrow, W.M., 1355; Roger Dodgson, W.M., 1390, P.G.S.R., C. and W.; the Senior and Junior Wardens of lodges 995, 1225, and 1398, and a large number of other members of 1021, together with many visiting brethren not named in above list.

ROMILEY.—Oakwood Lodge (No. 1126).—On Thursday, the 16th inst., the brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual festival of St. John, at the Stock Dove Inn, Romiley. Amongst the visitors present Bro. Beresford, P.M., 104, P.S.G.D.D.; Swindell, P.M., 323; P. G. Tyler; Fox, P.M., 1166; Brookes, P.M., 223; F. E. Drinkwater, P.M., 361; Hanson, P.M., 287; Thomas Drinkwater, P.M., 1166, &c. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The questions leading to the second were satisfactorily answered by Bro. Thomas Wilkinson, and he was duly passed by the W.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. Beresford, Installed Master, and the W.M. elect—Bro. Frank R. Dickson—was presented in due form by Bro. Henry Howard, P.P.G.S.D., and installed in a manner which gave the utmost satisfaction to the brethren. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. J. H. Hartley, I.P.M.; Bro. John Wood, P.M., P.G.Reg., S.W.; Bro. Buckley, J.W., Bro. Thomas Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.Treas.; Bro. Henry Howard, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.Sec.; Bro. J. H. Tatton, S.D.; Bro. G. A. Robinson, J.D.; Bro. S. Howe, I.G.; Bro. J. Dennerley, Tyler. Heartly good wishes having been given by the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form a little after six o'clock. The brethren afterwards sat down to a most excellent dinner, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

INDIA.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY.

The twenty-second half-yearly communication was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Byenlla, on Friday evening, the 29th November, 1872. There were present:—Rt. Wor. Bros. the Hon. Sir. Justice Gibbs, District Grand Master; George Taylor, Past District Grand Master; M. Balfour, D.G.S.W.; J. P. Cornforth, P.D.G. S.W.; A. Hay, P.D.G.S.W.; C. E. Mitchell, P.D.G.J.W., as D.G. J.W.; E. T. Leith, P.D. G.J.W.; W. H. Hussey, D.G. Secretary; S. Frommuze, D.G.J.D., as D.G.S.D.; P. Callaghan, D.G.J.D.; G. L. D'Emden, D.G. Dir. of Cer.; J. N. Dady, D.G. Pursuivant; J. W. Seager, D.G. Tyler; F. W. Bedford, C. D. Ling and H. N. Ghista, D.G. Stewards, and representatives of most of the lodges in the District.

The Right Worshipful District Grand Master announced that during the past half-year the lodges in the Bombay District have been working with a true cordiality and unanimity with which no country ought to be worked in every part of the globe. There has been no complaint from or against any lodge, and we have reason to believe that all the lodges are in a satisfactory and flourishing condition. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Lord Mayo, the Patron of Freemasonry in India, was passed, which had been acknowledged by the Hon. Robert Burke, his lordship's brother.

At the last communication of District G. Lodge it was agreed that the Grand Lodge should take over charge of the hall from the P. Prov. G. R. Committee. The hall was accordingly taken charge of, and with its liabilities also, amounting to about Rs. 8,200, of which Rs. 6,800 was on

account of debentures taken up when the hall was first opened, for the purpose of forming the funds required for the furnishing and fitting up of the place. The debentures have been paid off to the extent of Rs. 3,800; the rents charged against the different bodies meeting in the hall have been reduced. There are now 60 debentures, which now represent Rs. 3,000 outstanding and in a short time, it is hoped, these will also be redeemed. In addition to this, the hall has been put into a state of repair, and all that remains is to decorate the lodge-room.

The District Grand Master announced that he had been favoured with a personal authority from the M.W. Grand Master of England, empowering to grant provisional warrants to lodges formed in this District.

Owing to the resignation of W. Bro. Percy Leith, the high office of Deputy District Grand Master has become vacant, and in the exercise of the right vested in him the District Grand Master appointed W. Bro. Andrew Hay to be the Deputy District Grand Master. W. Bro. Andrew Hay was presented by the Past District Grand Master, and invested with the insignia of his office.

The report of the meeting of the subscribers to the "Bengal Masonic Association for educating Children of Indigent Freemasons," held on the 5th June, 1872, was recorded. The District Grand Secretary stated that any member of Grand Lodge could have it to read.

The District Grand Secretary stated that he had some prospectuses of Bro. Lyon's "History of Lodge Mary's Chapel, No. 1, of Edinburgh," which he should be happy to distribute to any brother who might wish to register his name for a copy of the work.

The District Grand Secretary said that the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab had sent a contribution of Rs. 150 towards our General Masonic Charity Fund, and that the money had been handed over to the Treasurer of that fund.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted.

The District Grand Secretary said it had been suggested at a meeting of Lodge "Truth" (944) that the propriety of celebrating St. John's Day by the Masons in Bombay should be brought before the District Grand Lodge, as it was thought that the festival might now be observed successfully. The District Grand Master remarked that the principal objection to the proposal was that St. John would have his day on the 27th December (laughter) when most were out of Bombay. The last time an attempt to celebrate the festival was made, it was a signal failure.

The Past District Grand Master rose and presented to the District Grand Master a beautiful work of art in shape of a Hiram in ivory, turned in a lathe and decorated with ornamental designs and patterns, which he said had been entirely fashioned and ornamented by his own hand, for the express purpose of presentation to the District Grand Master. The District Grand Master suitably acknowledged the gift, and the Hiram, a perfect little work of art, carved with the most elaborate and minute tracery, was then handed round for inspection.

The District Grand Lodge was closed in peace at 8 o'clock.

Mark Masonry.

STARKIE LODGE (No. 159).—On Friday, 17th inst., the Starkie Lodge of Mark Master Masons was duly consecrated at the Red Lion Hotel, Accrington. The lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m., by Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, P.M.M., 113, Junior Grand Mark Deacon of England. There was a numerous attendance of Provincial Grand Officers. In the absence of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, the Prov. G.M.M.M. of Lancashire, who was unable to be present through indisposition, and the Prov. Grand Chaplain, their respective offices were filled by Bro. George Mellor, Prov. S.G.W., as Prov. G.M., and Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, Junior G. Deacon, as Prov. G. Chaplain; the rest of the officers being Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Warden, as Dep. Prov. G.M.; G. Galloway, Prov. S.G.W.; W. H. Prince, Prov. J.G.W.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; Joseph Handley,

P.G.M.O.; T. J. Lancashire, P.G.S.O.; W. Walker, P.G.D.C.; W. Roberts, P.G.A.D.C., and others. After the reading of the warrant by Bro. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec., the acting Prov. G.M. proceeded to consecrate and constitute the brethren into a regular lodge. The ceremony of consecration was most ably performed, and was of the most solemn and impressive character. The acting P.G.M. afterwards called upon Bro. Thomas Hargreaves to install the first W.M. Bro. Thomas Hindle, the W.M. desig., having been presented, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. was then installed according to ancient form. The appointment and investiture of officers was next proceeded with; Bro. Redin, S.W.; Bro. Royston, J.W.; Bro. Boothman, M.O.; Bro. Hindle, S.O.; Bro. Parker, J.O.; Bro. Ward, Sec.; Bro. Halstead, Treas.; Bro. Biggs, S.D.; and Bro. Barnes, I.G. Hearty good wishes for the future prosperity of the lodge were expressed by Bro. Hargreaves, on behalf of Grand Lodge; Bro. Chadwick, Prov. Grand Lodge of Lancashire; Bro. Roberts, Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire; and by many other brethren, on behalf of private lodges. The lodge was honoured on the occasion by the attendance, as a visitor, of Bro. Major Le-Gendre N. Starkie, the V.W. Prov. Grand Master (Craft) of East Lancashire, after whom the lodge is named, and whose Lancashire residence is only a few miles distant. Upon the lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to banquet which was most bountifully supplied by the host, Bro. W. Harrison. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then duly given and honoured by the brethren. "The Queen, the Prince and the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." "The Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master of England." "The Earl of Limerick, W. Dep. G. Master, and the rest of Grand Officers." To the latter toast Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Warden, responded on behalf of himself, Bro. Hargreaves, and the rest of Grand Officers. He begged to thank them for the very kind reception, and at the same time to congratulate them upon the choice of a name for their new lodge; he was sure they would all agree with him in saying that the name of Starkie was very much revered amongst the Craft Masons in the province, that he was glad to see that in the future should have the name of Starkie associated with the Mark degree. Bro. Redin, the S.W., proposed "The Health of W. Romaine Callendar, Esq., R. W. Prov. G. Master of Lancashire," and in doing so, referred in feeling terms to the indisposition which had prevented his being present; he said the brethren of the new lodge, along with himself, had been looking forward to the time, of the consecration that they might be able to give him a true Accrington welcome. In consequence of the P.G.M., leaving at an early period of the evening to catch the train, the toast was not responded to. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Earl Skelmersdale and the rest of Prov. G. Officers," in a neat and appropriate speech. Bro. Handley and W. H. Prince, responded on behalf of present and past officers respectively. Bro. Prince in speaking at length, and he could not see how any one could be otherwise than a good Prov. Officer under such a good commander as their P.G.M., Bro. W. Romaine Callender. The Junior Grand Deacon, by the command of the W.M., proposed the next toast, "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, (Craft), of East Lancashire, Bro. Major Le-Gendre Starkie." He said, we have amongst us to-day as a visitor no less a personage than the head or ruler of Craft Masons in the province, and though strictly speaking, this toast is not generally inserted in the list of Mark toasts, it affords the brethren very great pleasure. I am sure, to give a kind and hearty reception to the toast, on more than one account. It shows on the one hand that there is a unity of feeling between the rulers in the Craft and the Mark, and between the two branches of the science themselves, for though the Grand Lodge of England does not recognise us as Mark Masons still we recognise them, for all Mark Masons, must be full Craft Masons. There is also another reason why this toast will be well received, which is the fact that it bears the name of

Starkie. It has often been said that the Mark Degree is an anomaly, that as it is not recognised by Grand Lodge of England, it has no right to an existence, or a separate Grand Lodge; but to show the fallacy of such views, and that there is no antagonism between Craft and Mark Masons, it is only necessary to mention the names of some brethren of high repute in the Mark degree, and who have taken a great interest in the Grand Mark Lodge, to find that the same brethren occupy an equally high position in Craft Masonry. This shows that there really is no antagonism between the two branches. As to the choice of a name, the brethren of the new lodge, have made, in my own opinion, a very wise selection; this is not the only town, which has been for some time, considering the advisability of opening a new Mark Lodge, under the title of the Starkie Lodge. Blackburn has for some time been talking about a Mark Lodge under this name, but the despatch of the Accrington brethren in maturing their plans will cause the Blackburn brethren to select another name, when they finally resolve to open a new lodge. They cannot do better than take a leaf from your book. He was glad to see Bro. Starkie there in person, as it would shew by the manner in which the toast was received, the great amount of respect which they entertained towards him. The toast was then drunk with great enthusiasm. Bro. Major Starkie in responding, made a very brilliant speech; he entered at length into the matter of his taking the command of the Province (Craft) and said, he little thought at the time of the onerous duties which would devolve upon him. As to his being a Mark Mason, he had to thank Bro. Hargreaves for that honour, for it was at his suggestion, that he first took the degree, upon the occasion of the consecration of Blair Mark Lodge at Haslingden. Bro. Hargreaves invited him to join the lodge and take part in the ceremonies, he did so, and he then had the opportunity of meeting the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Portal, for the first time. He was sorry to say that since that time he had not paid much attention to Mark Masonry, but he had just promised Bro. Hargreaves to take another degree in the Mark. He spoke of the articles of Union in 1813, as excluding the Grand Lodge from any possibility of acknowledging the Mark degree, but this did not prevent the high authorities in one degree from paying their respects to the supreme authorities in another. He mentioned the fact that his family had for many generations past been Masons; for within the last few days he had visited the tomb of one of his ancestors, in the neighbouring county of Cheshire, who was Gentleman Usher to King Henry VIII, and one of the first Knights of Malta. And he hoped that the little boy, whose health along with his own, they had so kindly drunk,—would follow in his footsteps. He had now a very pleasing duty to perform, that of proposing "The Health of Bro. Thomas Hindle, the first W.M. of the Starkie Mark Lodge," after speaking at considerable length, the toast was honoured in the usual way. The W.M., F. Hindle, responded in a very suitable manner. A number of other toasts were given during the evening, including the "Installing Master, the Visitors, the Officers of the Lodge and the Mark Benevolent Fund."

Red Cross of Constantine.

SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGH CONCLAVE (No. 4).—It is very gratifying to be able to record the progress of the Red Cross Order in Edinburgh. During the financial year now closing No. 4 has prospered in a highly satisfactory degree under the able guidance of its excellent M.P.S., Sir Knt. Christie, who has performed his duties in a most zealous spirit, besides attending attending the Lodge St. David, where he has been again elected to the chair of K.S. He has received the able assistance of his Viceroy, Sir Knt. Grant, a P.M. of Lodge St. Clair (349); also the Recorder, Sir Knt. R. S. Brown, P.V., R.W.M. of the Lodge St. Stephen (145); the Prelate, Sir Knt. Taylor, whose ability and zeal is well known, is also a P.M. of St. Stephens. A host of companions are also in attendance at the roll call to aid and assist in the harmony of the conclave. At a

special meeting, held on the 4th inst., four brethren craved permission to explore the mysteries of the order. After due examination they were admitted, and, amid a large assembly, duly constituted and proclaimed Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. The Conclave was thereafter closed, and the Sir Knights retired to the banquet, where, after the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Order," coupled with the name of the Grand Sovereign, Earl Bective, the M.P.S. proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed Sir Knights," calling upon Sir Knt. Coupar for the Red Cross Song, by whom it was very ably rendered. Sir Knt. Mercer, P.S., K.G.C., then proposed "The Health of the M.P.S.," and referred to the great success of the conclave during Sir Knight Christie's year of office, and mentioned that nearly thirty well-tried and true members had been added to the roll, and hoped that he would consent to be again nominated for the chair of C. at the ensuing election. After an hour's fraternal intercourse the companions separated after pledging the toast "Faith, Unity, and Zeal."

MASONIC BALL AT BURY.

A grand full-dress Masonic Ball, promoted by the brethren of the Royal St. Edmund Lodge (No. 1008), took place at the Athenæum Hall, Bury St. Edmund's, the 24th ult. As there had not been a similar gathering in this town for a great number of years, it was looked forward to with very great interest, both by Masons and non-Masons, a limited number of the general public being invited by the brethren of the mystic tie to share in the festivities. The Stewards, upon whom devolved the work of making the necessary preparations, succeeded so well in their endeavours that on the night of the ball there was absolutely nothing left to be desired.

The carpets and the awnings which were in use for the County Ball the previous evening were allowed by the committee to remain, and the floor of the room was in capital order—all the better for having been so recently danced upon. The decorations reflected the utmost credit on Bros. W. H. Lucia and W. Clarke, who undertook the responsibility of preparing the hall, and who displayed most admirable taste in carrying out their task. The adornments used were exclusively of a Masonic character. On the wall facing the company as they entered the hall were three large panels of crimson cloth, bearing in large purple and gold letters the Masonic injunction, "Aude, Vide, Tace." Beneath these, between the two doors leading to the refreshment room, were pedestals of the W.M., the S.W., and the J.W., supporting the globes and the perfect ashlar and tripod, and by the side of each was placed a smaller pedestal bearing the "three lesser lights of Masonry," marked with Masonic devices. Behind and above each was a Royal Arch banner. On the panels between the side windows were placed the "tracing boards" of the lodge, the symbolical devices of which served to whet the curiosity not only of the daughters of Eve, but also of "cowans" of stronger sex. Above and below these were also Royal Arch bannerets. Under the windows were neatly framed engravings of the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the coat of arms of titled members of the old St. Edmund's Lodge, founded, as an inscription on one of them states in A.L. 5773. In the three panels over the orchestra, were hung purple banners of the P.G.L., the centre one bearing the arms of the R.W.P.G.M. Col. Sir R. A. S. Adair, Bart., and those on each side emblazoned with the Masonic arms and the county arms. Ranged in a semicircle in the back of the recess forming the orchestra, and at intervals on the panels of the room, were the bannerets of several of the chapters and lodges of Ipswich, kindly lent for the occasion; and here and there might be noticed portraits of several of the Past Grand Masters of England. The most effective part of the decorations, however, was the double winding staircase leading to the Museum and the supper room. In front of the semi-circular balcony was placed the square and compasses, with the sacred letter in the centre, elegantly formed in purple and gold on a crimson ground;

and running up and down the staircases on each side was the Masonic sentence, "I.T.N.O.T.G. A.O.T.U.," also in purple and gold letters on a crimson ground. Above this, and following the outline of the staircases, thus forming an arch, were the splendid new various coloured silk bannerets of the "Twelve Tribes," with amber silk fringe, intended for the Chapter which it is proposed shortly to open in connection with the St. Edmund's Lodge, and in the centre, forming as it were, the keystone, was a beautiful white silk banner with the R.A. symbol in gold. The exterior of the Athenæum was illuminated by the square and compasses in gas. The entrance to the hall was guarded by sergeants of the Militia staff, wearing Masonic aprons and Tyler's collars.

The company began to arrive at nine o'clock, and by ten the ball-room presented a most brilliant appearance. The sombre character of the gentlemen's full dress was agreeably relieved by the white aprons of the Craft, with their sky-blue and silver ornaments, to which, again, the dark blue and gold of the provincial officers offered a pleasant change. At eleven o'clock those of the brethren who had attained to the higher orders of Masonry assumed the peculiar clothing to which by rank they were entitled, and the variety of the gentlemen's costumes was thus further increased. The rich crimson and purple aprons and scarves of the R.A. distinguished those who alone were entitled to take part in the Royal Arch Quadrilles at the head of the room; while the scarlet tunic and the white lined black cloak of the Knights of Malta was only surpassed in beauty by the gorgeously embroidered crimson clothing of the Rose Croix, and the equally elaborate gold embroidered white clothing of the 31st Degree. The ladies appeared, as usual, in all the colours of the rainbow, the Masonic blue being perhaps a little in predominance; but we noticed only one lady who wore the blue sash which it is *comme il faut* to wear at the Masonic balls. The refreshment room, which was open from the commencement to the close of the ball, was adorned with the gilt candlesticks of the Provincial Grand Lodge representing the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian columns, and here could be obtained an abundance of sherry, claret cup, fruits, strawberry creams, lemon water ices, and other cooling beverages and light refreshments. At half-past eleven the supper room was thrown open, but as the accommodation is so limited, only sixty could be admitted at one time. As there were nearly 300 persons present, there were consequently five relays, and though some disappointment was doubtless felt by those who were unable to gain admission until late, they were amply rewarded by the comfort attending the absence of bustle and confusion. In catering for the supper, Bro. W. G. Guy, of the Angel Hotel, excelled himself.

Dancing was kept up, to the strains of Howlett's excellent quadrille band, till five o'clock in the morning, and universal regret was expressed when "Sir Roger de Coverley" announced that one of the best balls ever held in Bury was brought to a close. The company present included members of many of the county families, the Mayor of Bury, G. P. Clay, Esq. (who wore his chain of office), and the most influential inhabitants of Bury and the county for twenty miles round.—*Bury Free Press*.

The favours worn by the Masters of Ceremonies and Stewards, which were very handsome and much admired, were supplied by Bro. Geo. Kenning, of Little Britain, London.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism, Gout, Tic-doloureux. Trouble will come at all times and prevail at every season, scarcely a week passes without our hearing of or seeing some friend stricken by these agonising maladies. The pain is situated in the joints, whence it may be driven with ease. Foment the part well with warm salt and water, and after drying the skin, let it be rubbed twice a day with Holloway's soothing ointment, which should also be rubbed into the neighbouring glands. It is always advisable to take Holloway's Pills in these disorders, as they much assist the Ointment's action. The Pills check fever, purify the blood, and eject all morbid matters engendered by these diseases.—ADVT.

"For a long period I have been subject to frequent attacks of rheumatism, at times so severe as to totally unfit me for my business. After trying many medicines for it to little or no purpose, I was induced to use your Pain Killer, and the result was surprising, for in a few days the pain left me entirely, and has not since returned.—J. J. O'NEIL, New Mills, Derby, Nov. 1869.—To Perry & Sons, London, W.C."

CONSECRATION OF THE ATHOLE MASONIC HALL AT SAN FERNANDO, TRINIDAD.

On Thursday, the 12th ult., San Fernando witnessed the ceremonies connected with the dedication to the purposes of Freemasonry of a new Masonic Temple. This building is of two stories, situated in a convenient locality, and commands a fair view. Its architectural beauty reflects the highest praise on Bro. Joshua Palmer P.M. and Architect. The town wore quite a holiday appearance on the occasion. Many of the stores and shops were closed, and the streets were kept alive by those who came out to see the sight. As soon as the steamer from Port of Spain came in view of San Fernando, she hoisted the Masonic flag, and on arriving at the pier was immediately entered by Bro. Cuthbert, W.M. of Athole Lodge, accompanied by a large Masonic body, to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge, and other Masons who came to assist at the dedication. Owing to the unavoidable absence of our esteemed, Bro. J. A. Tench, P.G.M., from ill-health, Bros. J.M. Reid and C. Besson, the D. and S.P.G. Masters, conducted the consecration. At about 10.50 a.m. a large concourse of Masons had assembled before the pier, and formed, into procession, preceded by an effective brass-band, moved on to St. Paul's Church. A service, suitable to the occasion, was then performed, the officiating minister being the Rev. Bro. Nelson, assisted by the Revs. H. N. Huggins, Lauri, and Knight. Bro. Nelson then preached an eloquent sermon.

On the termination of the service the procession assembled outside the church in the same order as before, and moved up High-street and round by Harris'-promenade to the site of the new temple. The site was truly gay and imposing. Crowds of gazers followed the procession, and the doors and windows of the building were thronged with spectators. The length of the procession, the brilliant show of Scotch and English Masonic paraphernalia and jewels, the Stewards with their white wands marshalling the brethren under the supervision of the Director of Ceremonies, and, above all, the inspiring strains of the music, created a *troupe ensemble* that was truly admirable. Arrived at the temple, the dedication ceremony was performed in accordance with the laws of the Order. In the place of the P.G.M. who, as we have already stated, was absent from ill-health, Bro. J. M. Reid, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. C. Besson, S.P.G.M., on the right, and by Bro. P. J. Delisle, W.M. Eastern Star Lodge, on the left, dedicated the new temple to the purposes of Freemasonry.

At the end of the ceremony of dedication, Bro. H. S. Billouin, P.G.O. and B. gave an oration.

Obituary.

BRO. A. MEGGY, D. PROV. G.M. ESSEX

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. Andrew Meggy, solicitor, Chelmsford, which sad event took place at his residence, at Chelmsford, at three o'clock, on Friday morning, the 24th inst. Bro. Meggy has been unwell for some weeks, but he appeared to rally, and was thought to be mending rapidly, until a day or two back. The deceased gentleman was articled to the late Mr. E. S. Chalk, with whom he afterwards carried on business in Chelmsford for some years. At the time of his death Bro. Meggy was Clerk to the Chelmsford Bench, Clerk to the Local Board of Health, and Secretary to the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation Company; and he had also for many years most efficiently filled the office of Rector's Churchwarden, and acted as the Conservative agent for the division. Bro. Meggy was also a prominent Freemason, having for some years held the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Essex. At the Chelmsford Bench prior to the commencement of the business, Mr. Dixon, Bro. Meggy's managing clerk, communicated the sad intelligence to the Magistrates. We may add that Bro. Meggy, who was 55 years of age, leaves a widow and large family.

Answers to Correspondents.

J. L. O.—The volumes for 1872 are in hand, and will be ready in a few days. AN EYE WITNESS and L. L.—Cannot insert your letters. The following communications stand over:—

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTH.

KINGSTON.—At Valletta, Malta, on the 15th inst., the wife of the R.W. Bro. William Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta, of a daughter.

Public Amusements.

Sadler's Wells Theatre.

Every Saturday Morning at 2, and every Evening at 7, will be produced ISABELLA, characters by the company: after which the Pantomime, entitled GOODY TWO-SHOES; or, Harlequin King Gold and the World of Coins. Written and adapted by J. Strachan from the late W. Brough's Burlesque opening. Supported by Messrs Hudspeth, Leigh, Evans, Skinner, Cullen, Belasco, Howard Sidney, Power, Gale, Bramah, Bonsfield, Carlo Troupe, &c.; Mesdames Bramah, Rainbow Kerridge, Newton, Florence, &c.; Masters Holland and Steyne. Clown, Mr. G. W. Gale; Pantaloon, Mr. Bonsfield; Harlequin, Mr. Baker; Columbine, Miss Florence; Harlequina (by desire) Madlle. Rosine; Sprites, The Carlo Troupe; Policeman, Mr. J. Wilson. "The Enchanted Wood." "Cottage of Grolly Two Shoes." "Beauty's Boudoir." Grand Ballet, by Mademoiselle Rosine, supported by an extensive troupe of coryphees, "The Realm of Toys (Peace)." "English Homestead in the Olden Time." "The Pavilion of King Gold in the World of Coins." "Capital City of the Counterfeits." "The Magnificent and Dazzlingly Brilliant Transformation Scene, the "Judgment of Paris." Designed and Executed by R. M. Hyde. Doors open at half-past 6, commence at 7 o'clock. Stage Manager, Mr. C. T. Burleigh. Gallery, 4d.; Pit, 6d.; Pit Stalls, 1s.; Boxes, 1s. 6d. Reserved Circle, 2s. 6d.; Private Boxes, One Guinea. Half-price: Boxes, 6d.; Reserved Circle, 1s. Private Entrance—Open on Saturdays and Mondays at half-past 5, Gallery 7d., and all other parts of the house 6d. extra.

Victoria Theatre.

Every Monday 2 1/2, and every evening at 7, will be produced a Grand, Glittering, Gorgeous, Comic Christmas Pantomime, entitled GULLIVER AND THE FAIR PERSIAN; or Harlequin King Lilliput and the Magic Balm! Written by Frank W. Green, Esq. "The Retreat of Past Pantomimes, Illuminated by the Light of Other Days." Messrs Prescott, Swift, and Parker; Mesdames Maude, Collins, Munford, Elton, Montague, Collier, Fisher, and Burleigh. "Hall in the Palace of King Rampageous, the Reckless." Messrs Shepherd, Dudley, and Jackson; Mesdames Harrington, Farren, Cooke, Matiland, Tukey, Leonard, Ellen Leonard, and Brian. Clown, Jean Lemaire; Pantaloon, Harry C. Parker; Sprites, by the Flying Wonders, Brothers de Vere; Harlequin; W. W. Lacy; Harlequina, Miss Lottie Mountford; Columbine, Miss Rose Fuller No. 9997 of the X T C Force, Mr. Hicks. Grand Ballet, by Madlle. Rosine, supported by Corps of Coryphees. "Haunt of the Witches." "Diana's Hunting Grounds in Jimistan." "Country Road leading to the City of Brobdignag." "Kitchen in the Giant's House." "Gates of the Lilliputian City." "Imperial City of Lilliput." "On the Road." "Fortress of the King of Brobdignag." "Chamber in the Palace of King Rampageous the Reckless." "Shades of Evening." Glorious Transformation Scene—"The Temple of Jupiter." Designed and Painted by R. M. Hyde. To conclude with the drama of LORD DARNLEY; supported by the Company. Prices:—Private Boxes, £3 2s., £1 11s. 6d., and 10s. 6d.; Stalls, 2s.; Promenade, 1s.; Pit, 6d.; Gallery, 3d. (Mondays and Saturdays, 4d.). Half-price to Stalls only at 9 o'clock. Doors open at half-past 6, commence at 7.

Royal Polytechnic.

Great Programme for Christmas. 1. The History of a PLUM PUDDING, with striking experiments by Professor Gardner. 2. A Christmas Tale; or, HOW JANE CONQUEST RANG THE BELL; an Illustrated Poem, with remarkable effects. 3. The "ZOO" AT THE "POLY," an anecdotal discourse about the Zoological Gardens, by Mr. J. L. King, with Photographs by Mr. York. 4. The THREE ROSES; or, the Invisible Prince in a New Light; a fairy tale, musically narrated by Mr. George Buckland, assisted by Miss Alice Barth, Miss Polham, and Miss Lilie Bartlett. 5. The WHITE LADY OF AVENEL, the new and beautiful Ghost Illusion. 6. New CHARACTER ENTERTAINMENT, by Mr. Percy Vere. 7. The wonderful SWIMMING FEATS of Marquis Bibbero in the Great Tank. 8. The MAGIC TUB, full of Toys, to be distributed on specified occasions, to good Children. Many other Entertainments. Open daily, at 12 and 7. Admission 1s.

Madame Tussaud's Exhibition.

On view a Magnificent Marriage Group of HER THE PRINCESS LOUISE and the MARQUIS OF LORNE, also a new portrait Model of DR. LIVINGSTONE, the great AFRICAN EXPLORER; THE "CLAIMANT," SIR ROGER TICHBORN, HUDSON, the "RAILWAY KING;" and HER THE PRINCESS OF WALES, in the Robes of the Order of the Garter.

Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission 1s., Children under 10, 6d. Extra Rooms 6d.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c. Week ending February 8.

- ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee, Bro. E. Saker. Grand Christmas Pantomime, "Cinderella or the Prince, the Phoenix, and the Pumpkin."
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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1873.

BRO. EMRA HOLMES'S LECTURE ON THE "UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL."

NOTES BY LUPUS.—No. III.

I quarrel not with creeds, and as a member of the Church of England, I have as much respect for the Roman Catholic Knights of St. John as for those of the faith to which I myself belong, but, so far as in me lies, I must see the same justice and fair play accorded to the one as to the other.

Bro. Holmes, after making a very unnecessary assertion of rights on the part of the Freemasons, as compared with the English langue, ventured to state to Grand Conclave as follows:—"A body of Knights met in Paris, and "revived the English langue of the Order, but as Protestants, and bearing in mind it was a Papal Order, they had no more right to call themselves Knights of Malta, than the Sir Knights present had." If Bro. Holmes made this assertion with an imperfect knowledge of his subject, I hope he will pardon my saying that some caution should be exercised before public statements are made which the speaker may afterwards find he cannot support. If on the other hand he was aware that he was giving utterance to a beautiful declara-

tion, in positive opposition to historic fact, then I look in vain for any other motive than that of an unprovoked and gratuitous attack on the brotherhood* he designates as the "Manchesterian body."

I do not clearly comprehend whether the Paris Knights are intended by Bro. Holmes to be described as Protestants, or whether the revived langue only is meant, or both; I will, however, take them as a whole. The Knights meeting in Paris were of the Roman faith, as I have before stated, were a lawfully constituted commission of the Order, and were representative of a majority of the then existing langues; they were well aware that the revived langue would be mostly composed of members of the Church of England, and they provided accordingly (as I have before quoted) in the Articles of Convention.

It is however, useless, now that the schoolmaster is far abroad, for this parrot cry to be rung out as against the lawful claim of the English langue, because its members are mostly of the Protestant faith; such a flimsy pretence is the too plain indication of a miserably bad cause, and could only have any effect when addressed to the ears of the ignorant or the unwary. Bro. Holmes himself strenuously advocates the legal position of the Emperor Paul of Russia; and the Roman Catholic branches of the Order accepted him as their lawful head and chief; was he a Roman Catholic? Can anything after the latter fact, be said against the right of action of the French Commission, or the claims of those deriving under it? Was the Duke of Sussex, whose apocryphal position Bro. Holmes fondly hoped, by his unsupported statements, to convert into a substantial reality, a Roman Catholic? What were the Royal brothers George IV. and William IV., and the late revered Prince, Albert the Good, who all received their crosses from Roman Catholic branches of the Order? Is it a mistake in history that the Bailiwick of Brandenburg, after separating itself from the main body on account of its adoption of the reformed faith, was again reunited with the Order, retaining its altered creed and electing its own Bailiff? And is it untrue that the Bailiwick is at the present time acknowledged as a lawful institution of the Order, and yet holds the Evangelical faith? Is it an error to suppose that the legality of the Russian Priors of the Greek Church has never been impugned? Was Louis de Boisgelin, (a Roman Catholic Knight), the Order's most accomplished historian of his date, under some delusion when he wrote, "The Order of Malta, though it regrets the circumstances that have occasioned its separation from the knights of a different religion, does not refuse them a place among its members to fight against the enemies of Jesus Christ." Pope Pius VI., whose virtues struck with awe even the cruel monsters, his persecutors, was of the same opinion, and approved the association of the Russian Knights of the Greek Church with the Order of Malta. It may indeed

*And sisterhood too, seeing that the roll of the Order includes the Dowager Countess Beauchamp, the Countess of Mount Charles, the Dowager Lady Torphichen, the Viscountess St. Jal, Lady Leigh, Lady Lechmere, Lady Hoare, Lady St. George, and others.

be reasonably expected that such a union will be attended by the most edifying and advantageous consequences."

Even the Commander Taafe, whom Bro. Holmes quotes, and in whom he believes, says; "War with the Turks would now be useless and ridiculous, and the basis of our Order is not such wars, but utility in general and neutrality between all Christians. At the confession of Augsburg a deputation of our Knights was sent to declare that all Christian religions were indifferent to us, and one of the latest acts at Malta was to receive both Protestant Germans and Greek Russians into the Order as integral members of it, we not being theologians, but soldiers." Sir J. C. Meredyth, Bart., one of the last Englishmen who received the Accolade of Knighthood in the Order at Malta from the 69th Grand Master, was a member of the English *langue* to the period of his decease. So also were Sir James Lawrence, Admiral Sir Home Popham, K.C.B., Admiral Sir W. Sydney Smith, G.C.B., Sir W. H. Tonkin, and others, also Protestants, and also received into the Order abroad. So much for the myth upon which Bro. Holmes hangs his statement to the Grand Conclave.

I have shown, in my last communication, that the most competent historians of the Order are fully agreed of the illegality of the Emperor Paul's election as Grand Master of the Order, not on the score of his faith, but of the entire informality of his election, and if any confirmation of their opinion was necessary it may be found in the fact that the election took place whilst the last actual Grand Master of the whole Order was living, and had not abdicated. But, granting Paul's election, the Emperor Alexander had no power to make appointments in the Order. He probably was a Grand Cross, and he declared himself "Protector;" where, however, was his authority, in such self-elected capacity, to appoint the Duke of Sussex Grand Prior of England? I think the statement that such an appointment ever occurred has only been made at a recent date, and when it appeared in Bro. How's book, an enquiry was addressed to him as to his authority for the assertion, to which he replied (by letter dated 19th January, 1864) that it was not founded upon any evidence, but was merely a repetition of a statement made by Bro. R. Lee Wilson. The Emperor Paul died in 1801, and his son Alexander at once assumed the title of Protector. But did not long retain this position, for, upon his recommendation, and that of the King of Naples, the Pope, on the 9th of February, 1822, appointed the Count Giovanni di Tommasi to the dignity of Grand Master; a power which the Pope had no right to exercise, and which can only be accounted for by the dismembered condition of the Order at the time. Tommasi proclaimed his appointment, on the 27th of June, 1802, so, I presume, if Alexander sought to appoint the Duke of Sussex Grand Prior of England, it must have occurred between March, 1801, and February, 1802, for we hear of no claims of the Russian Emperor subsequently to the appointment of Tommasi; indeed, after the instigation by the Emperor of Tommasi's appointment it is out of the question that the former could exercise

the powers he had caused to be vested in a Grand Master of the Order.

Tommasi died in 1805, after which no election or appointment of a Grand Master occurred; the Bailli Suardo succeeding as Lieutenant Master. Thus Alexander's powers, if he ever lawfully possessed any, must have ceased in 1802, but if we admit that Alexander could, and did appoint the Duke as Grand Prior, what then? He would not have been appointed to rule over Freemasons or any other similar fraternity to which the Duke belonged: The only purpose of such an appointment could be that he should become the head and chief of a Priory composed of members of the genuine Order; so that if the Duke's appointment was as clear as noonday it could in no way affect or avail the Masonic body. Argument, however, on the subject is not of much avail, we must deal with facts; and it is a fact that titular Grand Priors of England were appointed from time to time, but that the name of the Duke of Sussex is *not* one amongst them.

I may however go further and say that a series of letters have passed through my hands, from which it is clear that the Duke was not even a member of the genuine Order. The Duke had, in 1839, been requested by the English *langue* to become a member of the Order, with a view to his occupying a position of dignity in that body. H.R.H., after considerable deliberation, wrote his ultimatum as follows: "I know that I am growing old, and prudence warns me gradually to retreat from public life. Anxious as I am to contribute towards the happiness and welfare of mankind, I cannot venture to embark in new undertakings, knowing well I do not possess the strength and activity I did formerly; and with every feeling of good will, and every sentiment of gratitude for the kindness and distinction intended me, I must beg to decline an office which would impose new duties, such, as I am conscious I could not fill with the ability they require." I need hardly say that this is not the language of a member of the Order, and an already, Grand Prior of England.

In another letter the Duke made allusion to a circumstance which he considered rendered it inconsistent that he should become a Knight of St. John. Thus ends the vision which ingenious and fertile Masonic fancy has sought to weave about the memory of the once excellent Grand Master of Freemasons, and which, if a substantial fact, would have had about as much effect on the Masonic Knights of Malta as had the circumstance that he was a Knight of the most noble Order of the Thistle.

I may state, for the information of "A Masonic Student" that the Rev. Sir Robert Peat, D.D., was a well-known and distinguished divine; he was Chaplain to King George IV, and was a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Stanislaus of Poland: The instruments, Articles of Convention of 1826 and 1827, are in the custody of Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart, the Secretary of the English *langue*, have been inspected by myself, and are quoted by me at page 829.

They are duly signed and sealed, and were acknowledged as genuine and of lawful effect, on the 18th of September 1841, by the Secretary General of the French *langues*, who added his own signature and seal.

The proceedings taken before Sir Thomas Denman occurred on the 24th of February, 1834, and did not constitute the revival of the Order in England, as the revival had already taken place: The proceeding consisted in Sir Robert Peat being publicly announced in the Court of King's Bench, as the Prior of the Order of St. John in England, upon which he was formally received by the court, and openly took the oath *de fidei administratione*. Whatever may have been the use or value of this proceeding, it was at all event, a public declaration, of the most formal character, that the venerable Order of St. John had been revived in the fair land of England.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

I find that I accidentally omitted replying to one portion of the question of "A Masonic Student." A copy of the Letters' Patent of Philip and Mary may be found in the appendix to the second volume of Col. Porter's larger work on the Order. The revival of the present English *langue*, however, does not rest on this document, and it is therefore not materially in question. I here wish to add that I have no intention or desire to discuss the English *langue*, and that I should have never made allusion to it had not its name been very unnecessarily, as it appears to me, imported into discussions of Masonic subjects with which it has nothing to do, nor has ever meddled. The *langue* is one of the only two branches of the old Order devoted to its original and real purposes, and it may surely be let alone in the unostentatious exercise of the hospitaller duties with which it has been occupied for the past forty years, of which the benefits are, I am glad to say, gradually, but surely extending.—LUPUS.

OLD MASONIC BOOKS AND "MASONIC STUDENT."

I have a copy of the 2nd edition of Smith's "Freemasons' Pocket Companion, with large additions" London, John Torbuck, 1738. The pages number 119. At the end (fortunately for me as the purchaser) is a copy of the "Secrets of Masonry," by Samuel Pritchard. London, J. Torbuck, 1837. The first edition of this, one of the earliest and the most widely circulated *exposures*, was published A.D. 1730. Not having a copy of the latter, I shall be glad to correspond with a brother who has, and should our "Masonic Student" possess such a work, he will oblige by communicating with me on the subject.

The earliest *exposures* (so-called) contains little, of anything respecting the third degree. I have a transcript of one A.D. 1724. There were a number of "Pocket Companions" issued during the last century in England and Scotland. The earliest we know of was before the mentioned 'Torbucks', in this country, and of A.D. 1761 in Scotland. (also in 1765).

A large volume entitled "Bibliographie der Freemaurerei," by Dr. George Kloss (Frankfort-on-the-Maine), A.D. 1844, is published at the trifling cost of 5s. and may be ordered through any German bookseller, in London. Dr. Kloss gives title pages and other particulars of many thousands of works on Freemasonry, pamphlets, &c., and after repeated comparison with many hundreds of books on the subject, which have passed through my hands, I can confidently recommend the volume to all interested in Masonic bibliography.

Have any of the correspondents of *The Freemason* knowledge of Dr. Fifield Dassigny as a Masonic author? I have a copy of his "Enquiry" of A.D. 1744, Dublin, which mentions the Royal Arch several times, and so far as we have been able to trace is the earliest reference to that degree yet discovered in print. We have had a thorough search instituted in all likely places in Ireland, and Brother J. G. Findel also carefully examined the catalogues about that period, in the British Museum, but as yet, no

other copy has turned up. We mention the matter now, thanking the supporters of this new department in *The Freemason* will assist me if possible in obtaining a clue to the author referred or information about other works by him, as the "Enquiry" was not his first publication.—W. JAMES HUGHAN.

GRAND LODGE CALENDARS.

I particularly want a copy of the Calendar of the Grand Lodge of England for 1873. Also copies of the same publication for the two following years. I shall be glad to reciprocate if any of our friends can assist me in procuring either of the foregoing, for purchase, or perusal.—W. J. HUGHAN.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN.—"SECRETA RECEPTIO."

If "A Masonic Student" mistook my statement that there were no "mysteries," for an assertion that there was no "secreta receptio" in the Order of St. John, I would desire to explain that I referred to secrets as understood in Masonry. There is a "reception" of a religious form, but not accompanied with secrets or mysteries.—LUPUS.

BANQUET AND PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO DR. J. P. BELL, AT HULL.

On Thursday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Dr. J. P. Bell was presented by his brother Freemasons of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, with a very handsome testimonial, in the shape of a silver epergne and salver, value 250 gs., designed and executed by Mr. M. C. Peck. Preceding the presentation—grace having been said by the Prov. Grand Chaplain—the brothers present, to the number of seventy and upwards, sat down to a magnificent banquet, prepared by Mr. Varley, of the Cross Keys Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. W. Woodfall, P.P.S.G.W., of Scarborough; and the vice chairs by Bro. Armitage, P.G.S.W., and Bro. Wells, P.G.J.W. At the conclusion of the banquet, the Chairman, in proposing the "Queen," said no body of men more sincerely revered the Queen or more heartily obeyed the laws of the State than Freemasons; and in proposing the "Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," alluded to his recovery from illness more than twelve months ago, and how deeply this district and especially his native town, Scarborough, had felt interested in that recovery. He held that Scarborough was untruly blamed for the Prince's illness.

In proposing the "Army and Navy and the Reserve Forces," the Chairman expressed the hope that our country might grow stronger as it grew older, and her might never be less, and that the Anglo-Saxon race should always act on the principles of truth and justice, and for the benefit of mankind. Captain Longstaff responded.

Before unveiling the testimonial he would read the inscription it bore:—"Presented with a silver salver, value together 250 guineas, by the Freemasons of the Province of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, to John Pearson Bell, Esq., M.D., Senior Grand Deacon of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Grand Superintendent of R. A. Masons of North and East Yorkshire, Past Provincial Grand Secretary, author of the "Stream of English Masonry," &c., &c., 1872." On the second shield, "A token of sincere and fraternal regard for urbanity, integrity, moral worth, and high character, also as an acknowledgement of long-continued and eminent services to the Province of North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, and of literary and other labours in the interests of the Craft, 1872." On the third shield were the arms of Dr. Bell, with motto "Celer et Audax." The salver, or tea tray, is very massive and handsome, having richly engraved pattern centre, with pierced border. The inscription on the shield is, "Presented with a silver epergne, value together 250 guineas, by the Province of North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, to John Pearson Bell, Esq., M.D., Senior Grand Deacon of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent

R. A. Masons, N. and E. Yorkshire, as a token of services and fraternal regard. 1872."

Mr. Malam said he hoped Dr. Bell, in prosperity and health, would live long to enjoy these handsome articles and when he ceased to be a pilgrim on this earth, may his descendants appreciate them as tokens of the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren who knew him well.

Dr. Bell responded in an able speech.

Reviews.

The Practical Magazine, a new half-crown illustrated monthly, "published for the Proprietary," at 7, Printing-house-square, is on an ambitious scale, and embraces a variety of topics. It is designed for "the use of those concerned in Raw Materials, Machinery, Manufactures, Building, and Decoration." The first twelve pages are devoted to the History of the House of Rothschild (rather a departure from the plan set out in the prospectus of the work, although in itself a somewhat interesting article), the illustrations of which seem to have "done the state some service,"—we fancy to have seen them before. The typography of the work generally is good, as might be expected, coming from the celebrated Chiswick Press, but in some instances we miss the accuracy for which that house has long been famed, in such errors as "formally" for "formerly," and in the description of a new loom, which at the heading of the article is mentioned as "for weaving fabrics of any width," while the line under the engraving says "of any length."

The Anglo-Indian Commercial Advertiser and News Budget (Flack and Co., Warwick-court), is, as its name implies, chiefly devoted to advertisements of English goods suitable for the Indian Market, interspersed with a few pages of reading matter, more or less interesting.

The Fifth Report of the Executive Committee of the Manchester National Society for Women's Suffrage narrates chiefly the doings of Miss Becker (the Women's Rights Advocate) and her supporters. An elaborate statistical account of the petitions presented to Parliament, with the number of signatures attached, is given, from which we learn that 848 petitions with 355,806 signatures, have been presented in favour of female suffrage, three petitions, with three signatures only, have been presented against it, showing that a large proportion of the people are in favour, or that all who are not are indifferent to the fate of the measure.

The Westminster Papers (monthly) is devoted to chess, whist, games of skill, and the drama. On chess the "Papers" have become an authority. The "Whist Problems" must prove interesting to all lovers of the game. The "Dramatic Notes" are evidently from the hand of a true critic, and show a just appreciation of talent in author and actor, which contrasts conspicuously with the fulsome praise indiscriminately bestowed by the theatrical press, either in gratitude for past favours in the shape of advertisement patronage, or the hope of getting it.

Efforts to be Heard, is an antipodean effusion by Bro. Edward Francis Hughes, of Melbourne, Australia. If Bro. Hughes has not always caught the inspiration of the poetic muse, he deserves some credit for his persistent praise and advocacy of the land of his adoption. His pieces, some 36 in number, vary strangely in quality, many of them not nearly reaching mediocrity, while some few are far above it. That Bro. Hughes loves the Craft, is evidenced by the fact that his best efforts are devoted to its praise. The following is a specimen:—

MASONIC FELLOWSHIP.

Come whence we may, o'er land or sea,
Whenever Masons meet,
Though icy cold the region be,
Or parched with torrid heat;
As brethren we each other hail,
Exchange the grip and sign,
While fellowship and truth prevail,
To prove our art divine.

When Masons meet, whate'er our state,
A subject or a king,
We on the level meet and wait,
To labour, rest, and sing.
Though diff'rent mothers we have known,
Of diff'rent age and name,
We all one common father own,
One royal kindred claim.
When Masons part, 'tis on the square,
And wheresoe'er we roam,
If we but go where Masons are,
We find ourselves at home.
The world's a lodge, through every land
Our banners are unfurled,
Linked as a chain, we form a band,
To bind and bless the world.

The Little Dressmaker (No. 1. vol. 2.) is specially devoted to fashions for children and dolls. A beautifully coloured plate of fashions is given, which contains six figures, of which three are girls, two boys and one a baby. It is an evidence that the customs *de luxe* of our French neighbours are pervading England when we see a fashion book devoted to children's clothing, and even including, as a feature, an article on the clothing of dolls in the latest fashion.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Boletim do Grande Oriente do Brazil, Jornal Official do Maconaria Brasileira.
The Lifeboat.
Bow Bells Christmas Part.
The Building News.

Original Correspondence.

"BRO. HOLMES'S NOTES."

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Whilst agreeing with "Lupus" in deprecating the course which Bro. E. Holmes has thought fit to adopt in dragging into discussion the Order of St. John, which in this country progresses quietly, and practically carries out the great principle of the old followers of St. John the Almoner, under the rule of the Duke of Manchester, I begin to hope that some good may come of it after all. The articles by "Lupus" which have already appeared in *The Freemason*, and of which we are promised a continuance, must already, if I judge Masonic feeling aright have given rise in the minds of many of those who recently, in Grand Conclave, voted for the adoption of the new Statutes, to some doubt as to the wisdom of their vote on that occasion. One side of a case is good until you have heard the other side, and the goodness of Bro. Holmes' case seems to be rapidly disappearing under the comments of "Lupus." On the one side we have speculation, romance, absurdity; on the other side, fact, history, and common sense.

There is one point in Bro. Holmes' "Notes" on which I would specially touch. He suggests that the "Manchesterian body," as he is pleased to term it, should join the Masonic Templars. This suggestion is founded upon such utter ignorance of his subject that I am surprised Bro. Holmes should ever have put it forward. The "Manchesterian body" is not, never has been, and never can be, a Masonic body; the old Hospitallers were not, the existing Hospitallers are not, a Masonic body—how then can they, or any portion of the Order, as a body, amalgamate with a body of Freemasons? It is no doubt true that a few members of the Order of St. John are Masons; it is no doubt also true that Masons may be found in almost every existing English Order, Society, Fraternity, Guild, or Club. Arguing, therefore, in Bro. Holmes' state of mind, one might suggest that Grand Conclave should go over bodily to the "Ancient Buffaloes" or the "Stray Buzzwings," amongst whom, no doubt, Bro. Holmes might, by careful research, discover one or two Masonic Templars. Why not also, arguing from Bro. Holmes' point of view, usurp at once the titles of all the 170 Chivalric Orders which "Lupus" tells us are extinct?

Those who are well acquainted with the statutes and history of the old (unmasonic)

Templars and Hospitallers, know that these Orders, composed only of *nobiles*, that is, of men entitled by descent to bear coat-armour, were completely republican in their organization, in ancient days. It is reserved for Masonic moderns to adopt their name, but to ignore their object, their practice, their constitution, and to substitute for these a system which places the complete control of the Order in the hands of one irresponsible officer.

When we have heard all that Bro. Holmes and "Lupus" have to say, would it not be well to bring forward for reconsideration what already seems to have been an injudiciously hasty decision of Grand Conclave? If the decisions of this body are as the law of the Medes and Persians, then I fear that much harm has been done to the Masonic Order of the Temple. What is now only a suppressed growl may eventually break out into action, which, with the heir to the throne as Grand Master, would be an edifying spectacle for the unmasonic world to contemplate.

Apologising for the length of these remarks,
I am, faithfully yours,

CIVIS.

"THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR."

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I will endeavour to reply to "Cheshire's" enquiries on the present occasion.

My opinion is that the words "peace and salvation" are an older form than "peace and tranquility."

More than one explanation of the words has been suggested.

1. One is that which considers these words as descriptive of the "Bright Star of Hope" which was to lighten up the Dark Valley with its radiant gleams of salvation and peace.

2. Another has been that they refer to the Five-Pointed Star or Pentalfa, a Jewish Emblem, which symbolically represented the goodness and mercy of Almighty God, in its rays of brightness, for the faithful and obedient of Adam's race!

3. While a third view has been that they point to Him who is called the "Bright and Morning Star," "Alpha and Omega," "the Beginning and the End," "the First and the Last!"

Each of these explanations is admissible, and each agrees with the context of the particular passage referred to.

We should never forget, it seems to me, that our Order, wisely tolerant, does not profess to force any dogmas of religious teaching one way or the other on any of our members.

The Christian brother may see in these words solemn and touching allusion to that Bright Star of promise, which shone last, as some one has beautifully said, on the "dark night of this weary and waiting world," while the Jewish brother may see in it an evidence still of Hebrew faith, in the great mercy and loving salvation of Jehovah.

And beyond this the Theist may accept them as a mystical reference to the eternal benignity and compassion of the Great Father, the Common Parent of the whole human family.

I confess I think it far wiser not to seem ever to dogmatize on such matters, or lay down a hard and fast line of belief and practice, but simply to accept what our Ritual so happily puts before us, and to hand it on to others, in loyal adherence and hearty acquiescence.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

MR. LOCKE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with much interest our very able Brother Chalmers I. Paton's "Origin of Freemasonry, &c.," and I heartily endorse all he says as to the untenableness, historically, of the 1717 theory, but I confess that I think it a great pity that he has introduced in support of his general argument, clear and conclusive as it otherwise appears to me to be, "Mr. Locke's Letter," and the so-called "Henry the Sixth's Manuscript."

Though much search has been made in various quarters for Mr. Locke's letter, the original has

never yet been seen, and no one professes to say where the original may be found.

I fear that we cannot accept the letter without better proof as written by Mr. Locke, and that we must, on the contrary, regard it as in itself "apocryphal."

With respect to the MS. that also has hitherto eluded all research in the Bodleian, and I equally fear that we must look on it as "fraus pia Architectonica."

Its history however, is not a little singular, and therefore I think well to give it over again, and I would fain hope once for all.

In the *Gentleman's Magazine* for the year 1753, as all may see for themselves, vol. XXIII., p. 417, there is to be found a reprint of a pamphlet said to have been printed at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, in 1748, "as found on the table of a deceased brother." Why an English pamphlet on Masonry should be printed in Germany is not, however, said. The original pamphlet has never yet been found—so that we hear nothing more of it but what appears in the *Gentleman's Magazine*.

If true, it was a most important and interesting document, and was accordingly printed in the *Freemasons' Magazine* for August, 1794, without apparently the slightest doubt of its authenticity and genuineness.

Preston reproduced it, and so did Hutchinson, and it has been repeated in all our Masonic histories since then, I believe, perfectly "bona fide," and in entire acceptance of its reality and truth.

The MS. professes to have been copied by a Mr. Collins from an old MS. in the Bodleian Library, and to have been forwarded by the famous John Locke to Thomas, Earl of Pembroke, with an explanatory letter, May 6th, 1696.

A further statement that Leland, the well-known antiquary, found it in an old monastic library, copied it, and deposited it in the Bodleian Library, has unfortunately not yet found the slightest historical support or verification.

I carefully studied it many years ago, with my lamented friend, Mr. Wallbran, and the conclusion we both came to was, that it was probably founded on some old Masonic MS., but that it bore marks in it of compilation, and that if the "archaisms" were real, they denoted an early origin, but that in all probability it had been put together by some person, who was not fully acquainted with the full meaning of the words he employed.

The MS. itself, does not exist in the Bodleian Library, or if it does, it is in some volume of MS., which has hitherto escaped all search.

The only possible explanation would be, that it may exist in one of the College Libraries, but even that is not very likely.

As Bro. Paton seems to believe both in the authenticity of Mr. Locke's letter, and the existence of the manuscript at present in the Bodleian, I think it well to call his attention to the real facts of the case, as it seems to me most undesirable to weaken a sound and effective argument, by the admission of doubtful authorities and untenable evidence.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to "A North Country Mason," I would say that, a P.M. who joins another lodge under the English Constitution becomes a subscribing member of the same, and though he is not a P.M. of the lodge, is a P.M. in the lodge.

He is eligible to be balloted for as W.M., and being a P.M., could in the absence of the W.M., the Immediate P.M., and any other P.M.'s of the lodge, take the chair.

A Scotch P.M. who joins an English lodge, though he is recognised as a P.M. in the lodge, must serve as a Warden twelve months before he can be balloted for as W.M.

The same rule applies to an Irish P.M.

As both the Scotch P.M. and Irish P.M. have passed the chair, they are seated on the left of the W.M.

The Chaplain as a rule is generally seated on the right of the W.M. in the private lodge, though

in P.G. Lodge and in Grand Lodge the Grand Chaplains, present and past, are seated on the left.

The general rule of the Craft seems to be, that in Craft Lodges all Chaplains, present and past, are seated on the right of the W.M.

AN OLD P.M.

LYON'S HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me to add the following to your appreciative notice of the forthcoming work by my friend Bro. D. Murray Lyon. The publishers are now proceeding with the printing, and hope soon to announce its completion. The volume will contain more than sixty portraits of the most distinguished Craftsmen of this, and former generations, and about twenty-five fac-similes of valuable Scottish MS. from the sixteenth century.

No expense is being spared to render the work worthy of the Craft in every sense, and we believe it will fairly be entitled to challenge, as to its artistic merit, any book, Masonic, or otherwise, yet published.

The subscription of one guinea is scarcely expected to cover the cost of production, so that immediately after its issue, the price for each copy will be raised at least fifty per cent. Knowing your great interest in all that affects the welfare and history of our Fraternity must be our apology for troubling you thus far.

W. J. HUGHAN.

RED CROSS DEGREE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not wonder "a Member of the Council of the Degree of Rome and Constantine" should take exception to the heading of the report of a meeting held in Glasgow, on the 30th ult.; the notice I think you will find, if the printer refers to the copy, was simply headed "Red Cross Degree;" I presume, not, knowing any other, added the words "of Constantine." I can assure a member of the Council that we are quite aware of the difference in the degrees, and have no wish to shine in borrowed plumes, at the same time I cannot agree with him that it should have been headed "of Babylon," for the reason he himself assigns, viz., that the Grand Chapter under whose authority it is given expressly says that it has been commonly so called. In the Charter under which we work, and also in the law and constitutions of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland it is described as the "Red Cross Degree."

Our meetings are called Councils of the Order; of Rome and Constantine, Conclaves; these distinctions should be sufficient to prevent all Masonic readers from confounding the "Red Cross Degree," as given under the sanction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, with the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, as worked under its own supreme head. Regretting that a printer's error should have caused this mistake,

I am, yours fraternally,

G. W. WHEELER.

Secretary of the Council No. 73.

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me to give my own opinion upon the question raised by "A Young J.W.;" it is one that ought to be settled by authority, and it seems a pity that the Book of Constitutions does not lay down rules for numerous matters that occur in lodges, and which doubtless the Grand Secretary has to answer over and over again, but on which he can only give his own opinion.

I was re-elected to the chair, and had I been unavoidably absent, I should certainly have asked the Immediate Past Master to take my place; it would not have occurred to me to do otherwise. I may do wrong, but I hardly see how an actual Master can be considered as such and also an

I.P.M. rolled into one. It seems to me an actual Master does not become a P.M. until a successor is elected and duly installed in his place; he is merely holding on the same office for a longer period of time.

Perhaps "A Young J.W." will favour us in due course with the Grand Secretary's opinion on the point.

I never heard before of the lectures in the first and second degrees being "assigned" to the Wardens, but I think most Masters will agree that it is very desirable the Wardens should be invited to lecture, if they can do so, it is not only an encouragement to them to work, but affords evidence to the lodge that it is likely to have a succession of competent W.M.'s.

I scarcely understand one part of "A Young J.W.'s" letter. As he talks of the Senior P.M. taking the chair, but also that I.P.M. is to retire and give his place to the Senior P.M. Does he mean that the Senior Past Master being in the chair, the I.P.M. is to retire, and give his collar to the second Senior P.M., present.

Yours fraternally
P.M.

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to a young J.W. in your last number, I beg to say as an old P.M. of 30 years standing, that I am of opinion, that A.B., the W.M. of the lodge he referred to, is perfectly right. A.B. being re-elected cannot be a P.M. until he has vacated the chair, by another being appointed W.M. in his stead, consequently C.D., is the Immediate Past Master, for another year.

Yours very fraternally,
J. T. SHAPLAND, P.M.

Masonic Tidings.

BRITISH, FOREIGN, AND COLONIAL.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. G.M. for West Lancashire, who has been W.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, meeting at Great Crosby, near Liverpool, since its consecration, will be present at the installation of Bro. Broadbridge, P. Prov. G.D.C., next Monday, and perform part of the ceremony.

THE LATE MR. S. R. GRAVES, M.P.—At a most influential public meeting at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Saturday last, presided over by Bro. his Worship the Mayor (E. Samuelson, Esq.), it was unanimously resolved to erect a memorial to the late Mr. S. R. Graves, M.P., in commemoration of his many public services and private worth. The proposal that a statue of the deceased gentleman should be placed in St. George's Hall met with general favour, and it is expected this will be carried out.

ST. MUNGO ENCAMPMENT, GLASGOW.—At a meeting held on the 20th January, Captain Shanks, Royal Marine Lt. Infantry, Knight of the Imperial Order of the Medjidie; P.E.C. of the Royal Veterans' Enct.; P. Prov. Sub-Prior of Devon; P.G.S.B. of England; was unanimously elected an honorary member of this old and flourishing Encampment.

The installation ceremony will be worked at the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Wickens, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday, February 3rd, at 7 p.m., Bro. Beckett, Preceptor of the Lodge, Installing Master.

The fifteen sections will be worked at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, 7th inst., by E. Gotthiel, P.M. 141, P.Z. 1056, M.E.Z. 141, commencing at 6 o'clock.

Earl de Grey, son and heir of the Marquis and Marchioness of Ripon, came of age on the 29th inst. The event was celebrated by a variety of rejoicings.

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MASONIC BALL AT SUNDERLAND.—The fourth annual ball of the shareholders of the Sunderland Masonic Hall Co. (Limited) was held in their hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, on Friday, January 24th. The attendance was large and the capacity of the building was fully taxed. A most agreeable evening was spent, and this ball proved to be both most successful and a very pleasant and agreeable reunion. The ball was opened shortly after nine o'clock by Bro. T. Riley, J.W., 1389, (President of the Ball Committee), and Mrs. Coates, and was kept up with great spirit till a late hour to the strains of an efficient band. Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.D. of C., officiated as M.C., and Bro. F. Maddison, S.D. 1389, as Secretary.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 7, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, Feb. 1.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.
Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, Feb. 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Leadenhall-street.
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 236, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthiel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Colonial Board, at 7.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterbrun, Preceptor.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Grand Chapter at 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish-town, at 8.
Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, Feb. 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey-road.
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington.
" 1412, Logia de La Liberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
Chapter 2, St. James, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Steam, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmers', 12, Ponsbury-st., Millbank.
Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday, Feb. 7.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Chapter 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James.
Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.
K.T. Encampment No. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggenidge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, February 8, 1873.

Monday, Feb. 3.

Skelmersdale Lodge, Blundell-sands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 3.

De Tabley Chapter, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, Feb. 4.

St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, Feb. 5.

St. John's Lodge (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, 6.30.

Royal Victoria Lodge (1013), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (No. 1356) 40, North-hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.03.

Chapter of Fidelity, 1, amilton-square, Birkenhead, 6.

Thursday, Feb. 6.

Mariners' Lodge (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.

Cestrian Lodge (425), Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, 4.

Bridgewater Chapter, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, 6.

Friday, Feb. 7.

Selton Lodge (680), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, 4.30.

Walton Chapter, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, 6.

Neptune Lodge (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, February 8th, 1873.

Monday, Feb. 3.

Lodge 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.

Knight Templars Encampment, St. Mungo Masonic Hall, 215, Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Lodge 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 33, St. John, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 87, Thistle, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 487, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday Feb. 5.

Lodge 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 270, Buchanan-st.

" 117, St. Mary's, Partic.

Thursday Feb. 6.

Lodge 465, St. Andrew's, Gaingad-rd.

Friday Feb. 7.

Lodge 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Stathas-st.

Advertisements.

APRIL ELECTION, 1873.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

OCTAVIA HELEN WHEELER,

AGED EIGHT YEARS.

Youngest daughter of the late Bro. THOMAS HENRY WHEELER, of Worcester, a subscribing member for upwards of twenty-three years, who died in March, 1872, after a long and painful illness, leaving a widow and seven children unprovided for; his long illness incapacitating him for his business as an Auctioneer and Accountant.

Bro. WHEELER was initiated in the Worcester Lodge (now 280) in 1842; in 1843, joined the St. John's Lodge, Leicester, No. 279, served the offices, and was twice elected W.M., 1856, and 1857, and continued a subscribing member until 1859; he was also Past Z. of the Chapter of Fortitude, Leicester, and a S.G.W. of that Province; in December, 1858, he joined the St. Tudno Lodge, Llandudno, No. 1,057, at its formation, and continued to subscribe until December, 10th, 1861, when he returned to Worcester, again becoming a subscribing member of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, and so continued until his severe illness in 1868, which terminated in his death.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

- Bro. A. H. Royds, Provincial Grand Master, Worcester, V.P.
- William Kelly, P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland.
- H. C. Vernon, P.G.W. of England, and P.P.G.M., Worcester, V.P.
- R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B., of England, D.P.G.M., Oxon, V.P.
- *R. Wool, P.M. 280, P.Z., P.P.S.G.W., Worcester.
- Dr. T. C. Roden, P.M. 43, 482, 606, and 775, P.P.S.G.W., Warwick.
- John Preece, P.M. 755, P.P.S.G.W., North Wales and Shropshire.
- *C. C. Whitney Griffiths, W.M. and P.M. 280, P.Z., P.P.S.G.W., Worcester.
- *Alfred Powell, P.M. 280, P.Z., P.P.J.G.W., Worcester.

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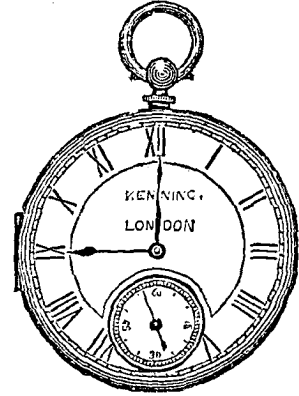
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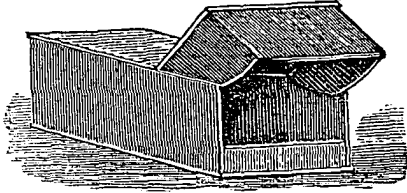
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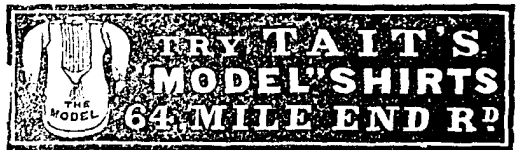
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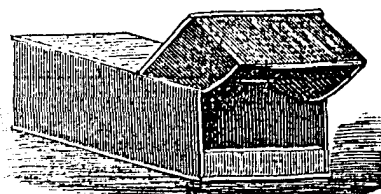


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WINCHESTER.—*Lodge of Economy* (No 76).—It is, no doubt, gratifying to every Freemason to learn of the continued progress of the Craft generally, but when that progress has been marked, has it has been marked in the present instance, within the area of his own lodge, the gratification is necessarily much increased. For some reason or other there had been a temporary decline of prosperity attending the Winchester Lodge, or Lodge of Economy. This, however, can be asserted with truth no longer. During the past twelve months the lodge has gone forward with a healthy bound, and there is every sign of continued and continuous prosperity on every hand. Under such circumstances the saying of the word "Farewell!" to the late W.M., who had steered his bark so successfully during his period of office, and the uttering of the word "Welcome!" to a new W.M., into whose hands should be confided the great interests of its members, was naturally a subject of important concern to all the members of the lodge. But the W.M., Bro. E. Snelling, had fulfilled, and ably fulfilled, the term for which he was elected, and when it was found, therefore, that a gentleman so eligible as Bro. Capt J. C. Moore was willing to accept that responsible office, the news was received with great pleasure by every member and his unanimous election rendered sure. The installation of the new W.M. was, therefore, fixed for Wednesday last, and for the grand ceremony great preparations had been made. The skill of Bro. Lumsden, of Sussex-street, was called into exercise to decorate the assembly room, and a new dwarf platform was erected. The result is that the room, which has been painted with French and continental tints, of very chaste design—a fashion which is now becoming extremely in vogue—is now one of the most handsome assembly rooms in the country, Bro. Capt. Moore having been (we understand) one of the active agents in assisting to produce such satisfactory results. The decorations on the walls and the paraphernalia of the lodge have all likewise undergone complete restoration. There was a large number of brethren present on this interesting occasion, some of whom came from Basingstoke, Southampton, Portsmouth, and other localities. The ceremony of installation on Wednesday was preceded by the raising of Bro. W. C. Powell. The preliminary ceremonial was performed by the W.M., Bro. Snelling, but the remainder of the working was undertaken and carried out in admirable style by Bro. P.M. Harris. Bro. Buttifant (Alton) presided at the harmonium, and effectively rendered the musical portion of the ceremony. The installation of Bro. Capt. Moore into the chair of W.M. by the Right Worshipful Bro. W. B. Beach, *M.P.*, Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, followed. He was accompanied (by invitation from the lodge) by the Grand Treasurer, Secretaries, and officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the ceremony acquired additional interest and importance from the easy eloquence of the officiating Prov. G.M. The customary

ceremonies were of a very impressive character. At their completion, the new W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. King, S.W.; Salter, J.W.; Sheppard, Treas.; Stopher, Sec.; Higgate, S.D.; Burchett, J.D.; Way, I.G.; Everett, D.C.; E. Snelling, A.D.C.; Buttifant, Org.; Naish and Whale, Stewards; Sims, Tyler. The lodge, which had been opened at two p.m., was closed at about five p.m., and the members of the Craft then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet, prepared by Bro. Spriggs, and well served by him, awaited them. They were joined by several other brethren amongst them Bros. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' Masonic Institution at Wood Green, and W. Best, of Winchester. At the close of the banquet, which was presided over by the W.M., Bro. Moore, a few toasts were given from the chair, among them "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales and the P.G.M.," "The M.W.G.M., the Marquis of Ripon," "The V.W. Deputy G.M., Lord Carnarvon, and Officers of Grand Lodge," and the "Prov. G.M., W. B. Beach, *M.P.* (also Installing Master)." The whole of the toasts were ably given and enthusiastically received.

PLYMOUTH.—*Harmony Lodge* (No. 156).—To celebrate the festival of St. John, Lodge "Harmony" held a banquet at Bro. Thomas's, Great Western Hotel, last night, when a large number of brethren sat down to an excellent repast. Among those present were the Worshipful Bros. W. T. Pilditch, W.M. (presiding); H. F. Hearle, I.P.M.; W. Triplett, W.M. 1255; G. Stentford, W.M. 159; S. Kelton, I.P.M. 1249; J. Manning, S.W.; F. Hall, J.W.; R. R. Ellis, P.M.; J. Watts, P.M., P.P.G.T.; W. K. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. A. Yeo, P.M.; J. Kessell, P.M.; C. Stribling, W.M. 70; R. Andrews, P.M. 70; W. Williams, I.P.M. 105; Pearce, D.C. 1255; W. S. Hearder, Organist, 105; J. Rendle, J.W. 1247; R. Miller, 1071; N. B. Westcott, 1247; Cooksley, D.C. 202; E. Husson, S.S. 70; D. Box, J.D. 156; G. Lewis, D.C. 156; Ferguson, W. Ford, W. Murphy, Clutterbuck, Gould, Rev. W. Whittley, Staddon, Lucas, Connor, White, Lander, Campbell, Windcatt, Thorne, I.G. 156, &c., &c. The Worshipful Bro. W. T. Pilditch, W.M., read letters received from the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Br. Latimer, P.P.G. Sec., apologising for not being present. After ample justice had been done to the repast, and the cloth removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the musical responses being effectively led by Br. Hearder, Organist 105. During the very pleasant evening that was passed, Bros. Hearder, Rendle, Hussen, Andrews, and others rendered with good effect several songs; and Br. Yeo, P.M., gave a dramatic recitation in capital style. The Rev. Bro. W. Whittley delivered an excellent oration on the grand principles of Masonry, as seen individually and socially, claiming for them an eminence second only to that of the Divine institution of Christianity, expressing his conviction they would yet win the confidence of the world at large. The health of the host (Bro. Thomas) and the hostess was enthusiastically drunk, and great satisfaction expressed at the catering of the banquet. After a most pleasant evening, the brethren broke up at an early hour.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

PLYMOUTH.—*Lodge Sincerity* (No. 189).—The festival of St. John was celebrated by Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, last evening, by an excellent banquet at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth, the Lodge being favoured with the presence of both the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. The company numbered about fifty, and was under the presidency of the W. Bro. T. W. Coffin, W.M., and he was supported by the following brethren of the Lodge:—I. Latimer, S.W.; M. Coates, J.W.; T. S. Bayly, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; R. H. Rae, P.M., P.G.D.; S. Hutchings, S.D.; J. E. Curteis, J. D.; G. Jackson, D.C.; G. Mair, I.G.; A. Latimer, S.; T. W. How, S.; J. Moon, O.; P.M.'s R. Dowse, L.P. Metham, D.P.G.M.; J. Trickett, F. Balkwell, H. Richards, J. Sadler, J. Dampney; Brs. E. Bisser, J. G. Wall, Rev. T. W. Lemon, W. Monkhouse, W. Lister, and W. W. Stevens. With a few well chosen words the W.M. proposed "The Queen,"

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M."—an acquisition to the craft, and working hard and indefatigably in furthering Freemasonry—and "R. W. the Marquis of Ripon, G.M. of England"—a worthy successor to Earl Zeatland, whose retirement was universally regretted. The W.M. having announced that the Earl of Mount Edgcombe and Lord Eliot had written expressing regret at being unable to attend, and that Admiral the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel and General Sir Charles Staveley were kept away by official duties, gave "The R.W. the Rev. J. Huyshe, M.A., P.G. M. of Devon," and the toast was received with most hearty applause. Though embarrassed by the intensity of his regard for the P.G.M., and by his presence, the W.M. was bound to say that there was an amount of love and regard shown for their R.W. Bros. which was unsurpassed—(hear hear). Right glad were they to welcome him that evening—(applause)—and they regretted that in his circular on the masonic charities, he expressed his belief that never again would he fill the office of Steward. They fervently hoped this would not be the case, and that "Lodge Sincerity" would be able for many years to greet him at their banquets—(loud applause). The R.W. the Rev. J. Huyshe, made a feeling response. It was impossible, he said, for a man always to go on working hard, and he had had a fair share of it; so that it was highly improbable that he should ever again be a Steward for the charities. The response made in the Province, especially be the Grand Lodge, was a noble one, and he thanked them most cordially for it on behalf of the institutions whose merits they so greatly appreciated—(hear, hear). As to the welcome afforded him on this occasion, as on every occasion he visited Plymouth, he could only use a stereotyped phrase and say he heartily thanked them for it. Upon a subject which weighed with some anxiety on his mind he desired to say a few words. A good many years ago a highly meritorious Mason, Captain Grey Clarke—the predecessor of the G.S.—made use of a very singular expression to him. They were talking upon that all engrossing subject to Masons—their charities—when Captain Clarke said, "I look with some apprehension to the great charities which are being promoted by Freemasons, because I am afraid that the time will come when these charities will cause a great rush of candidates, and Freemasonry degenerate into a large benefit society." He did not accord with that view at the time, but the longer he lived the more he saw there was danger of that occurring which Captain Clarke predicted. There was an immense rush of candidates already, and the numbers had increased from 4,000 and 5,000 yearly to 7,000 and 8,000. He was present at the Committee of the Masonic Institution when it was resolved to increase the annuities to Freemasons from £25 to £36, and since then the allowance to widows had been increased by £5. Here was a still further inducement for candidates to rush in with the idea that they might possibly become recipients of these great charities. It was always difficult to preserve quality against quantity, but in Lancashire they initiated many persons who ought not to be members. But the great question still was: How could they prevent the introduction of men totally unfitted to be Masons at all. He only knew of one plan. On the last occasion of consecrating a new lodge at Torquay, he cautioned the Master to be careful whom he initiated, to keep the lodge select, and that the way to do this was to have a large initiation fee. The Master had taken the hint, and promised to make it one of the best lodges in the Province. The present minimum fee of three guineas allowed by the Grand Lodge was much too small, and he should use his endeavours to get it increased. (Hear, hear). The G.M. then proposed "The W.M. of Sincerity," speaking of the lodge as one of the most efficient in the Province, and Bro. Coffin as one able and determined to uphold its prestige (applause). W. Bro. Coffin, responded, and in eulogistic terms, proposed "The R. W. Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. of Devon," a P.M. of Sincerity, R.W. Bro. Metham, acknowledged a very cordial reception of the toast. After speaking in high terms of Lodge Sincerity, the D.P.G.M. proposed "The R.W. the Right

Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall," who was an old member of Lodge Sincerity and one of its Past Masters. It was a very happy thing indeed for Cornwall, and the Craft generally that such an appointment was made. Bro. Rodd, P.G.S.W. of Cornwall, responded to the toast. Bro. Capt. Tanner Davy, responded for "The P.G. Officers of Devon, present and past." The W.M., in giving "The P.M.'s and Officers of Lodge Sincerity," regretted the death of the I.P.M., Bro. Forster, who had done so much for the new lodge, and then spoke of the pride the lodge had in the fact that their Past Masters included the P.G.M. of Cornwall, the D.G.M. of Devon, a P. Prov. G.S.W. of Cornwall, and others high in office. The credit of these honours reflected on the lodge. P.M. Dowse took great delight in the furnishing of the old lodge, and for years was a trusty Treasurer, and was now worthily succeeded by P.M. Bayly; whilst P.M. Rae they had to thank for efficient services as Secretary. The officers he also had to thank very much for great and cordial assistance. Bro. Rae and Bro. Ball will respond. R.W. Bro. Latimer proposed "Visiting Brethren and Sister Lodge," in so doing he spoke of the thoroughly friendly feeling which existed between the lodges, and took occasion to acknowledge the kindness extended to him in the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall. He was glad to bear testimony to the existence of this feeling, because they had a great many visiting brethren present. Looking at the new Guildhall the other day, it occurred to him that it would give great satisfaction if at its opening the whole of the brethren of the Three Towns, joined by as many from a distance as could conveniently be present, attended the ceremony. It would be an outside demonstration as well as an inside gratification, and he threw out the hint for consideration. If such a fraternal assembly was approved of it could doubtless be arranged.

LODGE OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185).—The January meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, Bros. R. Z. Bloomfield, W.M.; H. Abrahams, S.W.; N. Moss, J.W.; J. Peartree, Treas.; P. Levy, Hon. Sec.; J. Constable, S.D.; J. H. Ross, J.D.; J. Barnett, I.G.; Past Masters L. Barnett, S. Solomon, E. Harfield, S. E. Moss, M. Harris, Bros. Lyons, Venthal, Gashion, Wittenberg, Seyd, and Chevalier de Kotski were present. The lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. Bros. Parkinson, Brocksopp, and Grant were passed to the second degree. Bros. G. L. Lyon, James, and Ford, were raised to the third degree. Bro. D. Posener, of Upton Lodge, was unanimously elected a joining member. Messrs J. Brown, W. Payne, and N. Gluck, were balloted for, accepted, and initiated into the Order by the W.M., whose working of the ceremonies elicited worthy praises. The election of W.M. was then proceeded with, and the S.W. having intimated his intention to retire in favour of J.W., the latter viz., Bro. N. Moss, was unanimously elected W.M., and returned thanks for the unexpected honour in suitable terms. The following were appointed:—Bro. Peartree, as Treas.; Vesper, Tyler. Bro. M. Hart, P.M., and L. Barnett, I.P.M., were elected auditors. The sum of 10 guineas was granted from lodge funds to purchase a testimonial to the retiring Master. The W.M. tendered his thanks to the officers and brethren for their kind support during his year of Mastership. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. Bro. S. Solomon, P.M., assuming the chair in consequence of the W.M. leaving through domestic affliction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Brown returned thanks for the newly initiated brethren, and acknowledged the impression made upon his mind by the beautiful rendering of the ceremony by the W.M. We have great hopes for the future in Bro. Brown. The toast of the W.M. elect followed, and the Presiding Master spoke in high terms of Bro. N. Moss, who, in reply, assured the brethren of his high appreciation of the honour conferred upon him, and gave assurance that he would endeavour to make "Tranquility" second to none in the Craft. The toast of the "Benevolent Fund" was responded to by the Treasurer, Bro. J. Peartree, who stated

that the funds now amounted to upwards of £600. Bros. Brown, Payne, and Luck, the initiates, contributed to this fund very liberally. The Presiding Master then gave the toast of the absent W.M., and regretted his absence under so painful a circumstance. Bro. L. Barnett, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of the Presiding Master, whose kind and affable manner is always appreciated, no matter whether in Masonic or other circles, and the hope was expressed that the G.A.O.T.U. might long spare our Bro. Saul Solomons to present his welcome face in the lodge. (Applause.) The toast of the visitors was heartily received and responded to by Bro. Moss. Bro. Hart (late P.M. of the lodge), on behalf of G. Hawthorn, 236.; M. Emanuel, W.M. 205.; S. Gottheil, P.M. 141.; J. Woodman, S.W. 209, 1298.; H. A. Hart, 795.; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188. Chevalier de Kotski played excellently on a grand piano by Kirkman, and was vociferously applauded. Further amusement was contributed by the drollery and imitations of Bro. H. M. Levy.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—The meeting of this lodge was held at City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on the 28th inst., Bro. M. Emanuel, W.M.; C. F. Hogard, S.W.; C. Coote, P.M., Treasurer; A. M. Cohen, Secretary; A. Ayden, S.D.; T. Waylett, J.D.; F. Buckland, I.G., Vesper, Tyler. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. Bros. Lynes and Hawkins, having answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, were raised to the degree of M.M. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Isaac Cohen and C. Naylor, being in their favour, they were duly initiated. The installation of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Bro. C. F. Hogard, W.M. elect, having been presented by P. M. Harris, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in the most efficient manner by Bro. Emanuels, I.P.M. The W.M., C. F. Hogard, then appointed the following as his officers: J. Emanuel, S.W.; A. Ayden, J.W.; J. Waylett, S.D.; F. Buckland, J.D.; L. Jacobs, I.G.; Hall, D.C.; Roxworthy, Steward; Vesper, Tyler; Treasurer and Secretary and Tyler, having been re-elected, were invested. The sum of £5 5s. was voted from the funds of the lodge to benevolent fund attached thereto. There were also present Bros. Marks, Jacobs, Gompertz, Abraham, Evans, Cremer, Collingridge, Nathan. The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was creditably served. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were gone through. The toast of W.M. was given and ably responded to by the W.M., who assured the members that he would do all in his power to render the Lodge of Israel perfect, and at the same time regretted that he should fall very short in his duties, as such excellent Masters had preceded him. The toast of "The Initiates" was drunk with enthusiasm and responded to by each. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., and eulogised him in appropriate terms, and at the same time invested him with the exquisite jewel awarded by the Lodge for his past services, and also presented him with a silver salver and engrossed testimonial, which the P.M., Bro. M. Emanuel, acknowledged in such phrases as were not only eloquent, but sublime and to the purpose, each word telling as it fell upon the hearers. Bro. Emanuel resumed his seat amid great applause. The toast of "The Benevolent Fund" was given, and met with a liberal response on the part of the brethren, who subscribed to the amount of £15. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, among whom were Bros. Hunt, W.M. 188.; R. T. Bloomfield, W.M. 185.; E. Gottheil, P.M. 141.; J. Constable, S.D. 185.; A. W. Berkham, 749.; A. W. Meyer, 941.; Sydney, P.S.W.; J. Abrahams, 898.; W. J. Stevens, 742.; Lazarus, P.G.J.W. Wilts. Each visitor replied, and Bro. Lazarus more particularly followed with one of his usual descriptions of the beauties and principles of F.M. Some capital singing and other amusements were contributed by the brethren.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 353).—This lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, on Monday, 27th inst. Bro. J. L. Gibbons was installed, according to antient custom, as W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year. J.P.M. Bro. T. A. Jackson performed the

onerous duties of installation, to the expressed satisfaction of a lodge, composed in a great measure of old Masons, who delight in criticism. By command of the W.M. the I.P.M. then invested with the badge of their respective offices the following brethren to serve for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. J. Gothard, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, as S.W.; H. G. Diamond, J.W.; G. B. Knobel, P. Prov. S.G.D., as Director of Ceremonies; T. Hobday, Secretary; G. A. Taverner, S.D.; W. Johnson, J.D.; C. Jackson, I.G.; J. L. Spooner and J. Hawkins, Stewards; and Turner as Tyler. The ordinary business was then undertaken, the new W.M. proving himself fully equal to the occasion, and reciprocating in the most cordial manner the "hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren. At 5 o'clock, Bro. Spooner intimated in an impressive manner that his culinary arrangements had given him every satisfaction, and that should the brethren approve the banquet, the choice of his own epitaph would be decided. Future generations will read of his happy demise. In proposing the toast of the evening, Bro. T. A. Jackson dwelt at length on the results already attained for the lodge by the W.M., and predicted that his year of office would be signalled by an important increase in strength and efficiency. Bro. Jackson also gracefully alluded to the Masonic services rendered to the Royal Sussex, and to himself personally, by P.M. Bro. Robt. Bindley (No. 1060). The W.M. in responding, remarked upon the sympathy and support he had received from all members of his lodge, and of his determination to be guided, in all his Masonic duties, by the recognised constitutions only. He further urged upon his officers the importance of their individual attention to such obligations as he purposed introducing them to, and succeeded in impressing all present that work is meant in and by the Royal Sussex. Bro. E. F. Knobel kindly presided at the organ, and Bros. Upton, Bindley (J.A.) Johnson and Bellamy assisted in furthering the harmony of the evening.

RAMSEY.—St. Maughold Lodge (No. 1075).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual festival of St. John's day, the 27th ultimo, at their Lodge-rooms, Neptune-street. After the business of the lodge was concluded, the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel. A large number of the brethren were in attendance, and a handsome P.M.'s jewel, of gold and brilliants, was presented to Bro. Webb, the retiring Master, in recognition of his valuable services during the past two years. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren separated shortly after ten o'clock. Bro. A. Dumbell, W.M. for the present year, invested his officers as follows:—Bro. T. Allen, S.W.; Bro. W. L. Wild, J.W.; Bro. D. Miller, Treas.; Bro. J. Hannay, Sec.; Bro. C. B. Nelson, S.D.; Bro. J. Vondy, Junr., J.D.; Bro. T. H. P. Mylechreest, I.G.; and Bro. T. Verdy, Tyler.

LIVERPOOL.—Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1380).—On Monday, the 3rd inst., the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, meeting at the Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, near Liverpool, completed its first year's existence, and the proceedings were of more than ordinary interest from the fact that during the year the position of W.M. had been occupied by Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, who at the beginning of his year of office was D.G.M. of the Province, but at the close held the more honourable post of R.W. Prov. G.M. designate. By thus assuming the mastership of a private lodge, his lordship gave another proof of the interest which he takes in the progress of the Craft, and his willingness to do whatever he can to increase its weight and standing. The proceedings of Monday last passed off with an eclat which was largely owing to the presence of our noble brother, to the fact that the brethren of the lodge to which he kindly lent his name took the opportunity of presenting him with a handsome jewel on his retirement from the chair, and also to the fact that his lordship was to be followed in the chair by a brother who is highly respected and greatly esteemed. Shortly after three o'clock, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, W.M., opened the lodge in due form, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. A. C. Mott, I.P.M., P.G.S.W. for Cumberland and Westmoreland; G. Broadbridge, S.W.,

P.P.G.D.C.; G. de la Parelle, J.W., P.P.G.S.; R. Brown, Sec.; C. Swaby Smith, S.D.; H. L. Richards, Org.; G. Ladmore, Tyler; Bros. J. Hughes, E. Ford, jun., W. H. Loewe, C. K. St. John, J. Mawdsley, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Chamberlain, T. Ellison, H. Davies, and J. J. Rose. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. P. Platt, P.P.J.D.W., Cheshire; W. M. Chudley, J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; W. Cooke, S.W. 1289; L. Moritz, 292; F. J. Eaton, P.M. 241; W. Doyle, P.M. 667; J. Busfield, 216; T. G. Bark, 241; R. Wilson, P.M. 341; J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; C. Petty, 216; J. Wood, Treas., 1094; E. Brigg, 1063, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several candidates were balloted for and declared duly elected. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. A. C. Mott. His lordship and Bro. Mawdsley then presented Bro. G. Broadbridge, W.M. elect, and Bro. Mott proceeded with the ceremony in a most impressive, complete, and effective manner—very rarely excelled in this part of the province. The W.M. subsequently invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. George de la Parelle, S.W.; R. Brown, J.W.; Dr. Limerick, Treas.; T. G. Bark, Sec.; C. Swaby Smith, S.D.; T. W. Richardson, J.D.; and Ford, jun., I.G. Bro. G. Ladmore was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. At the conclusion of this portion of the business, Bro. Broadbridge, W.M., said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting to Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, I.P.M. of No. 1380, a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren of the lodge. They had, he said, received many acts of kindness at his hands, and he was well-known and highly beloved in the province for his valuable Masonic labours. The W.M. then presented his lordship with an exceedingly chaste and handsome P.M.'s jewel, which bore the following inscription:—“Presented to Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P. G.M., P.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge, as a token of esteem from the lodge, and a memento of his being the first W.M.” At the call of Bro. Mott, his lordship was greeted with the “royal salute,” in view of his appointment as P.G.M. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale said he had to acknowledge the gift of that beautiful jewel as one of brotherly love and the friendship which he had gained in that lodge and throughout the province. He would always wear that jewel, and he could assure the brethren it would never fail to bring to his remembrance the duty which he owed to the lodge, and the province generally. After the W.M. had initiated a candidate into the mysteries and privileges of the order, the brethren adjourned from labour to a sumptuous banquet, provided by the host of the Blundellsands Hotel, to which about 40 sat down, under the presidency of Bro. Broadbridge, W.M. During a pleasant evening the usual loyal, masonic, and charitable toasts were proposed with zest, and responded to with enthusiasm. Bros. Busfield, Brown, J.W., Petty, &c., contributed several excellent songs; the accompaniments being admirably played by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.

MILTON.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The regular monthly communication of this lodge took place on Tuesday, January 21st. The lodge was opened at 7 o'clock, by the W.M., Bro. Roger Dodgson, P.G.S.B., supported by Bro. Myers of Liverpool, acting S.W.; J.W., P.G. Steward and the rest of the officers. Visiting brethren John Hailley, No. 995 and 1398, and Bro. Myers. The ballot was taken for Mr. Bradley, builder, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he being in attendance, was regularly initiated in Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools and charge being given by the J.W. Bro. Bradley, having retired, Bro. Bell, a candidate for the degree of F.C., answered the usual questions and has entrusted and retired, the lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Bell admitted and passed the working tools being very ably explained by the acting S.W. The lodge was closed down to the first degree, when the W.M. read a letter received from Bro. R. Pearson, P.M. 995, suggesting that the lodges be occasionally held in the afternoon for the convenience of non-resident members. One gentle-

man was proposed as a candidate, and the lodge was finally closed at 9.30, p.m., with solemn prayer.

Royal Arch.

DURHAM.—*Chapter of Concord* (No. 124).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening last, in the Freemasons' Hall, Durham, under the presidency of Comp. C. Rowlandson, M.E.Z.; Comp. W. Brignall, Junr.; Prov. G. Registrar, E.H.; and Major James Monks, E.J.; assisted by the usual staff of officers and E. Companion, John Fawcett, Esq., Provincial Grand Superintendent for Durham. After the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and duly confirmed, three candidates, viz. Bros. Joseph Arthur Jackson, J.W., and the Rev. Francis Bewsher (M.A.), Chaplain, both of the Earl of Durham Lodge, No. 1274, and James Laidler, S.D., of the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, were regularly introduced and exalted to this supreme degree in the accustomed form; the H.S.M. lectures being given by the several officers whose duty it is to deliver them, except the last one, which by special request, was given by the respected Provincial Grand Superintendent, John Fawcett, in such a solemn and impressive manner as can seldom be equalled. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the following being the result:—Comps. William Brignall, Junr. M.E.Z.; Major James Monks, E.H.; Rev. George Robert Bulman (M.A.), E.J.; T. W. Hearon, S.E.; William Donkin, S.N.; Henry Lawrence, Prin. Soj.; George Johnston, Treasurer; and John Carter, Janitor. After a hearty vote of thanks had been tendered to the Provincial Grand Superintendent for the services he had rendered throughout the evening, the chapter was closed in the prescribed form until Tuesday, 25th March next.

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Chapter* (1086).—A meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at which were present Comps. Thos. Cheshworth, M.E.Z.; Josh. C. Lunt, H.; J. W. Baker, M.E.Z. 241, as J.; P. Armstrong, S.E.; H. Hughes, S.N.; J. P. W. McArthur, P. Soj.; Wm. Archer, P.Z., Treasurer; Jno. Lunt, P.Z.; Visitors Comps. Mawson and Shortis, Temple Chapter, No. 1094. Chapter was opened by the Principals, the companions were then admitted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for the two candidates for exaltation, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. Goodacre, P.M., and Bro. Norton being present were admitted and exalted to the supreme degree of Holy Royal Arch Masons, the ceremony being most admirably performed by the M.E.Z. The Historical Lecture was given by Comp. Baker, the Symbolical Lecture by Comp. J. C. Lunt, H.; and the Mystical Lecture by the M.E.Z. On the conclusion of the business the companions adjourned to refreshment. Grace having been said, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Comp. Archer, P.Z., then rose and said he now came to what he deemed the toast of the evening, namely, “The I.P.Z. Comp. John Lunt,” who had won the esteem of every companion by his good working, as well as by the zeal and ability he had displayed in the faithful discharge of his duties. He then presented him on behalf of the companions of the Chapter, with a splendid P.Z. 18 carat jewel, set with a diamond and two rubies, and in affixing this jewel he, Comp. Archer, wished him many years of prosperity and health to wear it. The jewel bears the following inscription:—“Presented to Comp. John Lunt, P.M.E.Z., by the companions of the Walton Chapter, No. 1086, as a mark of their esteem and respect, January 23rd, 1873.” Comp. Lunt thanked the companions, and said he received this proof of their esteem and regard with feelings of the deepest gratitude; he should ever retain and prize the tribute of respect which he had received at their hands, and would act as an incitement, if any were wanted, to the most unremitting exertions for the future. The usual final toast was most feelingly given, and thus terminated an evening spent in truly fraternal harmony.

Mark Masonry.

LEICESTER.—*Fowke Lodge* (No. 19).—A highly interesting meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd inst., under the able presidency of Bro. S. S. Partridge, W.M., assisted by his principal officers and a numerous attendance of brethren. The ceremony of advancement was most efficiently conducted by the W.M., the scriptural portions being rendered by the Rev. Dr. Hayroft, and the music by Bro. Wykes. The ballot for the W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in the election of Bro. Weare, S.W., by a very large majority. Bro. Stretton was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and received the cordial thanks of the brethren for his valuable services to the lodge, during the lengthened period of six years. Bros. Sculthorpe, J. M. McAllister, and T. A. Wykes, were appointed members of the “Audit Committee.” Bro. George Toller, jun. M.O., proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Partridge, in tangible recognition of the admirable manner in which, on all occasions he had conducted the ceremonies of this degree, and for his assiduity in the faithful discharge of the responsible duties appertaining to his exalted position. This most agreeable proposition was duly seconded by Bro. Weare, W.M. elect, and the brethren were delighted at being afforded such an opportunity of thus placing their “mark” on the “perfect work” of their esteemed W.M. on his retirement. Bro. Stretton who is ever forward in a charitable cause, having generously undertaken to serve the office of a Steward for the Boys' School, the usual subscription was unanimously voted towards the support of that Institution. The lodge was closed in ancient form.

REDRUTH.—*Meridian Lodge* (No. 73).—The annual festival of the Meridian Mark Lodge, No. 73, was held at Redruth on Tuesday, the 28th ult. at 5.30, p.m. A goodly number of the brethren were present, and almost to the stroke of the “half hour” the W.M., Bro. W. Tregay took the chair, and having opened the lodge, called upon Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M. 78, Past Grand Warden of England, &c., to officiate as Master, advance the candidates, and instal the W.M. elect, Bro. James H. Reynolds, S.W. Bro. Hughan, P.M. then took the gavel in hand, and in his usually perfect and impressive manner, advanced two candidates to the degree of a Mark Master Mason, explaining the tools, emblems, &c., in full. Our well-known brother then gave a long address on Freemasonry, more particularly with reference to the custom of Mark Masonry, tracing the marks in lodge books, especially the records of the Lodge of Edinburgh from 1598, and the Mark Book of the Lodge of Aberdeen from 1670. He also referred in the most grateful manner to the kindness and assistance rendered him in his Masonic investigations by these two old lodges. Bro. Reynolds was then duly installed, and appointed his officers Bro. Tregay proposed that Bro. Thomas Solomon, J.P., P.M. 78, be elected an honorary member of the lodge. As Prov. Grand Secretary he had visited the lodge that evening, and they were glad to see him. Bro. Solomon, J.P., suitably responded, and thanked the lodge for the intended honour, which he would be proud in complying with, in conjunction with his friend Bro. Hughan, who had had a similar distinction conferred upon him some years since. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The W.M. presided at the banquet, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Bros. P. W. Dalb, P.M.; John Hocking, P.M.; J. F. Pearce, P.M.; W. Tregay, P.M.; the Rev. Dr. J. Bamister, J.W.; James Sims, S.W.; and Bros. Wales, Kitcher, Thomas, Martin, Wellington, Cocks, and other brethren attending. Bro. Hughan, P.G.W., responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and Bro. Solomon, Prov. G. Sec., for the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall.

RAMSGATE.—*Holmesdale Lodge* (No. 129).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday last, the 23rd of January. Bro. Lewis Finch, Prov. G.M., Treasurer, W.M., Bro. T. H. Grove, Snowden.

D.P.G.M. Master, S.W.; Bro. J. L. Ellerm, J.W.; Bro. J. J. Darby, Prov. G.M.S. Deacon, M.O.; Bro. H. Wootton, Prov. G.M.J.O., S.O.; Bro. T. S. Clarke, Prov. G.M.A.S., J.O.; Bro. The Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, Prov. G.M.M.M., Chaplain; Bro. E. J. Smith, Prov. G.M.D.C., as Sec.; Bro. James W. Smith, G.M. Steward, and Prov. G.M. Sec., S.D.; Bro. Geo. Miles, J.D.; Bro. Geo. Page, Prov. G.M. Swd. Br., as I.G.; Bro. Geo. Meager, Tyler. Several other brethren were also present. The first business of the evening, after the opening of the lodge, was to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, and the result was a unanimous vote in favour of Bro. Snowden, Dep. Prov. G.M.M. Bro. Snowden, in returning thanks for the honour conferred on him, paid a just tribute to the W.M. for his excellent working of the ceremonies during his year of office, and promised to emulate the example set him, so that the lodge might not suffer by the change of Masters. Bro. Snowden is well-known for his excellent rendering of the Craft and R.A. ceremonies, and therefore there needs be no apprehension as to the maintenance of the distinguished character which the lodge has acquired. The W.M. elect announced his intention to immediately carry out the improvements just introduced in the Mark Ritual. Bro. Finch, the retiring W.M., was elected Treasurer. Bro. Meager was re-elected Tyler. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Isaac Jarman, J.W. of the Royal Navy Lodge, 429; who being unanimously approved, was advanced to the honourable degree. The Lecture was delivered by Bro. James W. Smith. The Installation is to take place on the fourth Thursday in March, when it is expected that a large number of influential brethren will be present.

MARYPORT.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 151).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge of Mark Masons was held on Thursday, the 23rd, ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maryport. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Nicholson, W.M., P.G. Treas. Cumberland and Westmoreland; supported by Bro. Tickle, P.G.D. of C., as S.W.; Bro. Price as J.W.; Bro. J. Lawson, Sec.; G. M. Tickle, Reg.; Bro. Gardiner, S.O.; Bro. T. Moore, J.O.; Bro. G. Rule, S.D.; J. Bright of 60, J.D. pro. tem.; J. H. Bank, I.G. pro. tem.; Abbot, T. pro. tem. The minutes of the last meeting been read and confirmed, and ballot taken and declared unanimous in favour of Bro. W. Armstrong, P.M. 371; Bro. T. Mandle, 371; Bro. J. R. Banks, 371; and Bro. C. O. Hargraves, 995; they were regularly advanced to the degree of Mark Master by Bro. G. G. Hayward, P.M. 60. The working of the lodge was of the most efficient kind, and was the admiration of all who were present; and some other business transacted, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer about 6.30. p.m.

Knights Templar.

IPSWICH.—*Preceptory of Prudence*.—The regular meeting of this Preceptory was held on the 22nd January, when there were present Sir Knights Emma Holmes, Grand Provost of England, Preceptor; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, D.P.G.C., Suffolk and Cambridge, P.E.C., Act. 1st Captain; Dr. Mills, P.E.C. Act. 2nd Captain; J. Pitcher, P.E.C.; G. S. Findley, P.E.C., Registrar, and others. The Preceptory having been opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Knt. Mills rose to tender the resignation of Sir Knt. G. S. Golding, the E.C. elect, who was compelled to decline the honour the Preceptory had conferred upon him, in consequence of ill-health. He moved that his resignation should be accepted. Sir Knt. Sanderson, in seconding the motion, expressed his great regret at the circumstances under which Sir Knt. Golding was compelled to resign and hoped that an expression of that regret on the part of the Preceptory would be placed upon the minutes. The Preceptor also begged to endorse the sentiments of the Sir Knights who had spoken, and requested the Registrar to take a minute

of the observations of their esteemed D.P.G.G. Some conversation ensued and it was decided to apply to the Prov. G. Commander, Capt. Phillips, for a dispensation to hold a special meeting on the 5th February, to elect a Preceptor, who would be installed at the regular meeting in April, according to the Statutes. There being no other business before the Sir Knights, the Preceptory was closed, and the Fratres retired for refreshment.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on Monday, 3rd February, 1873. The Earl of Rosslyn, Most Worshipful Grand Master, occupied the throne, and amongst the brethren present were Sir Michael K. Shaw Stewart, Depute Grand Master; F. A. Barrow, Acting Senior Grand Warden; Wm. Barton, Acting Junior Grand Warden; Wm. Mann, Past Grand Warden; Walter Montgomery Nelson, of Queenshill, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow City; Major Hamilton Ramsay, Senior Grand Deacon; John Laurie, Grand Clerk; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Convener Robertson, Grand Bible Bearer; Lindsay Mackersy, W.S., representative of Grand Lodge of Canada; Robert Davidson, Grand Organist; M. Mackenzie, Chief Grand Marshall; A. T. Abthorpe, Grand Marshall; H. Y. D. Copland, J. T. Douglas, T. H. Douglas, and others.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, a number of proxy commissions were read and sustained. The Grand Clerk then announced that presents had been received from Grand Lodges of England, France, the Netherlands, and New Brunswick, for which a vote of thanks was accorded on the motion of the Grand Master. The minutes of the Grand Lodge and Grand Committee having been read and approved of, the Grand Committee for the ensuing year was appointed.

Petitions for charters to the following lodges were granted unanimously:—Waring St. John, Murchison, Victoria; Seville, Jamaica; Rothes, Leslie; Abercromby, Bridge of Allan; Caledonian, Canterbury, New Zealand; Omaru Kilwinning, Oamaru, New Zealand; Patea, Taranaki, New Zealand; Cromwell Kilwinning, Cromwell, New Zealand; Sir Walter Scott, Auckland, New Zealand; St. Andrew, Grey River, Grey Mouth, New Zealand.

The Grand Clerk having intimated that the newly-appointed representative from the Grand Lodge of Sweden and Norway was in waiting, the Grand Master ordered him to be conducted into the Grand Lodge. Bro. Mann, Past Senior Grand Warden, was accordingly ushered in with due ceremony, and the commissions from the King of Sweden having been read, was installed into office amidst loud applause. After he had returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, Bro. Robert Cowan, Past Provincial Grand Master of Scotland, was appointed representative at the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and Bro. Chevalier A. F. Krintberg, representative at the Grand Lodge of Sweden, vice Bro. Erskine, deceased.

The resignation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Stair, K.T., as Provincial Grand Master of Wigtownshire, was received with regret. The Grand Master said he had received a letter from the noble Earl, and he had written in reply, entreating him to reconsider his determination, but as he had received no reply, he concluded the noble Earl would not continue in office.

A motion by Captain Gordon, tabled at last meeting, to change the day of meeting of the Grand Lodge, was, in his absence, delayed till next meeting.

It was then moved by Bro. W. Officer, Past Grand Deacon, seconded by Bro. Lindsay Mackersy, in the absence of Bro. Alexander Hay—

“That on and after the passing of this motion the office of Grand Clerk shall cease, and its duties shall devolve on and be discharged by the Grand Secretary; that the present Grand Clerk shall be conjoined in the office of Grand Secretary, with Bro. Stewart as joint Grand Secretary;

that upon the occurrence of the first vacancy by death or resignation, the joint office shall cease, and the remaining holder of the office shall be sole Grand Secretary till the date of the next annual election, when only one Grand Secretary shall be elected; and that the laws of Grand Lodge in so far as not coincident with this motion be repealed.”

The motion was unanimously adopted, and the Grand Masters passed a high eulogium on Bro. Lawrie, Grand Clerk, for his valuable business services to Grand Lodge during the past two years, a compliment which was warmly endorsed by the brethren present.

It was unanimously agreed that the hour of meeting should in future be five, instead of six o'clock.

Bro. Abbot, No. 1, then moved the following motion:—

“That all lodges holding of this Grand Lodge, whether represented or not by their Master and Wardens, shall be compelled to pay the fees exigible for representation in Grand Lodge, on the 24th June annually, if not paid by their representatives previously.”

Bro. John Baird seconded the motion, and after some discussion it was agreed to.

Bro. Lindsay Mackersy then brought forward the following motion:

“That in future the Master shall appoint the Depute Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge laws so far as inconsistent with this are hereby altered.”

Bro. Dr. Loth seconded the motion, and after the Grand Master had made some remarks bearing on the subject, it was unanimously agreed to.

Motions for consideration at next meeting having been laid upon the table, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

PROVINCIAL LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

On Monday, 27th ult., a meeting of the Committee of Petitions was held at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, for the despatch of business. The D.P.G.M., Bro. L. P. Metham, presided. Bro. Goyer, the Secretary, read the proceedings of the last meeting, and stated that a boy, named Sawtell, was elected fifth in the last election of boys into the Masonic Boys' School. In order to effect his election they had used all their own votes, and Bro. Stevens, the agent of this Province in London, had borrowed 500 votes, so as to secure Sawtell's election. In consequence of this loan all the votes of the Province were pledged this year to be sent to London. The committee then proceeded to consider the applications for relief, and £5 was voted now to a poor brother at Bideford, and £5 will be voted at a future time. An application for relief for a widow at Plymouth was next considered, and £5 was voted, subject to the decision of Bros. Metham and Latimer, in whose hands the case was left for some inquiry. A letter was read from a widow at Totnes, thanking the committee for a former vote, and asking for further assistance. This letter was deferred. It was then proposed that the votes of the Province should be given for a decayed brother living at Sidmouth, a Freemason of 33 years' standing and of a high character, as a candidate for admission into the Royal Benevolent Institution for Decayed and Indigent Masons. The proposal was unanimously agreed to, and it was urged that all votes should be sent from the whole of the lodges in the Province to the Committee of Petitions. This would bring the whole of the Province into co-operation, and would give to every lodge a right by union to claim relief for any distressed brethren.

The D.P.G.M. then introduced a matter of considerable importance with regard to the future education of boys and girls for whom the Province wished to provide. He said they were in debt a large number of votes, and it would be two years before they would be out of debt. He had thought a great deal on the subject of their educating the sons of Freemasons who were either in indigent circumstances or left orphan-

He had turned the matter over in his mind for several years past, in order that some educational scheme might be adopted for boys especially, and for girls if they had the means of bringing it about. The Boys' School in London cost £43 per head, and had been considerably more, but there was great difficulty in getting a boy into the school. In Lancashire the Freemasons had fifty boys under education in good and well-conducted schools, and they clothed the boys, leaving them to reside with their mothers. He thought that they could adopt a plan of that kind, and whilst they were giving a proper support to the charity in London, they might have an additional scheme, and they might educate and clothe the boys for £15 each. There were now six applicants without the means of education, and they might take the whole six of them and place them in schools near their own homes at an expense of about £90 per annum. He had before him several reports from the Province of Cheshire, and in the ninth he found twenty boys under education, at a cost of £96 for the year. That did not include clothing, but in Devon they would like to do it properly, and clothe and educate as well the boys they took under their charge. Bro. I. Watts observed that in such a case as that they ought to raise funds and invest them, and call upon each lodge to contribute a sum which might be sufficient for carrying out the scheme.

The D.P.G.M. thought it would be best to adopt the principle. After much consideration, Bro. Gover mentioned that to elect a boy to the school in London cost 200 guineas. They had just elected one, and taken three years about it.

A resolution was then moved, seconded, and carried unanimously. It was to the following effect:—"That a sub-committee should be appointed to inquire into the desirability of instituting an educational fund for this Province, and that the sub-committee bring up a report for the consideration of the next meeting of this Committee of Petitions." The following brethren were appointed to act on the committee:—Messrs. Metham, Latimer, Bird, Watts, Jones, Gover, Hooper, and Jew.

The special business to be transacted was to decide whether any and what sum of money should be contributed from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the occasion of the festival in February, at which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will preside as chairman, and the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master will be one of the Stewards.

Bro. Metham rose in furtherance of the call of the meeting to propose that a sum should be given to the Grand Master to represent their Province well and worthily at the Grand Lodge in London. He desired that this Province should be represented as standing out for its benevolence, and that it should be one of the first in the amount that it would contribute. It would flatter their pride,—and he thought it was a just pride,—and when the vanity had passed away they would have the satisfaction of knowing that they could look back and see what an amount of good they had done their distressed brethren who wanted their assistance. They had not so largely supported some of the other charities as many Provinces had done, but their contributions towards the Benevolent Institution had been always very considerable. On the present occasion their brother, the Prince of Wales, who was evincing a great deal of interest in the Craft, and was actually going to become the Master of a lodge, and initiate his own brother in the mysteries of the Order, would preside. Their P.G.M. should on this occasion be assisted by all the influence and power that money could give. It was at that festival that he desired that that Lodge should stand out well, and he should like to see Devon at the top of the list. (Applause.) When he himself went up he had the honour of standing first, and on the second occasion he stood second, and surely they were also desirous that their Grand Master should stand at the top of the list. (Cheers.) Bro. Metham then referred to the great benefits the Benevolent Institution conferred upon poor and decayed Masons, giving instances of some of those who had benefited in this Province. No

one who was in business could say but what he might one day be subject to misfortune, and he trusted that every case of the kind that might arise they should be prepared to meet (Cheers.) To do that they must put their hands in their pockets, and he hoped that they would give freely that day; and he proposed, therefore, that they should vote their Grand Master one hundred guineas. (Applause.) Their funds could not be better spent than in the cause to which this money would be devoted.

Bro. Bird seconded the motion, remarking that he should have been better pleased had the amount been £150.

Bro. Davies proposed, as an amendment, that £150 should be voted; and this was seconded by Bro. Hooper. Bro. Gover said that the first proposal almost took away his breath, but he was quite astonished at the second. He objected that so large a sum of the funds of the Province should be devoted to such a purpose, for they were "eating the calf in the cow's belly." (Laughter.)

The Grand Master said that the whole of the lodge dues were due to the Grand Lodge on the first of January, but they always gave time for their being sent in; still the money could as well be relied upon as if it were in their hands. He also remarked that the Grand Lodge of England were in future going to give to every annuitant £36 a year instead of £26, and he should say that the former was not a farthing too much to give to a Freemason on the fund. (Applause.) And they would also give the widows £5 a year more than they were giving at present, therefore the sum required to sustain these benefits would be a very large one. Then the Prince of Wales was going to preside, and they ought to support him. His Royal Highness did not merely give his name, but supported Masonry in every way, and he was going to become the Master of his (the Grand Master's) mother lodge, the Apollo of Oxford, of which he was one of the oldest members living, and he intended to go up on the nineteenth with his brother, Sir John Hayes, who, with himself, was initiated in 1822—now more than 50 years since, and within a few days of each other. The Prince of Wales had done more for the Order than any crowned head, except the King of Sweden, and he would make Masonry exceedingly popular.

Bro. Watts was unable to give a silent vote on this question. He had been taken by surprise, and thought that the amount was altogether too large, and if it had not been for the Prince of Wales they would have heard nothing of this meeting.

Bro. Latimer rose, and said that Bro. Watts did not represent the feeling of the Three Towns. There was no occasion on which a money question arose but what Bro. Watts exhibited the niggardly spirit which then animated him, and he was satisfied that no one lodge in the Three Towns concurred with him. He (the speaker) had brought the matter forward on several occasions, and had been met with the most cordial approval, whilst the suggestions of Bro. Watts did not find even a seconder. After some further discussion, a vote was taken, and the amendment received 27, whilst for the original motion 29 voted. The amendment for £150 was thus lost by a majority of two.

The Past Grand Master said he was highly satisfied. (Loud cheers.) It was a very large sum for any Province to vote, excepting the great Provinces in the North, and he would be most happy and proud to carry up such an amount along with the sums which would be voted by the lodges in the Province. (Cheers.)

It was then determined that the bye-laws of the Province, which have not been printed since 1845, should be reprinted, after they had been subject to revision. For this purpose proofs are to be sent to all the lodges, and to all the members of the Provincial Grand Lodges.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

Afterwards, on a special invitation from Bro. John Way, P.P.G.T., of Alphington, the following brethren, members of the Committee of Petitions, dined at Mr. Gifford's, High-street:—Rev. John Huyshe, L. P. Metham, W. G. Rogers,

I. Latimer, R. Rodda, W. H. Geachias, J. B. Gover, S. Jew, I. Watts, V. Bird, Hambly, and Browning. The dinner was in all respects most excellent, and the wines, from Bro. Way's own cellar, were of the choicest. The party spent a most pleasant and happy afternoon, and were very much indebted to Bro. Way for his fraternal hospitality.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT LOWESTOFT.

We have pleasure in announcing a well-deserved compliment paid to our esteemed fellow-townsmen, Mr. Robert Clark, the proprietor of the Suffolk Hotel. On Thursday evening, Mr. Clark was invited to a dinner at the Suffolk Hotel, by the members of the Lodge Unity, No. 71, upon which occasion nearly 30 of the brethren were present. The chair was ably occupied by Brother Thomas, W.M., the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs being efficiently filled by Brothers Marks and Collins. In the course of the evening the Worshipful Master, in an address which met with its echo in every brother present, handed to Brother Clark, in the name of the lodge, a testimonial of their high regard and esteem, in the form of a splendid silver vase or "Loving Cup," with ebony stand and glass shade, upon which was the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Robert Clark, P.M., Masonic Lodge Unity, No. 71, by the Brethren of his Lodge, Lowestoft, January, 1873." Bro. Clark, who was much touched with the kindness manifested by the members of his lodge, responded most appropriately and with much feeling. He alluded to the many years the lodge had been held at his hotel; the many kind manifestations of their regard he had received, of which the present was the visible and tangible climax. He thanked them all most sincerely, and should treasure up, not so much for its material value—though that was considerable—as for the sincere expression of regard and esteem for him of which it was the practical proof. A very happy Masonic evening was spent, which was greatly augmented by the excellent songs of Brothers Firmin and Mann.—*Ipswich Journal*.

WEST INDIES.

Never was the town of Grenada thrown into such a state of excitement as on Friday, Dec. 27th, when the Masonic Fraternity turned out and marched to St. Andrew's Kirk, for the purpose of having a sermon preached to them, on the anniversary of their Tutelar Saint. The streets, and windows in every building throughout the line of route, were thronged with persons of all classes and creeds—in fact, there were thousands out to witness a sight which for over twenty years Grenada had not seen. The brethren formed in procession at the lodge, and (avoiding the order in which they respectively stood), numbered thirty-eight. Amongst their number stood some old veterans of the Craft,—brothers, who on that day, called to remembrance happy years of the past when similar happy gatherings took place, and who also, with that love for the Order which none but Masons can have, marked the stirring present, and for old "Caledonia, 324," pointed to a hopeful future.

In the evening, an entertainment was given at the lodge. The programme included dancing and supper. The menu comprised every delicacy of the season, and the viands being served in proper style, their fully enjoyment was ensured.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. "The Queen," "The Grand Masters of England, Ireland and Scotland," "Our Brother the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales," were proposed by the W.M., and from the heartiness of the manner in which they were received, were undeniably endorsed by all.

The ball room was profusely decorated with shrubs, flowering plants, &c.

The arrangements were carried out by a most indefatigable band of Stewards, and to these we can safely say, with the co-operation of the respected R.W.M., the great success may be attributed.—*St. George's Chronicle*.

Answers to Correspondents.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

A. F. Sutherland, Suez, Egypt, P.O.O., £2.
George Laurie, Constantinople, P.O.O., £1 10s.
S. Bairnsdale, P.O.O. received, 12/6. The annual subscription, including postage to Australia, is 12s., not 10s. The amount you have sent, will pay the subscriptions from this number (205) to 244.

The following communications stand over:—
Reports of Mark Lodges 12 and 135; Albert Encampment, Rochdale; Kendal Chapter; Prov. G. Lodge and Chapter of Glasgow.

Public Amusements.

Sadler's Wells Theatre.

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AIDS TO STUDY.

By BRO. WM. CARPENTER, P.M., AND P.Z. 177. XVIII.

To the biblical student, and, indeed, to all who desire to find sacred history verified by ancient traditions and records, the contributions which the mounds of Assyria and Babylon have yielded, through the labours and researches of travellers and scholars, during the last few years, are of more interest than anything that has been obtained through the interpreted memoranda of Egyptian monuments and papyri, inasmuch as many of them connect themselves with scripture history, and afford incontestible evidence of its authenticity, in some of its most remarkable features. Some of the earliest of that most interesting class of records, which have been truly called Assyrian books,—tablets, cylinders, or prisms of clay, covered with cuneiform inscriptions, in a fine character, some of which were multiplied for use and preservation, have been disinterred at Kileh-Shergat (now identified with Asshur), west of the Tigris; but those found on the eastern side of the river, as at Khorsabad, Bavian, She-reef Khan, Nebbianus, Koyunjik, and Nineveh, are by far the most interesting and valuable.

Conspicuous among the ruins are those which have been mentioned as capitals: Nineveh; Nimrud (Calah), lower down the river; Kileh-Shergat (Asshur), lower still; and Khorsabad or Dur-Sargina, north of Nineveh, on the little river Khors-su, which joins the Tigris at Nineveh. The very name of the last, as Mr. Philip Smith observes,—the "City of Sargon," excludes it from the original Tetrapolis. It was, in fact, a new royal city, supplemental to Nineveh.

The largest ruins in Assyria are the mounds of Nebbi-Yunus and Koyunjik, on the left bank of the Tigris, opposite Mosul, on the right bank, in latitude 36° 21' N., which mark the traditional site of the original Nineveh, and contain the palaces of Sennacherib and his successors.

Passing down the great plain, we find similar mounds to these of Assyria, among the ruined cities of Babylonia. The argillaceous plain supplied the materials for bricks, which the fierce sun hardened sufficiently for the construction of the massive stages of the tower and walls of the palaces, while, for the protection of the outer surfaces, they burnt them thoroughly. As the

scriptural record says, "they had bricks for stone and slime for mortar." It is doubtful whether the "slime" means the tenacious mud, or the bitumen, which is one of the most characteristic products of Chaldea. The characters impressed upon the bricks, and upon the tablets and signet-cylinders, found in the ruins, attest the knowledge of the art of writing, and furnish testimony concerning this early age, which is, in some cases, confirmed by the records of later kings, representing, of course, only the traditions of their times. The names of the earliest of these cities are recorded in the scriptural notice of Nimrod. Of the cities forming the southern tetrapolis (besides Babel), Erech and Calneh seem to be the Huruk and Nipur of the cuneiform inscriptions, which are identified, almost certainly, with Wark, and Niffer. Accad seems to be the name rather of a region than of a city, and is sometimes used like the general name of the kingdom. The testimony found in the ruins seems to indicate the existence of two Tetrapoleis, corresponding to the two-fold division of the Babylonian plain—the upper consisting of Babel, Borsippa, Cutha (now Ibrahim, N. E. of Babylon) and Sippara (the Sepharvaim of Scripture), now Sura, on the Euphrates, twenty miles above Babylon; the lower comprising (besides Erech and Calneh) Larsa, or Larancha (the Ellasar of Scripture, and now Senkereh), and Hur (now called Mugheir, i.e. the mother of bitumen, from the vast quantity of bituminous cement found in its ruins).

Among the travellers who have been possessed with a desire to explore the vast mounds of Assyria and Babylonia, Mr. Layard, while seeking for the means of effecting his purpose of penetrating those of Nineveh, was stimulated to increased activity by the success of M. Botta, who had discovered, at Khorsabad, about 10 miles N.N.E. of Nineveh, at the foot of the Makloub Hills, the magnificent palace of Sargon, the sovereign who completed the capture of Samaria, and extinguished the kingdom of Israel, as is recorded by Sargon himself, on one of the tablets in the great hall of his palace, B.C. 720, according to the canon of Ptolemy.

But by what means are the inscriptions found in these ancient ruins rendered intelligible? By written letters, and that not in their first stage, for the writing of the Assyrians and Babylonians had, like that of the Egyptians, passed beyond the hieroglyphic stage. The kind of writing found on these monuments is what has been variously called the wedge, nail, arrow-head, dagger, or swallow-tail, but is now generally called cuneiform, or cuneatic, from the Latin *cuneus* a wedge, that being the form of the letters, which seem to have been produced upon the soft clay, by the simple pressure of the style or instrument of writing, which left a mark like a fine wedge, or something like the form which would be made if a shortened arrow were impressed upon a soft clay tablet—broad at one end and tapering off to the other.

Inscriptions have been found in which the tapering is wanting, and others in which it is represented by cross-bars, like the head of a hammer. Evidently from its rigid and curveless character, this form of writing was specially, and very probably, purposely, adapted for being

inscribed, either on soft brick or on stone, and the taper form may have been suggested by observing that, in practice, a line thicker at one end came out more natural than one uniformly hick. In regard to the origination of the characters, it is now fully ascertained that, like the Egyptian hieroglyphics, they were at first pictorial, though, unlike the Egyptian, the pictures became generally unrecognisable. In some cases, however, the likeness to the object represented is still discernible; and it is found that in the oldest modes of writing the signs present the most distinct traces of pictorial origin. The student who desires to see further on this subject may consult Loftus, *Chaldea*; Taylor, in *Journal Asiatic Society*, XV.; Rawlinson, *ib.*, 1839 and 1846; Oppert, *Exped. Scientif.*; Hinks, in *Report of Brit. Assoc.* 1857; Rawlinson, *Herodotus*, i, pp. 442-444; Ménant, *Les écrits, Cun.* pp. 19-52; Layard, *Nineveh and Babylon*; and other writers to whom references will there be found.

Such has been the course of enquiry in regard to this cuneiform writing, and so satisfactory and complete the results, that Sir. H. Rawlinson, in 1850, could write "There are probably not more than twenty words in the whole range of the Persian cuneiform records (it should be observed that the cuneiform writing was not confined to the Assyrians and Babylonians, but was used by all the nations that held dominion in the plain of Mesopotamia, down to the time of Alexander; and some few inscriptions are found of a later date than the Macedonian conquest) upon the meaning, grammatical condition or etymology of which any doubt or difference of opinion can be said, at present, to exist." (Comment. on Cuneiform Inscriptions, p. 3).

The very magnitude of the achievement provokes, in some minds, a doubt of its reality. "The more," says a writer in the Quarterly Review for March, 1847, "we consider the marvellous character of this discovery, the more we feel some distrust and misgiving returning to our minds. It is no less, in the first place, than the creation of a regular alphabet, of forty letters, out of what appears, at first sight, confused and unmeaning lines and angles; and, secondly, the creation of a language out of words so found from this alphabet," the reconstruction of a lost tongue from its characters—characters which could tell nothing of their own meaning, which if once pictorial, had long lost their pictorial significance, and of which there was no Rosetta stone, as for the interpretation of the Egyptian hieroglyphics, to guide the enquirer. Yet that this is no imaginary feat has been shown by evidence sufficient to satisfy any unprejudiced mind." This evidence I may not attempt to produce here. It may suffice to repeat what is said by Mr. Talbot, a very competent judge, that the clearness and consistency of the numerous passages, and the long historical narratives translated by Rawlinson (and, I may now add, by Mr. George Smith) afford in themselves no slight presumption that we cannot be greatly mistaken as to the meaning of these ancient records. The rival system of Forster breaks down.

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THE HOUSE OF BONAPARTE AND FREEMASONRY.

BY BRO. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

(Continued from page 49).

Ragon, in his *Orthodoxie Maçonnique* p. 193, describes an Order of French Noachites, under the heading of "Maçonnerie Napoléonienne," and which he states was originated by certain partisans of the ex-Emperor in 1816. The Grand Master of the Order was General Bertrand, one of the fallen chief's most devoted friends, but during his absence at St. Helena its affairs were directed by a Supreme Commander and two Lieutenants. The Order was divided into three degrees, 1. Chevalier, 2. Commandeur, 3. Grand-Elu, in three points, viz., Secret Judge, Perfect Initiate, Knight of the Crown of Oak (Oaken Crown). Under the name of Peleg (Phaleg), the architect of the Tower of Babel, allusions to Napoleon were conveyed. The tower was said to be eight stories high, and the initials of the names given to each of them, composed the word Napoleon, thus—Adam, Eve, Noah, Lamech, Naamah, Phaleg, Oubal, Orient. The age of the candidate was ten years, viz., from 1804 to 1814—the duration of the first Empire. In the second degree Napoleon's decease was commemorated, as will be perceived from the following account in Ragon.

The aspirant carried an urn covered with a veil, and was thus accosted by the Chief. What is thy name? Faithful. Whence comest thou? From an island. What has thou seen? A weeping willow. What bringest thou back? An urn. What does it contain? The ashes of Phaleg.

It is to be noted that, although the queries were put in French, the candidate responded in Latin. Ragon asserts that this Order flourished for many years, but is now (1853) extinct.

There can be no doubt that the late Emperor Napoleon III. was a member of the once formidable society of the Carbonari, inasmuch as he participated in the various insurrectionary movements in Italy which were directed by the chiefs of the Carbonari, and as the latter body endeavoured in every way to establish a quasi connection with the Masonic Order, it is more than probable that Louis Napoleon was initiated in one of the many secret lodges then existing in Austrian Italy, and in the kingdom of the Two Sicilies. In the "Memoirs of the Carbonari" at p. 10, the following remarkable statement upon the subject occurs: "The Freemasons were established in Italy among all ranks. The illuminati of Weishaupt reckoned among their initiated some of the Knights of Malta, with the celebrated Dolomieu at their head. But the reorganizers of the Carbonari of the present day (1821) chose that Order in preference, because it suited their plan to gain proselytes chiefly among the middle and lower classes of the people." Again, at p. 20, in a quotation from the judgment of the Roman Tribunal against the conspirators of Macerata—the Court affirms that, "the adherence of any individual to any of the secret societies suffices to ensure his reception, with a corresponding rank, into all those that may be formed afterwards, so that one sect is always merging in another, while procuring fresh proselytes. That they are, however, no other than so many ramifications of Masonry, some of the best informed sectaries themselves allow, and none of them differ essentially as to the object they have in view: viz., independence, or, at least, a constitutional government, particularly in Italy." It is further stated that "all Freemasons were admitted simply by ballot, and without undergoing the preparatory trials required from ordinary candidates." What these "trials" were may be gathered from the subjoined account of the reception of a Carbonaro in a Baracca or Lodge.

The *Preparatore* (preparer) leads the *Pagan* (uninitiated) who is to become a member, blindfold, from the closet of reflection to the door of the Baracca. He knocks irregularly; the *Copritore* (coverer) says to the second assistant, "A Pagan knocks at the door." The second assistant repeats this to the first, who repeats it to the Grand Master; at every communication the Grand Master strikes a blow with an axe.

GRAND MASTER. See who is the rash being, who dares to trouble our sacred labours.

This question having passed through the assistants and *Copritore* and *Preparatore*, he answers through an opening in the door.

PREPARATORE. It is a man whom I have found wandering in the forest.

GR. M. Ask his name, country and profession. The secretary writes the answer.

GR. M. Ask him his habitation—his religion. The secretary notes them.

GR. M. What is it he seeks among us?

PREP. Light; and to become a member of our society.

GR. M. Let him enter.

(The Pagan is led into the middle of the assembly; and his answers are compared with what the Secretary had noted.)

GR. M. Mortal, the first qualities which we require, are frankness, and contempt of danger. Do you feel that you are capable of practising them?

After the answer, the Grand Master questions the candidate on morality and benevolence; and he is asked if he has any effects, and wishes to dispose of them, being at the moment in danger of death; after being satisfied of his conduct, the Grand Master continues, "Well, we will expose you to trials that have some meaning—let him make the first journey." He is led out of the Baracca—he is made to journey through the forest—he hears the rustling of leaves—he is then led back to the door, as at his first entrance.

GR. M. What have you remarked during this first Journey?

(The Pagan relates accordingly.)

GR. M. The first journey is the symbol of human virtue: the rustling of leaves, and the obstacles you have met in the road, indicate to you, that weak as we are, and struggling in this vale of tears, we can only attain virtue by good works, and under the guidance of reason, &c. &c. Let him make the second journey.

(The Pagan is led away, and is made to pass through fire; he is made acquainted with the chastisement of perjury; and, if there is an opportunity, he is shown a head severed from the body, &c. &c. He is again conducted into the Baracca.)

GR. M. The fire through which you have passed is the symbol of that flame of charity, which should be always kindled in our hearts, to efface the stains of the seven capital sins, &c. &c. Make him approach the sacred throne, &c.

GR. M. You must take an irrevocable oath; it offends neither religion nor the state, nor the rights of individuals; but forget not, that its violation is punished with death.

The Pagan declares that he will submit to it; the Master of the Ceremonies leads him to the throne, and makes him kneel on the white cloth.

GR. M. Order!

The Oath.

I, N. N. promise and swear, upon the general statutes of the Order, and upon this steel, the avenging instrument of the perjured, scrupulously to keep the secret of Carbonarism; and neither to write, engrave, or paint anything concerning it, without having obtained a written permission. I swear to help my Good Cousins in case of need, as much as in me lies, and not to attempt anything against the honour of their families. I consent, and wish, if I perjure myself, that my body may be cut in pieces, then burnt, and my ashes scattered to the wind, in order that my name may be held up to the execration of the Good Cousins throughout the earth. So help me God.

GR. M. Lead him into the middle of the ranks (this is done). What do you wish? The Master of the Ceremonies suggests to the Pagan, to say *Light*.

GR. M. It will be granted to you by the blows of my axe.

The Grand Master strikes with the axe—this action is repeated by all the apprentices—the bandage is removed from the eye of the Pagan—the Grand Master and the Good Cousins hold their axes raised.

GR. M. These axes will surely put you to death, if you become perjured. On the other hand, they will all strike in your defence, when you need them, and if you remain faithful. (To

the Master of the Ceremonies.) Bring him near the Throne, and make him kneel.

GR. M. Repeat your oath to me, and swear to observe exactly the private institutions of this respectable Vendita.

THE CANDIDATE. I ratify it and swear.

GR. M. Holding the specimen of wood in his left hand, and suspending the axe over the head of the candidate with his right, says, To the great and divine Grand Master of the universe, and to St. Theobald, our protector—In the name and under the auspices of the Supreme Vendita of Naples, and in virtue of the power which has been conferred upon me in this respectable Vendita, I make, name and create you an apprentice Carbonaro.

The Grand Master strikes the specimen which is held over the Apprentice's head, thrice; he then causes him to rise, and instructs him in the sacred words and touch.

GR. M. Master of the Ceremonies, let him be acknowledged by the apprentices.

The Assistants anticipate the execution of this order, by saying to the Grand Master, All is according to rule, just and perfect.

GR. M. Assistant tell the respective orders to acknowledge, henceforth, the Good Cousin N. N. as an active member of this Vendita, [&c., &c.]

The Symbolical Picture is explained to the new apprentice.

GR. M. At what hour do the Carbonari terminate their sacred labours.

FIRST ASSISTANT. As soon as the Sun no longer enlightens our forest.

GR. M. What hour is it?

SECOND ASSISTANT. The Sun no longer enlightens our forest.

GR. M. Good Cousins, as the Sun no longer enlightens our forest, it is my intention to terminate our sacred labours. First, let us make a triple salutation (Vantaggio), to our Grand Master, divine and human, (Jesus Christ.)—To St. Theobald, our protector, who has assisted us and preserved us from the eyes of the pagans—Order! To me, &c. The sign and salutation (Vantaggi) are performed.

GR. M. I declare the labours ended; retire to your Baracche—retire in peace.

(To be continued.)

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS BRO. EMRA HOLMES, AND "UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL."

As our worthy Bro. Holmes has before him a series of interesting and valuable articles by the Masonic Scholar "Lupus," and will require space in *The Freemason* to state his views of the question, now that it has been so clearly put, it is not my intention for the present to review the history. However ably Bro. Holmes has treated the subject, and I frankly admit on many subjects he has done well, and is entitled to our best thanks, yet there is a grave fault in the "Notes" throughout, viz. the claiming the Masonic Knights Templars, and Knights of Malta, to be the descendants of the original Orders. It is to this point my remarks will tend, when an opportunity is afforded me of saying a few words, but of course if Bro. Holmes withdraws his claim, and simply alludes to Grand Conclave as of Masonic origin, the discussion will be at an end, and will require no observations from yours fraternally, W. J. HUGHAN.

BRO. LUPUS.

I am obliged to Bro. Lupus for his explanation, though I had not in any way sought to interfere in the discussion between him and Bro. Emra Holmes.

I agree with him. I do not see why Bro. Emra Holmes brought the Knights of St. John into the discussion, as the question really was and still is, "are the Masonic Knights Templar the legitimate and historical descendants of the famous Order of the Temple?"

Bro. Emra Holmes states that he believes they are, and endeavours to prove that the Knights of the Hospital were duly constituted in this country in direct succession, through the English

langue, though I observe, he has not so far supplied the many links still wanting to unite in any way the Masonic Knights Templar with the Chivalry of the Temple!

Bro. Lupus's clear explanatory notes place before us the disposition of the English *langue* of the Hospital in this country.

Though Bro. Lupus does not say so, he seems by implication to believe that the *langue* to which he alludes, in the documents he has seen and verified, is a lineal descendant of the old English *langue* of St. John of Jerusalem. But I would respectfully ask his careful attention to one or two patent historical difficulties, as it seems to me.

Supposing we admit the Conventions of 1826 and 1827 to be what they profess to be, how can they be said to re-constitute the English *langue*?

Was the English *langue* an original *langue* of the "Hospitallers of Jerusalem?" Was it not only a mediety?

How could any conventions in Paris, in 1826, deal only with a specified *langue*? or the mediety of a *langue*? Under what authority did they act?

Could any power call together the Knights of St. John, except the power by whom the original institution was created, or by which it was sanctioned, and under which it would remain, in its dormant state? How does the acknowledgement of the Secretary General of the French *langue*, affect the question? These are points to be considered carefully by so acute a debater as Bro. Lupus, and so able a brother, and on their solution, a great deal turns.

If this re-constitution in 1826, was "ultra vires," I confess it seems to me, the "quæstio," altogether cedit.

If on the other hand, all was in due order "et plenâ potestate," then, Bro. Lupus may claim a historic connection for the present *langue*, with the old order. It will however require much proof, and one or two very important considerations seem to be entirely overlooked.

I am much obliged to Bro. Lupus, for his information about Sir R. Peat, but I confess I do not understand the proceedings before Lord Denman—why he administered such an oath to Sir R. Peat, or why Sir R. Peat took it, or what he gained by doing so.

Perhaps Bro. Lupus will throw a little further light on the matter. Up to the present time, no proof has been brought forward that there was a "secreta receptio," in the Hospital, though it has been said there was.

It is however quite clear that there was a Templar "secreta receptio."

A MASONIC STUDENT.

NOTES ON THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

In the next issue of *The Freemason* I propose to give my reply to "A Masonic Student" and "Lupus," and for the information of your readers I shall publish an important document from the head quarters of the Order of St. John at Rome, repudiating the claims of the Protestant Order of St. John under the Duke of Manchester, which will prove my assertion that the said Manchesterian body have no more right to the title they assume than we of the Masonic body.

EMRA HOLMES.

OLD MASONIC BOOKS.

Finding that my first communication has produced an interesting reply from Bro. W. J. Hughan, I am induced to send a few more "Notes" on the same subject. With regard to Pritchard, my copy was lent some years ago, and unfortunately not returned to me, but I am trying to discover it.

If it is the 1730 edition, I will communicate with Bro. Hughan.

The first old book I wish to mention, is a French History of Freemasonry, entitled "Histoire des Francs Maçons," in two volumes, of which the first is published "à l'Orient, chez G. de l'Etoile, entre l'Equerrie et le Compas, vis à vis le soleil couchant," 1745.

The "Tome Second," is published at the same place, with same description, 1746.

I do not profess to say that there is anything very important or striking, or even novel in these volumes, as for the most part their general history is a recapitulation of ours, as taken from Anderson, and their particular history is confined

to the "Statuts et Reglemens des Francs Maçons" contained in a "Discours" delivered "par le Grand Maître des Francs Maçons," de France dans la Grand Loge, assemblée solennellement à Paris, l'an de la Franche Maçonnerie cinq mille sept cent quarante." 1740. The first volume contains however, more than one interesting historical essay and the translation of our "Regulations" of 1721.

The second volume contains principally apologies for the Order, both in poetry and prose, some of a high order of merit, and an interesting collection of "Chansons des Francs Maçons, en usage dans les loges, et hors des loges."

The book is now somewhat rare.

The second book to which I would call attention is a curious old book, published at Amsterdam, 1745, called "Les Secrets de l'Ordre des Francs Maçons. Devoilés et mis au jour, par Monsieur P."

This is composed of two parts, making 198 pages, with two very interesting prints.

Like all other attacks on our Order it is most inconsistent in itself, and the writer at the outset proclaims himself unworthy of credit.

Bound up with this attack is "Le Secret de la Société des Mopses," (Lady Freemasons,) by the same well-informed Mr. P., together with the Chansons of the Freemasons and the music of those days. The volume, valuable as it is, finishes with a very curious pamphlet of 444 pages, published also at Amsterdam, 1747, and entitled "Les Francsmaçons ecrasés, suite du livre intitulé, l'Ordre des Francs Maçons trahi. Traduit du Latin.

Where the Latin original of so serious an attack on Freemasonry exists, if it ever existed, I know not, but it is comforting for us to feel, that, notwithstanding such a declaration, Freemasonry still survives!

3. The third book I wish to call attention to is a little and valuable collection, in MS., of five songs, the date of the MS. is about 1772, as it names Lord Petre and "Kelly," about whom some Irish brother may kindly tell us. Lord Petre was appointed G.M., May 4th, 1772.

The five songs are, the "Master's Song," "Fellow Craft's Song," "Hail Masonry, &c.," "The Entered Apprentice's Song," a fourth song beginning "Here's a Health to each one," and a fifth song beginning "Ye thrice happy few," and the chorus, "Like Pillars we stand."

The peculiarity of the little MS. is, that it is in a very neat and striking handwriting, which perhaps may yet be recognised.

4. It may interest some members of the Masonic Knights Templars, to know that I have in my possession a very interesting copy of a work entitled, "The Preceptory of the Temple at London," of date 1850, which contains "the Officers of the Temple at London, with abstracts of the history of the Order, of its preservation in Scotland, and of the Rules of the Preceptory, with the roll of its members."

"The Preceptory of London" is said to have been instituted by charter from the Grand Master, March 11th, MDCCCLVII.

I mention this book, though of so recent a date, because it was privately printed, and is not generally known.

The history of the Templars is very well written, and abounds with curious details.

5. Lastly, I am anxious to call attention to a very old and curious copy of the "Ordonnances des Chevaliers et voyageurs au Sanct Sepulchre de Hierusalem. Outre mer. 1573.

These profess to be Ordonnances of date 1260.

I hope that my budget is not too long, and that my communications may draw forth others.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

J. L. S. May see a copy of "Statuta Hospitalis Jerusalem" at the office of *The Freemason*, 198, Fleet-st., by giving three or four day's notice.

"Chevaliers de Rhodes," by Flandin, may be obtained through any French bookseller.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

Microscopical investigation has proved that the substances which accumulate between the teeth contain animal and vegetable parasites, and that the tooth powders, pastes, and washes in general use have no effect upon these. Messrs. Gabriel's Coralite Tooth Paste and Royal Dentrifrice (sold by all chemists and perfumers at 1s. 6d. per box) completely destroy and remove these animalcules and also preserve and beautify the teeth. Prepared only by Messrs. Gabriel, the old-established dentists, 64, Ludgate-hill, and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London, where they practice their unique system of painless dentistry.

Original Correspondence.

STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Pray allow me space in your next impression of *The Freemason* to thank "An Old P.M." for his prompt reply to my letter of last week. Would he kindly add to the obligation already conferred by stating whether an Irish or Scotch P.M. could, in the absence of the W.M. and all other English P.M.'s, take the chair.

Yours fraternally,

A NORTH COUNTRY MASON.

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have to thank the brethren who have with such courtesy answered my queries. The one with reference to my own immediate duties I am told by the worthy brother and Past Master who raised the question, he based on the working he uses, which at the end of raising intimates that on the candidate's return to the lodge "the J. W." will direct his attention to the tracing board. Other brethren, however, tell me that it is the Master's duty to deliver all three explanations or lectures on the tracing board, but that he may depute that duty to any competent brother. In any case, I hold that giving the explanation of the first tracing board on an evening when there was no business before the lodge, by consent, and at the request of the W.M., I was not out of order, and that "it is very desirable the Wardens should be invited to lecture," seeing first their hope of one day attaining the chair, and their responsibilities in the absence of the Master.

Upon the other point I agree with the courteous and encouraging brother, whom I have just quoted, in the Book of Constitutions, being revised from time to time to meet cases of the kind which has arisen in our midst, in a fraternal manner, but we know no brother cares to hold a position which is questioned. As I understood it, Grand Secretary, on being appealed to held that a brother re-elected as W.M. need not be reinstated. The 2nd clause, however, in the Book of Constitutions, under the heading "Private Lodges," rules that "every lodge shall annually elect its Master, and at the next meeting after his election he shall be duly installed," &c.; and this having been pointed out, Grand Secretary replied, "I think that when a W.M. is re-elected, his I.P.M. would continue to retain his position until the Master vacated the chair; in fact, no other brother comes between the I.P.M. and the chair to supply his place. Bro. ——— being re-elected, my opinion is that C.D. as I.P.M. should be again invested." It will be seen that this opinion coincides with those given by your correspondents of last week. Nevertheless, an experienced and much respected Past Master in our midst still contends that as the Worshipful Master necessarily left his chair to be re-installed, the fact of his having so left it, made him the immediate Past Master for the year he had just served—that therefore C.D. was no longer entitled to occupy the seat on the left of the chair which he had held for twelve months, but that it should be taken by the Senior Past Master present in the lodge. C.D. being the junior or youngest Past Master, and therefore not called upon to occupy the position in presence of his senior in the office. This, I hope, both makes my meaning clear to your correspondent "P. M.," and places the controversy plainly before many brethren who take sufficient interest in it to pass their opinion thereon.

Fraternally yours,

A YOUNG J.W.

"THAT BRIGHT MORNING STAR."

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been so situated that I did not receive *The Freemason* of January 25th till yesterday, or I should have endeavoured to reply to several of your correspondents at an earlier period, so as to obtain insertion in your number of to-day. Perhaps a few lines even now will not be out of place, as I am a M.M. & twenty-

five years' standing, and have twice filled the chair of W.M. in different lodges, the first occasion being twenty-two years ago. I profess to work implicitly according to the standard of the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, as acquired in an early part of my Masonic career, and was there instructed to use the words "peace and salvation," not "tranquility." In reference to the inquiry of "A Young J.W.," I reply that I have always thought that, when a W.M. is re-elected, his I.P.M. continues also to hold his position for two years. It is manifest that he cannot himself fill both offices. As to the latter inquiry, in reference to the lectures, I can hardly say how I formed my impressions, probably from the practice in my district, confirmed by my own judgment, but my teaching has been this; The explanation of the working tools in all three degrees may be given by either of the Wardens; the charges by the Chaplain, if present, and if not, by the W.M. or a P.M.; the lectures by the W.M. or a P.M., though failing these, I have allowed them to be given by a Warden. A little consideration will, I think, commend this as a suitable division of labour, in the absence of any specific legislation on the subject.

As to the status of Past Masters, the first ten years of my Masonic career were passed in the Province in which I was initiated, where I attained the rank of P.G.S.W. I then changed my residence, and spent nearly ten years in another Province, there forming a new lodge, and being its first W.M. I then removed to a third Province, in which I have now been more than five years. On one occasion, soon after coming hither, I received a letter from the W.M. of the lodge I had joined, stating that he could not attend one of the meetings, and asking me to take his place. I showed the letter to the I.P.M., who expressed a wish that I should comply with the request. After the lodge was opened, I read the letter to the members, and offered the chair to the P.M.'s and Wardens, as I am not a P.M. of the lodge, but all declined to take it. I had, therefore, no alternative, and proceeded with the work. A report of the meeting was sent to your late contemporary, and in a day or two after its publication I received a letter from the Prov. G.M., informing me that I had acted wrongly, and forbidding me to take the chair in any lodge in his Province, until duly authorised by becoming W.M. of one in it. The propriety of this dictum I disputed, of course, with all respect and courtesy, and the matter was under discussion for nearly a year. The result was that my view was confirmed, and restrictions were removed. I am therefore a P.M. *in*, but not of the lodge, and am eligible to fill the chair, but all the P.M.'s of the lodge have precedence before me. Of course, though a member of the Prov. Grand Lodge in which I held office, I have no status or vote in the one under whose jurisdiction I am now located.

As regards the place of Chaplain and Past Chaplains, it will be observed that the S.D. is at or near the right of the W.M., the Chaplains coming between them, which is provided for by the insertion of the word near.

A question was asked as to the position of Scotch or Irish Past Masters. I conceive that they should be on the left of the W.M., after the Past Masters of the lodge. They are not entitled to take the chair under our jurisdiction until they have been Wardens in an English lodge for a year, and have been installed as W.M.'s

I think it would be well if these and many other doubtful matters were defined by the Book of Constitutions.

H. H.

February, 1st, 1873.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS:—Life may be blessed with the enjoyment of health through these curatives. To live is one thing, to enjoy life is a far superior state. What avails all our wealth when sickness screens our view? Health and poverty are preferable to riches with infirmity. Few men would be so foolish as to barter health for wealth. The poorest can secure the former by a trifling investment in these noble medicaments. Be the mischief external or internal, slight or malignant, the patient may rest assured that the proper use of Holloway's Ointment and Pills will speedily mitigate and expel his malady. The very continuance of life depends on sound healthy blood, which these remedies secure. —ADVERT.

Masonic Tidings.

BRITISH, FOREIGN, AND COLONIAL.

THE INSTALLATION OF R.W.P.G.M. FOR WEST LANCASHIRE.—Probably the largest and most imposing Masonic assembly of the brethren within the division of West Lancashire will take place in Liverpool on the 27th inst., when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale will be formally installed as the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire. The appointment has given the most unbounded satisfaction amongst the brethren in the province, and therefore it is expected that lodges, even from the most distant part of the province, will be present to do honour to the new Masonic chief. Bro. his Worship the Mayor of Liverpool, (Mr. E. Samuelson), has most kindly granted the splendid suite of rooms at the Town Hall for the occasion, and this will give a town's importance to the ceremony. It is not yet known who will perform the ceremony of installation.

CENTRAL INDIA.—Colonel Farquharson, S.W., has been elected W.M. of the Lodge of St. Paul, Mhow, for the ensuing year. The installation took place on St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, when some 40 brethren sat down to the banquet.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, January 30th. After the transaction of routine business the Committee proceeded to the election of a clerk in the Secretary's office, with the following result, Mr. H. W. Durnford Green, 13; Mr. Francis R. W. Hedges, 42; Mr. George Knill, 28. Mr. Hedges was declared duly elected, and the Committee adjourned especially to Saturday, 15th February, at 3. p.m.

We understand that Bro. Captain Turner, P.M. and P.Z. 86, 826, &c., will again be nominated for the Provincial Grand Treasurer ship, to which it will be recollected, Bro. Armstrong, then P.P.G.D. was elected by a majority of six out of 146 votes at the last Annual Provincial Meeting for West Lancashire.

At the usual meeting of the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, held last Monday, at Bro. Wickens's, St. John's Gate Clerkenwell, Bro. Beckett in the chair, the ceremony of installation was most efficiently performed by the W.M., who afterwards gave further proof of his great knowledge of Freemasonry by working for the instruction of the brethren, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections of the first lecture. The Brethren passed a vote of thanks to Bro. Beckett for his capital working. Bro. Beckett was most ably supported in the ceremony by Bros. Hanes, W.M. elect, Morrison, S.W.; Owens, J.W.; Griffith, S.D.; Tickle, J.D. and Bros. Shepperd, West, Foxcroft, and others.

A Lodge of Instruction has been opened at the Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, under the preceptorship of Bro. Rose, P.M. of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, to meet at the above named tavern, at eight o'clock in the evening on the first and third Monday of every month, for the purpose of working the installation ceremony.

CITY OF LONDON MASONIC LIFEBOAT.—A ball, in aid of the City of London Masonic Lifeboat Fund, was held last night, at the Long Tavern. The company numbered about 200 and included the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, and Miss Waterlow, Sheriff Perkins, and Mr. Under-Sheriff Cross. Shapcott's band was in attendance, and dancing was kept up till an early hour in the morning. An excellent supper was provided under the superintendence of Mr. Whitfield. The principal M.C. was Bro. T. Meekhan. *City Press*, Jan. 25.

[Not having received the usual complimentary tickets we are unable to give a more extensive report.]

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CONSECRATION OF THE ERA LODGE

No. 1423.

The fifth lodge since the formation of the Province (in addition to the "Bard of Avon" Lodge transferred from another Province) was consecrated on Saturday, 1st inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.

The important ceremonies of the consecration and installation were rendered in a faultless, correct and impressive manner by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, P.M. (Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls) which were fully appreciated by all present as great Masonic treats.

The programme (a lengthy one) was carried out in its entirety. The lodge was opened at the appointed hour, Bro. R. W. Little appointing as his officers Bros. S. Rosenthal, P.G.S.W. Middlesex as S.W.; W. Smeed, P.G.J.W. as J.W.; F. Walters, P.M. 1309, as Secretary; R. Limpus, S.D. 1309, Organist; G. Kenning, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M. 192, as D.C. (which position he efficiently filled), R. T. Elsam, W.M. 889, as I.G.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, as Tyler.

The entire ceremony of the consecration was admirably given and greatly improved by the beautiful music and singing of Bros. R. Limpus, G. Musgrave, F. Gilby, and H. D. Martin.

After the consecration came the installation of Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, as the first W.M., he being a P.M. of 169, P.M. and W.M. of 1326.

The ceremony was somewhat curtailed, but was none the less interesting.

The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers:—Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.M., 73, (being unanimously elected) Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., Sec. 73, Secretary; E. H. Thiellay, S.D.; J. S. Sweasey, J.D.; J. Baxter Langley, I.G.; E. W. Mackney, W.M. 134, Organist; H. Keeble, W.M. 1275, D.C.; H. Cutress, W.S.; J. Gilbert, Tyler.

The ceremony being concluded the following resolutions were unanimously carried, namely—That Brother Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, be elected the first honorary member of the lodge, which he was pleased to honour the lodge by accepting. That a vote of thanks be given and the same be entered on the lodge minute book to Bro. R. W. Little for his kindness in performing the ceremonies of consecration and installation which had been so correctly and forcibly rendered. Also that he be elected an honorary Member of the lodge. That a vote of thanks be given, and be entered on the lodge minute book to the brethren who had rendered such efficient services to the lodge at the ceremony of consecration, viz:—Brothers Rosenthal, Smeed, Kenning, Elsam, Limpus, Musgrave, Gilby. These votes were duly acknowledged and were well appreciated.

The Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, solicited some member to represent the lodge as its Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. But as the W.M., S.W., J.W., Treasurer, S.D., I.G., D.C. and W.S., had already been appointed by their several lodges to represent them, it left but few to select from. However, the choice was soon made by electing Bro. J. S. Sweasey, J.D., to that honourable position. Bro. Sweasey, in an appropriate speech, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and expressed the pleasure he would feel in accepting it. The Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, announced he had a member's name (who however was prevented from attending) who would feel it an honour to represent the lodge both at the festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was arranged to let that business stand over until the next lodge-night.

A large number of propositions for joining members and candidates for initiation was handed to the Secretary. The lodge was then closed. It was arranged to meet on Saturday, 8th February, at four o'clock p.m.

Amongst a large number of visitors besides those named were.—Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 1; R. Lawrence, 1326; J. H. Spencer, 73; W. Seyfang, 1076; and others.

A good banquet and dessert were served.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 14, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, Feb. 8.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters First Surrey Volunteers, Camberwell.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.

Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, Feb. 10.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Cornerstone, Freemasons' Hall.

" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

" 90, St. John's, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.

Chapter 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.

" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

" 235, Nine Muses, Clarendon Hotel, Bond-st.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden Square.

Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

Supreme Grand Council, 33, Golden-square.

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotebrune, Preceptor.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Committee of Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3 o'clock.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union of Waterloo, Masons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-rd., Lime-house.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters First Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

" 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham Green.

" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st. Wapping.

Kent Mark Lodge, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

Supreme Grand Council, 33, Golden-square.

Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, Freemasons' Tavern.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8

Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, Feb. 13.

Lodge 19, Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.

Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

" 538, Vane, Freemasons's Hall.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Knights Templar Encampment, 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.

" 45, Temple Crossing, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday, Feb. 14.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

Prov. G. Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-square.

Rose Croix Chapter Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tavern.

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For the Week ending Saturday, February 15, 1873.

Monday, Feb. 10.

Lodge of Sincerity (No. 392), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 4.

Mersey Lodge (No. 477), 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.

Lodge of Unity (No. 613), Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.

Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250), Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Merchants' Lodge (No. 241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

Grosvenor Chapter (No. 721), Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 897), Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.

Hesketh Lodge (No. 986), Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86), Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.

Lodge of Harmony (No. 580), Wheat Sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.

St. John's Chapter, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.

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Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, Feb. 13.

Harmonic Lodge (No. 216), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

Croxtheth United Service (No. 786), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (1182), Coffee House, Waver-tree, near Liverpool, at 5.

Friday, Feb. 14.

Mariners' Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Rock Lodge No. 1289), Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 7.

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Tuesday, Feb. 11.

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" 447, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st.

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Wednesday, Feb. 12.

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" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.

Chapter 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

Thursday Feb. 13.

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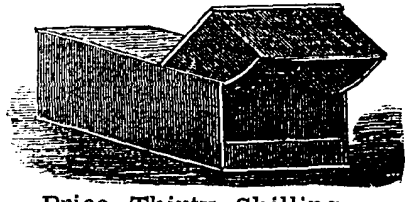
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

IPSWICH.—*British Union Lodge* (No. 114).—The monthly meeting of this prosperous and exclusive lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present a large number of the brethren, including Bros. Dr. Beaumont, R.N., W.M.; the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.M.; Clement Cobbold, K.M.C.S., 33° of Brazil; the Rev. R. W. Sanderson, P.P.G. Chap.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Reg.; P. Cornell, P.G.S.D.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; S. Wright, S.W.; A. D. George, J.W.; W. Spalding, Secretary; F. C. Ord, R.A.; Capt. Saxton, R.A.; S. G. Fairtlough, R.A., P. Prov. S.G.D., Malta, &c.; Dr. Clarke, R.A.; H. Miller, I.G.; W. Bobby, P.M.; the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, the Rev. J. Tweed, and others. The lodge having been opened with the first degree, was raised to the third, when Bro. Sanderson having assumed the gavel raised Bro. Tweed to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. On resuming in the second, Bro. Ord was passed as an F.C., Bro. Cornell performing the ceremony, and on the lodge being closed down to the first, Mr. Benjamin Spurling, of Shortley, was initiated as an E.A.P. The labours of the evening having been brought to a close, the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, served in Bro. G. Spalding's best style. After the usual Masonic toasts had been given by the W.M., Bro. Emra Holmes brought forward the subject of a Masonic ball, and proposed that one should be held at Easter, under the auspices of the British Union Lodge. The motion was warmly seconded by Bro. Clement Cobbold, and was carried nem. con., but the brethren appearing somewhat apathetic in the matter, and the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Shafto Adair having expressed an opinion that it was unnecessary and unmasonic to ask for the names of lady patronesses, without whom Bro. Holmes felt it would be impossible to secure success, he withdrew his motion and the subject dropped. Much regret was expressed by some of the brethren that the matter should fall through. The party separated at a late hour.

LIVERPOOL.—*Mariners' Lodge* (No. 249).—By far the largest and most influential assembly in connection with this lodge which has ever been held, took place on Thursday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, when and where Bro. E. Hughes, the present esteemed W.M., took occasion to present the lodge with a handsome banner in commemoration of his year of office. The banner—on which is depicted an ancient Craft in full sail, supposed to be the first bearer of Freemasonry to this country—is a magnificent specimen of art—bold in its worked outlines, harmonious in its colours, and striking in the general effect—and was especially manufactured by Bro. G. Kenning, of London and Liverpool. The interest in the presentation of this banner was shown by an attendance of about 100 brethren, amongst whom were an unusually strong representation of leaders in the Craft. The lodge was opened in due form by Bros. Edwin Hughes, W.M.; who was supported by Bros. J. J. Rose, S.W.; J. Lloyd, J.W.; the Rev. P. Hains, C.; H. Pearson, P.M.; J. K. Smith, P.M., Treas.; R. Collings, Sec.; W. Crane,

P.M., D.C.; J. Hamer, P.M.; G. de la Perelle, P.M.; A. Humphreys, S.D.; J. Hayes, J.D.; C. Leighton, I.G.; H. N. Price, S.; R. Carter, S.; W. G. Veale, O.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. H. Hill, P.M., 724; J. Holland, W.M., 823; J. E. Jones, P.M., 724; J. Sellar, W.M., 1299; W. Shortis, W.M., 1325; S. J. McGeorge, P.M., 241; J. Beesley, W.M., 261; J. T. Callow, W.M.; 673; T. Ashmore, P.M., 823; J. M. Eccles, Sec., 1325; T. Fozzard, P.M., 1035; H. Nelson, P.M., 673; and others. After two brethren had been passed to the degree of F.C. and a substantial sum had been voted for charity, the W.M. (Bro. Hughes) proceeded to present the banner to the lodge. In doing so, he said he could not help expressing his heart-felt thanks for the very large amount of sympathy and help during the time he had occupied the chair of the Mariners' Lodge, and out of the fulness of his gratitude he felt there could not be a more appropriate gift, as a slight expression of his feelings, than the presentation of a banner. He must thank every brother for the support he had received from every brother of the Lodge in a position which had been the one great ambition of his life, and also for the kindness displayed in overlooking the many shortcomings of his work. The only stipulation he made was that his name should not be placard upon the banner, and that no alterations should be made in connection without his consent. Bro. Hamer, as the eldest P.M. of the lodge, accepted the handsome gift in the name of the members of the lodge, and thanked the W.M. for his gift. He trusted that banner would be handed down from generation to generation, and that it would long be cherished as a valuable gift from their W.M. Bro. Haines, Chaplain: May it brave a thousand years without being exposed either to the battle or the breeze.—After a most impressive consecration prayer by Bro. Haines, it was moved by Bro. P.M. Pearson, seconded by Bro. P.M. Smith, and unanimously agreed, to record a vote of thanks on the minutes to Brother E. Hughes, W.M., for his handsome gift to the lodge. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent repast, and a highly enjoyable evening was spent by the numerous brethren.

LEICESTER.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 279).—The members of this lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday the 5th inst., for the transaction of ordinary business. Bro. Clement Stretton, P.G.W., W.M., presiding; A. Palmer, S.W.; J. W. Smith, J.W.; W. Weare, P.M., Treasurer; J. M. McAllister, Secretary; G. W. Statham, S.D.; C. E. Stretton, J.D.; S. Tebbutt, Organist; S. Cleaver, Steward; L. A. Clarke, P.P.G.W.; L. L. Atwood, P.P.G.D.C.; George Toller, Junr., P.P.G.R.; S. S. Partridge, P.G.S.; R. Waite, P.M.; S. P. Ekin, P.M.; J. Adlard, J. T. Thorpe, Sec., 523; S. A. Wykes, 523; and others. The W.M. inaugurated his year of office by conferring upon Bro. G. K. Billings the sublime degree of Master Mason, in which ceremony he was assisted by Bro. Toller, P.P.G.R., whose impressive working evidenced his thorough understanding and appreciation of the true nature and design of Freemasonry. The W.M. intimated that George S. Widdowson had been admitted on the 24th ult. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas for his admission had been paid to the proper authorities. Bro. Smith, J.W., who had kindly taken the boy to London, gave an interesting description of the Institution, its management, &c., and alluded in laudatory terms to the ability and fitness of the Head Master for his important charge. An appeal for relief was liberally responded to, and the names of two candidates for initiation were submitted for enquiry, unity and brotherly love pervaded the business of the meeting throughout, and as our W.M. has already passed with much satisfaction, that severe test—"the chair"—which is an important criterion of prudence, discretion, and judgment, we may safely anticipate a year of prosperity to the lodge.

BRIGHTON.—*Royal York Lodge* (No. 315).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, 4th inst., at the Pavilion Rooms, Brighton. The lodge was opened by the W. M., Bro. Dr. J. M. Cunningham, P.M., S.W., P.M.,

916, P.Z., 916, P.P.G.S.W. Sussex, at 7 o'clock, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters from various correspondents were read and dealt with. Bro. Jones Eborall was unanimously elected to the chair of this old and flourishing lodge for the year 1873-4. The election of Treasurer resulted in Bro. Hugh Saunders, P.M. 315, P.P.G.D. Sussex, being unanimously chosen. Bro. Thos. Hughes was elected Tyler. Bro. W. Challen, P.M. 315 and 1141, P.Z., 732, P.P.G.S.B. Sussex, announced his intention to represent the lodge at the festival in aid of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and made an earnest appeal in support of his list. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Terminus Hotel, Queen's Road, Brighton (Bro. Pearson's) to supper. There were present during the evening, Bros. S. R. Ade, P.M.; Stride, I.P.M.; W. Marchant, P.M.; Sandman, Sec.; W. Challen, P.M.; Emery, Staples, Nell, J. Robinson, P.M., H. Payne, Hailey, Hawkes and several others.

STOURBRIDGE.—*Lodge of Stability*, (No. 564).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John in the commodious lodge-room at the Talbot Hotel, on Tuesday, 28th ult. There was a very numerous attendance, both of members and visitors. The lodge was opened punctually at 3 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Healy, who, after the usual preliminary business had been transacted, initiated Mr. H. D'Arcy Ellis into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry in such a masterly manner as to almost make the brethren regret that that was the last ceremony he would perform as their W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented, which showed the finances of the lodge to be in a most flourishing state, reflecting the greatest skill and ability of the Treasurer, who, in responding to the vote of thanks unanimously tendered to him for his services, drew the attention of the visitors especially to the beautiful tablets recently placed in the lodge-room on which are recorded the names of the Past Masters, and which were a present from Bro. Westwood, P.M., on the condition that the brethren would subscribe to make the W.M., for the time being a Vice-President of the Masonic Institution for Boys, an offer which was at once accepted and acted upon. The Lodge of Stability is the only one in Worcestershire in so proud a position; we trust the example may be speedily followed. The W.M. having vacated the chair, it was taken by Bros. Mansfield, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G. Treasurer, who, we believe, has, with only one exception, installed all the Masters of this lodge since its foundation. The W.M. Elect, Bro. E. T. Wright, having been duly presented, and taken the customary obligation, a Board of Installed Masters, at which twelve were present, was formed, and the new W.M. duly placed in the chair of K.S. The lodge being resumed, and the W.M. saluted in the three degrees, he proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bro. Broomhall, S.W.; L. L. Campbell, J.W.; F. Perks, Secretary; C. Williams, S.D.; F. Fisher, J.D.; F. Foley, I.G.; F. Stringer, and B. Brooks, Stewards. Bro. Jones was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. This lodge being closed in harmony the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

DERBY.—*Hartington Lodge* (No. 1085).—This young and prosperous lodge held its seventh anniversary on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when the following Grand and Provincial Grand Officers and visiting brethren were among those present. Bro. Dr. Moore, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England and Standard Bearer to the Grand Chapter. Bros. Naylor, P.G.S.W.; Cox, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.T.; Bobart, P.P.G.S.W. Eastwood, P.P.G.R.; Marsden, P.G.S.; Iliffe, P.P.G.D.C.; Brentnall, P.P.G.S.D., W.M. 802; Waite, P.P.G.S of Works, W.M. 253 Worsnop, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1085; Hall, P.M. 47; Wharton, 47; Burn and Merry 731. The W.M., Bro. Webster, P.G.A.D.C., opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the 2nd degree and Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B., of England (who had come specially from Lancaster for the purpose of installing his brother, James Mason Moore, a Master of the lodge) took the chair of King

Solomon. The S.W., Bro. Moore, was presented to the Installing Master by Bros. Cox and Campion, and took the obligation of a W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and all below the rank of Installed Master retired. The W.M.E. was instructed with the pass-word and retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened. He was then re-admitted, and after being obligated was invested and installed, and entrusted with the secrets of an Installed Master. He was then proclaimed, and the Installed Masters (of whom there were thirteen present) saluted him as W.M. of the Lodge. He then invested Bro. Webster as I.P.M., and the Board was closed. The Master Masons were admitted and the Master proclaimed and saluted. The W.M. resumed the Lodge in the second and afterwards in the first degree, and was in each duly proclaimed and invested. He then invested his officers, and in doing so addressed a few words of praise or encouragement to each. The following were appointed officers: Bro. Webster, I.P.M.; Bemrose, S.W.; Radcliffe, J.W.; Bobart, P.M., Treasurer; Worsnop, P.M., Secretary; Eaton, S.D.; Pipes, J.D.; Shaw, M.C.; Dodd, Organist; Heathcote, I.G.; Stone, Tyler. After each officer had been invested, the Installing Master explained the symbolism of the jewel of their respective offices in a very appropriate and telling manner; that on the jewel of the Past Master attracted special attention. The W.M., Wardens and brethren were then addressed by the Installing Master on their respective duties, and after an enthusiastic vote of thanks to the Installing Officer, the lodge was closed in due form. The W.M.E. received letters from Bro. Kelley, Past Prov. Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland, and Bro. Toller, Past Prov. Grand Registrar of the same province, congratulating him on attaining the rank of W.M. and expressing their regret at being unable to be present at the installation. The brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. Plock, of the St. James's Hotel, and after the cloth was drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Dr. Moore, as Past Grand Officer, responded in an eloquent and highly interesting speech to "The Health of the D.G.M. and Officers of the Grand Lodge." The Mayor of Derby, Bro. Smith, P.G.J.W. and W.M., 731, in acknowledging the toast of The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, expressed his regret at being unable to be present at the Installation, but stated his official duties rendered it impossible for him to meet with brethren at an earlier hour. Bro. Marsden, P.G.S., also responded to the toast. The Health of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bro. Hall, P.M. 47, Wharton, 47, and other brethren. The ceremony of Installation was conducted throughout in the most correct and impressive manner by Bro. Dr. Moore, and both the visitors and members of the Lodge expressed themselves highly gratified at witnessing the excellent working of our talented brother, who had at considerable inconvenience travelled so far for the purpose of installing the W.M. of the Lodge. During the evening the energetic Manager of the Hotel, Bro. Plock, presented the Worshipful Master with a beautiful Masonic device. It was made of sugar and was about $\frac{1}{2}$ feet high by $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet broad. The design appears to have been taken from the Photograph of Masonic emblems published by Messrs. Stevens & Richardson. It is appropriately coloured and all the details are admirably worked out. The separate verses in the volume of the Sacred Law are easily distinguishable, as are also the distances marked on the 24-inch gauge, &c. The whole work reflects great credit on the artist, who is one of the staff belonging to the hotel. We understand it will be exhibited at the Masonic Ball, which will shortly be held at Derby.

LANCASTER—*Rowley Lodge* (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Monday, 3rd February. The W.M., Rev. W.J. Sly, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. Barker, I.P.M.; Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England; Edward Airey, S.W.; J. L. Bradshaw, J.W.; James Taylor, S.D.; Robert Karger, J.D.; T. Jackson, I.G.; J. Watson, Tyler; H. Longman, G. Sutton. Visitors, Bros. E. Storey, P.M. 281; John Hatch, P.M. 281; and William Fleming,

P.M. 281. After the lodge has been duly opened and general business transacted, the Secretary read a communication from Grand Lodge, notifying the appointment of the Right. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale to the position of Prov. G. Master for West Lancashire. The traditional history of the degree of a Master Mason was then delivered to Bros. Longman and Sutton, it having been omitted, at the last meeting of the lodge, in consequence of want of time. The lecture on the tracing board of that degree was given by Bro. Moore, and the working tools presented by Bro. J. Hatch, P.M. 281. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and the lodge closed in due form.

BUXTON.—*Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann* (No. 1235).—On Thursday, this prosperous lodge celebrated its fourth anniversary under more than usually happy circumstances. Great interest was excited by the consecrating of a R.A. chapter in connection with the lodge. The necessary ceremonies were most ably and impressively performed by Companions Abbey, Bibby, Affleck, Wilson and others. Comp. J. Millward was installed to the first chair as Z; Comp. R. R. Duke to the second chair as H; Comp. F. Turner into the third chair as J. The ceremonies took place in the Court House, and a large number of visiting brethren were present, including twenty-three Past Masters, giving to the interesting proceedings a very imposing appearance. Among those present were Bros. Edward Cunningham, 272; J. Gibbs Smith, 44; P. J. G. W. E. Lane; F. Binckes, W.M., Gd. Stewds. Lodge; J. Smith, W.M. 731, P.G.J.W. Derby; Thos. Cox, Tyrian, 253, P.P.S.G.W., Derby; H. H. Bibby, P.M. 993; Wm. Abbey, P.M. 290 and 993; Thomas Bragg, P.M. 74; 1016, 1546, P.P.G.S.D., Warwick; John Comyn, P.M.P.Z., &c., 411; J. Affleck, P.M. 1052; Robt. Wilson, P.M.P.Z., &c.; Jno. Millward, P.M. 1235; R. R. Duke, P.M. 1335; Jas. McAdam, P.M. 654, P.G.J.D., Derby; Jno. Thorpe, P.M. 654; Edwd. Grindrod, P.M. 654; F. K. Dickson, W.M.; J. G. Wagstaff, Grant, 105, Indiana, U.S.A.; Jas. Hindle, P.M. 884; S. Taylor, P.M. 654, P.P.G.R.; Jos. Skeaf, 216, P.G.O., W. Lane; Wm. Milligan, W.M. 884; Peter Brainwell, J.D. Peveril of the Peak, 654; J. H. Williamson, 654; G. W. Higinbotham, 654; Thomas Jackson, 654; Thomas Griffiths, 287; J. Forsyth, 311; R. H. Lodge, 323. After the lodge had been opened in due form, and a "raising" and other business had been transacted, the installation of the W.M. elect. Bro. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., Rural Dean, and P.G.Ch. Derby, took place, the installing officer being the Immediate Past Master, Brother Fred. Turner, who performed his important and arduous duties in the most satisfactory manner. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony the newly installed W.M. invested the following officers:—Bro. Josiah Taylor, S. W.; Bro. W. Millward, J. W.; Bro. J. Whalley, Treasurer; Bro. Saml. Taylor, Secretary; Bro. W. Smith, S.D. and Org.; Bro. E. J. Sykes, J.D.; Bro. Le Gros, Sup. Wks.; Bro. J. C. Bates, St. B.; Bro. W. D. Sutton, D.C.; Bro. E. C. Milligan, I.G.; Bros. Chas. Wilkinson and Wm. Goodwin, Stds.; Bro. Albert Pyle, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the visitors and brethren adjourned to the St. Ann's Hotel, where Bro. Le Gros had laid under contribution all the resources of that well-known establishment, in order to give his brethren a magnificent banquet, and which gave unbounded satisfaction to all present.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Royal Hotel, on the 6th inst. The chair of K.S. was occupied by the W.M., Captain A. Richardson, R.E., who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. C. Carnegie, P. Prov. G. Parst. Hants, as I.P.M.; A. McKenzie, S.W.; R. White, J.W.; R. Bennett, S.D.; F. Anderson, J.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; N. Lucas, Secretary; J. Marversly, O.G. There was a numerous attendance of members and visiting brethren. Among the latter were Bros. S. Smith, 912; J. P. Smith, 3, I.C.; Meredith, 700; J. Collins, "Virgin," Nova Scotia. The lodge was opened in form in the first degree and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Robinson, 491, as a joining member, and for Sergeant Wade, R.E., and Sergeant Dennis

O'Leary, 5th Dragoon Guards, candidates for initiation, which was unanimous in each case. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. McSweeney and Collett were questioned respecting their proficiency as Fellow-Crafts, which proving satisfactory, they were entrusted with a test of merit, and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bros. McSweeney and Collett were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge was closed down to the second and first degree, and Sergeants Wade, O'Leary, and Brown were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and, with Bro. Robinson, signed the bye-laws of the lodge. Bro. J. P. Smith, 22nd Regiment, No. 3, I.C. was proposed by Bro. Carnegie as a joining member; and Sergeant Orford, R.E., as a candidate for initiation by Bro. White, J.W. Some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer about nine p.m.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—*Baldwin Lodge* (No. 1398).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 11th instant, in the Masonic Temple, the Castle, Dalton-in-Furness. In the absence of Bro. Baldwin, W.M., the lodge was presided over by Bro. R. Pearson, I.P.M., Lodge of Furness, Ulverston, who was supported by Bros. W. Whiteside, S.W.; Jas. Postlethwaite, J.W.; F. H. Clarke, Treasurer; J. Tyson, Secretary; P. Wurzbarger, as S.D.; F. Bell, J.D.; P. Derbyshire, Orgst; R. Blake as I.G.; T. Cooper, Tyler; and a full lodge of brethren. The visiting brethren present were Bro. T. Dodgson, P.M. 995; R. Dodgson, W.M. 1390; J. H. Matthews, W.M. 995; B. T. Taylor, J.W. 1021; M. Haslem, S.W. 1021; and F. C. Warne, S.W. 1046. The lodge was opened by the acting W.M., and the minutes of the preceding communication were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for a joining member, who was duly elected. The lodge was then raised, when Bro. George Bellas Moses having been entrusted, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the acting W.M. Bro. Christopher Godly was afterwards passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. J. Dodgson, P.M. 995. Communications were then received, and other general business disposed of. The lodge was closed about 9 p.m.

Royal Arch.

KENDAL.—*Kendal Castle Chapter* (No. 129).—The annual and united festival of the Kendal Castle Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Union Lodge of Craft Masons, was held at the Masonic Hall, Shamongate, on Thursday, January 30th. The Chapter was opened about one o'clock, for the purpose of exalting three brethren, and installing three Principals. There was a goodly attendance, and the duties of Installing Principal were ably performed by M. E. Comp. Mott, P.L., &c., assisted by M. E. Comps. Bowes, S. Gaweth, and Holme. On the completion of the business the Chapter was closed. The Craft Lodge was duly opened in solemn form according to ancient custom, about half-past three, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. T. Wilson, who was supported by a large number of brethren. Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. presented Bro. H. Ranthmell, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, and after he had given adhesion to the ancient charges and regulations, and pledged himself to discharge his high and important duties aright, the chair was assumed by W. Bro. John Bowes, who conducted the ceremony of installation proper, and delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. The following officers were appointed and invested viz.—Bro. J. Bentley, S.W.; F. C. Grayson, J.W.; W. Doubleday, Treasurer; R. J. Nelson, Hon. Sec.; James Gooding, S.D.; H. J. Gibbon, J.D.; Eli Cox, Org.; Thos. Cooper, I. G.; Dan Cleary, Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Bowes, for the impressive manner in which he rendered the beautiful ceremony of installation. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment at the King's Arms Hotel, where a

sumptuous banquet was excellently served. The chair was of course occupied by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. H. Ranthmell, who was supported right and left by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P.D.P.G.M., Bros. Edward Busher, P.G.S.B. of England, Henry Cook, P.P.G. Reg., Capt. Mott, Prov. S.G.W., John Bowes, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Henry Cartmell, P.M.; John Holme, P.M.; Dr. Noble, Dr. Leeming, Dr. Page (Kirkby Lonsdale), H. Dodd, P.M.P., Prov. G.D., and about fifty others. After dinner the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, introductory to those of a purely Masonic character. Excellent speeches were delivered by several of the brethren, and the health of the W.M. was most enthusiastically drunk on the proposition of R.W. Bro. Whitwell. The Masonic gatherings at Kendal are at all times popular, and the last one seems to have been no exception to the general rule, for we heard but one expression of opinion, and that altogether favourable.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—*Charnwood Chapter* (No. 1007).—The first meeting of this young chapter since the consecration, was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers was installed in the chair of Z. The chapter was opened at 3 o'clock by Ex Comp. W. Kelly, Prov. G. Supt.; Ex Comp. Rev. W. Langley, Prov. G.P.S., and P.Z. of 1130; and Ex Comp. Weare, Prov. G. Standard Bearer, P.Z. 279. Lord Ferrers was then passed through the chairs of J. and H., and installed as first M.E.Z. of the Charnwood Chapter. Several exaltations of brethren of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge followed. Comp. Kelly, at the desire of the M.E.Z., taking the ceremonies and delivering the lectures; Corp. Amatt acted as Prin. Soj., and performed his duties very creditably. The following officers were elected.—Comps. Boughton Smith, Scribe E.; Dobell, Scribe N.; Amott, P.S. The bye-laws were received, and the chapter fairly launched upon what may be hoped will be a very prosperous career, as several brethren are ready for advancement at the next meeting, and the officers are very well up to their work, from the M.E.Z. to the Janitor. At the close of the chapter the Prov. G. Supt. invested Comp. Lord Ferrers with the collar of Prov. G.H. A vote of thanks was proposed by Ex Comp. Deane, seconded by the Prov. G. Supt., to Ex. Comps. Langley and Weare, for their attendance, at considerable inconvenience, for the installation of the M.E.Z., to which Comp. Langley briefly responded. The chapter was then closed, and a meeting of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge was held. We regret to state that Comp. the Rev. Dr. Hayercroft, D.D., Prov. G. Chaplain, is in a very critical estate.

Mark Masonry.

HULL.—*Minerva Lodge* (No. 12).—This old lodge held its annual meeting for the installation of Worshipful Master in the Masonic Hall, Prince-street, on Monday evening, February 3rd, 1873, when the lodge was opened by Bro. William Tessyman, W.M., assisted by his officers. Amongst those present were, Bro. Walter Reynolds, P.M., P.G.A. D. of C.; Bro. George Hardy, P.M., P. G.S.O.; Bro. John Thompson, W.M. of the Minerva Craft Lodge, No. 259; Bro. John Hudson, of the Humber Craft Lodge, No. 57; and about thirty brethren, members of the lodge. The Treasurer presented his balance-sheet, which showed a handsome balance in favour of the lodge, out of which the sum of £2 was voted as a donation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. Six brethren were balloted for as candidates for advancement, five of whom being present were admitted and regularly advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master. The Worshipful Master then called upon Bro. Walter Reynolds, P.M., P.G.A., D. of C., to install the Worshipful Master. Bro. J. N. Scherling, the W.M. elect, having been presented, a Board of Installed Masters was formed; and he was installed according to ancient form. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—C. J. Todd, S.W.; F. Jackson, J.W.; H. Haigh, Treasurer, W. Reynolds, P.M.,

P.G.D.C., Secretary; A. W. Ansell, M.O.; J. Pyburn, M.D., S.O.; J. G. Sherwood, J.O.; John Walker, P.M., P.G.I.G., Registrar; H. E. Voight, S.D.; C. W. Ansell, J.D.; James Walker, D.C.; Thos. Gates, Organist; J. Hutchinson, E. Kidd, J. Peasegood, jun., R. A. Medd, Stewards; W. Stericker, I.G.; Thos. Tedd, J. Faulkner, W. Johnson, J. Norton, Tyler. After a cordial vote of thanks to the installing officers and, the Immediate Past Master had been passed, and three brethren proposed for ballot at the next meeting, the lodge was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet hall, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

BRIGHTON.—*Royal Sussex Lodge* (No. 75).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Robinson, and after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. Foot was regularly introduced and advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason, the lecture of the degree being most impressively given by P.M. Bro. T. Cooke. The Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. J. Lockyer, was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bro. George Emery unanimously elected Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the out-going W.M., and several announcements of Masonic importance were made. This closed the business of the lodge, which was adjourned until the second Tuesday in March, which is installation night. The following members were in attendance:—Bro. T. Chandler; J. R. Lockyer, Treasurer; Bro. T. Sabine, 18°, P.M. 22, P.A.G. D. of C.; Bro. Murday, Bro. Foot, Bro. G. Emery, Bro. T. Cook, P.M., Bro. J. Ebberall, Bro. Lnight, Bro. J. N. Steuer, Bro. John Robinson, &c.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—This lodge met at the head-quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Saturday, the 8th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Charles Hammerton, Grand Steward, the chair of A. was occupied by the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.O., who was supported by the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.O., and Provincial Grand Mark Secretary for Middlesex and Surrey; the W. Bro. Dr. Eugene Cronin, P.G.D.; the P.M.'s of the lodge; and also by Bros. A. Wolton, S.W.; W. Worrell, J.W.; Berridge, M.O.; White, S.O., Secretary; Drewett, I.G.; Ritherden, S.D.; O'Neill, J.D.; Cozens, Org.; and several other members. Bro. T. Y. Strachan, Provincial Grand Mark Secretary for Northumberland and Durham attended as visitor. The lodge having been duly opened, and previous minutes confirmed, ballots were taken for Bros. W. P. Collins, Sprague, Crammelin, and Basnet, which proving unanimous, they were severally introduced, and advanced into the honorable degree with full ceremonial, in accordance with the new ritual, and with musical service. The work was most ably conducted by the acting W.M. and his officers, and on the conclusion of the advancements the Lecture of the Degree was delivered by Bro. Stevens. The great improvement in the Ritual was manifested by the ease and smoothness with which each portion of the work was carried out by the respective officers, and Bro. Strachan subsequently informed the lodge that he felt assured that the alterations and additions, would meet with cordial approval by the lodges in his province. Notices of motion for consideration at next meeting were given, and, the wages having been duly paid, the lodge was closed in due form. The usual moderate supper followed business, and a pleasant hour or two was spent before separation.

ALNWICK.—*Hotspur Lodge* (No. 135).—At a regular meeting of the Hotspur Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held on the 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Alnwick, Brother Edward Thew Turnbull, banker, Alnwick, S.W. and Treasurer (P.P.G.I.G. Northumberland and Durham) was unanimously elected Worshipful Master. Brother Turnbull is also W.M. of the Alnwick Craft Lodge, 1167. Since he was proclaimed W.M. of 1167, at every meeting he has had the countenance and support of his fellows.

whilst, assisted by his officers, he has performed the duties pertaining to his high office thoroughly, and we are sure he will be equally well assisted and upheld by his brethren of the Hotspur. Brother the Rev. Edward Lawrence Marrett, M.A., Vicar of Lesbury and Alnmouth (P.P.G.C. and Prov. G.J.W. Northumberland and Durham) the present W.M. was elected treasurer.

Knights Templar.

IPSWICH.—*Prudence Preceptory*.—An emergency meeting of this old preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., under dispensation from the Provincial Prior, Sir Knt. Capt. Phillips, for the purpose of proceeding to the election of a Preceptor in the room of Sir Knt. G. S. Golding, who was unanimously elected to that important office, but through ill-health had been compelled to retire. There were present Sir Knts. Emra Holmes, Grand Provost of England, Preceptor; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Provincial Sub-Prior, Acting 1st Capt.; Dr. Beaumont, R.N., 2nd Capt.; J. Pitcher, P.P.G. Capt., P.E.C.; G. S. Findley, P.E.S., Reg., Dr. Mills, P.E.C.; P. Cornell, Almoner, and others. The Preceptory having been opened and the muster roll called, the dispensation was read by the Preceptor, Sir Knt. Holmes, and the Sir Knights proceeded to ballot for a Preceptor for the ensuing year. Sir Knt. Dr. Beaumont, R.N., was unanimously elected to fill that high and important post. Sir Knt. Holmes then proceeded to read the circular on the "object and scope of the Convent General" (which has already appeared in our pages) and reminded the Sir Knights of the important alterations which now required that candidates should not only be R.A. Masons, but Master Masons of two years standing, that they should be unanimously elected, and approved by the Provincial Prior, previous to installation. No other business being entered on the agenda, the Preceptory was closed and the Sir Knights retired for refreshment.

ROCHDALE.—*Albert Encampment*.—The regular meeting of this encampment was held in the Masonic Hall, Ann-street, Rochdale, on Thursday, the 30th day of Jan. The Eminent Commander, Sir Knight William Ashworth, Provincial First Captain, Lancashire, opened the encampment in person at 7.30, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. After the regular disposal of sundry matters, Sir Kt. Herod Turner, 1st Captain, and Prov. Grand Herald, was unanimously elected Eminent Commander for the ensuing twelve months. Sir Kt. C. M. Jones, P.E.C., was, with many complimentary expressions from the E.C. and Sir Kts., re-elected Treasurer, and Frater John Ashworth, sen., equerry of the encampment. Companion J. Bell having been proposed for installation as a Sir Kt. of the Order, and the business of the evening being ended, the eminent Commander proceeded to close the encampment, and had great pleasure in receiving the hearty congratulations of several Sir Knights, amongst whom were Sir Knight Clement, R. N.; Beswicke-Royds, Eminent Commander United, First Grand Captain of England, and Prov. Grand Prior of Lancashire; and Sir Knight W. Roberts, Prov. Grand Prior of West Yorkshire. The encampment having been closed the Sir Knights adjourned to banquet, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured, those of the "Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commander, Sir Knight Albert Hudson Royds," and his worthy deputy, "eminent Sir Knight W. Henry Wright," two as good and worthy knights as can be found, were severally received and specially honoured as Lancashire Knights know how to honour those whom they love and revere. The Eminent Commander, in proposing the officers, &c., of the Albert Encampment, alluded in very graceful terms to the great assistance he had received in the discharge of his duties during the past year, specially mentioning and sincerely thanking Sir Knights Jones and W. Davies for their untiring energy and perseverance to benefit the encampment, and their anxious readiness at all times to contribute to the Good of Knight Templarism, for which services they are eminently deserving

of special recognition by the Prov. Grand Commander. The kind expressions of the E.C. were unanimously appreciated, and the proposition was enthusiastically received. Sir Knights Jones, Davies, Mills, and Gorton having responded, and other toasts having been honoured, the proceedings were brought to a close at 10.30 by the Sir Knights, as usual, singing the National Anthem.

NEWPORT.—Gwent Encampment.—On Tuesday an encampment of this Order was held at the Masonic Hall. The aspect of the room, very different from that which the day before presented itself in the bright and brilliant Chapter Rose Croix, was nevertheless equally imposing, and curious visitors, admitted to view it, wondered greatly over the paraphernalia of the encampment. We shall not attempt to describe it. About twenty Sir Knts. attended and took their stations under their respective banners. The encampment was opened according to ancient custom by E.C. Colonel Charles Lyne, who is also G. Sub Prior of England. The principal business was the installation of the E.C. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed with great dignity by Major Shadwell Clerke, P.P.G.C. (West Indies), and the following officers were appointed.—H. Martyn Kennard, E.P.; A. L. Willett, P.; H. Hellyer, 1st Capt.; S. G. Homfray, 2nd Capt.; Captain Pearson, Exp. 1; W. H. W. Homfray, 1st Std. Br.; L. J. Chambers, 2nd Std. Br.; R. S. Roper, Registrar; W. Pickford, Treasurer; Wm. Williams, Herald; H. J. Groves, Organist; L. A. Homfray, Captain of Lines; G. W. Fletcher, Outer Guard. The candidates installed were Brothers Henry Greene, 471; A. L. Willett, 683; James Livingston and George Shaddick (the two latter of the "Virtue and Hope" R.A. Chapter, Swansea.) The onerous duty of installing the candidates fell, as a matter of course, to the newly-elected E.P., H. M. Kennard, who performed the ceremony with a skill and dexterity which elicited the unanimous approval of the Encampment. Votes of thanks, recognising the services of those who had worked in honour of the Encampment, were cordially given; amongst the names recorded being Major Shadwell Clerke, and the P.E.C. The sum of £5 5s. was voted to the Aged and Decayed Freemasons Institute, and the P.E.C. (Col. Lyne) generously added another £5 5s. in order to confer the privilege of a life governorship on the E. Preceptor of the Gwent Encampment. A Prior of Knights of Malta was then opened, when, in addition to the above candidates, S.K. Bro. R. J. Chambers was duly installed. S.K. Bro. H. M. Kennard was then installed as E.P. of this Order, and the Encampment closed with the usual solemnities.

The fraternal community, consisting mainly of the Ivor Hael Chapter Rose Croix, and the "Gwent Encampment" of the Order of the Temple, met at the social board in the King's Head Hotel, on Tuesday, when a sumptuous dinner was prepared by Host Cretton. The party numbered about twenty, and amongst them were the following:—H. Martyn Kennard, E.P. (in the chair); Major Shadwell Clerk, P.E.C. and P.G. Commander; A. L. Willett, 18°; Rose Croix, P.G. Chap.; Captain Pearson, 18°; L. Augustus Homfray, 30°; C. Lyne, G. Sub Prior of England, and Pro. P.G.M.; S. George Homfray, 30° (in the vice-chair), M.W.S. Ivor Hael Chapter Rose Croix and second Captain of the Gwent Encampment; Bros. Walter West, 18°; Hy. Greene, 18°; George Shaddick, 18°; J. Livingstone, 18°; William West, 18°; R. J. Chambers, 18°; Thomas Williams, 18°; Henry Hellyer, 18°; C. R. Lyne, M.M.; W. Pickford, 18°; R. S. Roper, 18°; H. J. Groves, 18°; D. Bodessa, 18°; &c. The health of the Queen was right loyally received. Then came that of "Prince Albert Edward of Wales," a P.G.M. of England; each toast followed with musical honours. "The Marquis of Ripon, the G.M. of England." (Masonic honours.) The "Health of the E. P. (Brother Kennard) was proposed by the P.E.C., Colonel Lyne, in very eulogistic terms. The speaker dwelt on the unanimity which characterised all the degrees of Masonry in this province, and heartily congratulated the President on his accession to the post of E.P. of

this flourishing Encampment (cheers). S. K. Brother Kennard returned thanks, acknowledging the compliment which had been passed as to the manner in which he had gone through the Preceptorial duties that day. He attributed a large share of the credit to the assistance rendered to him by his excellent officers, and the brethren by whom he was surrounded (cheers). The President gave "The four candidates duly installed that day, including the brother who took the order of Malta, coupling with the toast the health of Brother Livingston (Swansea). Brother Livingston, in returning thanks, referred to the delight which he had experienced from the fraternal and social gathering of to-day, promising that his Swansea friends, who had missed the treat, should certainly hear of it (cheers). The President recognising the eminent services rendered by Major Clerke to the Province of Monmouthshire, and his indefatigable zeal on behalf of Freemasonry in general, proposed his health in a bumper. The company responded with enthusiasm—an enthusiasm which vested itself in a very hearty rendering of the old refrain, "For he's, &c." Bro. Major Clerke returned thanks. He had what might be termed the misfortune to live in London—a long way from the Province of Monmouthshire. He hoped, however, to be present at the periodical meetings of those Orders of which he had the honour to be a member (cheers). He was only too proud to place his services at their disposal. He was called upon to respond so often to their kind expressions towards himself, that he really felt embarrassed, and could scarcely find words to express his sense of their fraternal kindness. One thing he might, however, say, and it was this—Having been all over the world, being Past Master in many degrees in Masonry, he never met with more genuine and charty feeling than he had met with in Monmouthshire (cheers). He came here not knowing a soul, and he found himself to-day with a host of kind friends around him (cheers). Brother Major Clerke again rose. He proposed the health of a brother, distinguished, he might say, in every degree of Masonry. When the direction of what he might term the "revival" of the Christian degrees in this Province, was confided to his (Brother Clerke's) hands, Brother Colonel Lyne worked *con amore* with him. In the Craft proper Brother Lyne was still more distinguished, for he held the coveted post of P.G.M. (loud cheers). It was significant of the genuine interest felt by Brother Lyne in the Province of Monmouthshire that he was about to go to the Metropolis, their representative;—necessarily at great personal inconvenience and expense—as one of the Stewards of the Masonic charities; and he (Major Clerke) was happy to add that Brother Lyne would carry with him for presentation at the dinner to be presided over by the Prince of Wales, a golden guerdon, second to few of those Provinces in England (cheers). He proposed the health of Brother Colonel Charles Lyne (applause). Bro. Lyne returned thanks. He attributed in great measure the courtesy and kindness of Major Clerke to the well-known feeling which existed between the British sailor and the British soldier. They had rowed in the same same channel, and had sailed together in Masonic life (cheers). Many hours of pleasure had they spent in that little island of Malta. He knew that, long after he left, Major Clerke's name was known there as an active and ardent Mason (cheers). He (Bro. Lyne) might be allowed to say that he was the first installed in the modern Encampment in Malta, and it was a satisfaction to find that one so worthy the honour had followed him (hear, hear, and cheers). If his Bro. Clerke felt a difficulty in responding to the compliments showered upon him, let him look at the difficulty that he (the speaker) was placed in. He had to acknowledge the encomiums passed upon his conduct as P.G.M. of Monmouthshire, and, with every respect to the chivalric degrees, he regarded that position as the highest honour in Masonry (protracted cheering). He believed that the intention of the brethren was to cement the various degrees of our noble Order, because they had but one common object, viz., the welfare of mankind (hear, hear). Bro. Lyne paid a deserved compliment to Bro. S. G. Homfray,

whose work as D.P.G.M. had been unexceptionable. The speaker trusted that love and harmony, which should always characterise Freemasons, would be conspicuous among them; and whether it was the old Craft Lodge, Royal Arch, Rose Croix, Mark Master, or the Templar Order, he believed in the idea of a great Masonic social cordon, which could not be broken. As P.G.M. he would give his ready sanction to everything that conduced to promote the spread of principles essentially Masonic (applause). The health of the M.W.S. of the Chapter Rose Croix was toasted by the B.P. with many compliments, and responded to by Bro. George Homfray in suitable terms by Bro. Lyne: "The Health of the Officers of the Gwent Encampment," the name of Bro. Hellyer being connected with the toast, as 1st Captain. Bro. Hellyer duly acknowledged. Bro. Capt. Pearson proposed, "W.M.'s of the various Lodges in the Province," coupled with the health of one who had evinced a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Masonry since he had entered the Craft—Bro. L. A. Homfray, W.M., Isca, 683 (cheers). Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, who, at a social gathering such as this, had thought he might have had a "quiet evening," was called upon to return thanks. He hoped that the toast proposed would find a response at every gathering of this Order (hear, hear), for he believed with Bro. Lyne that unity was an essential element in Freemasonry (cheers). If they meant to "dwell together" they must "pull together," and he was convinced that the present aspect of Freemasonry in this Province warranted him in saying that whilst they dwelt in unity they would certainly so pull (cheers). He had experienced some difficulty in Freemasonry. As a conscientious Craftsman he had abstained from asking any one to join their Order; and yet he felt that every good and true man ought to be a Mason (hear, hear). Bro. Homfray then addressed himself to the particular toast, and as W.M. of the Isca Lodge, returned his thanks for the high compliment paid to him. Bro. the President proposed the health of Bros. Wm. West and Thos. Williams (proposed members of the Illustrious Order of the Temple). They respectively returned thanks. Bro. Lyne gave, "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of worthy Brother Pickford. [The writer of this report has been accustomed masonically to dub him as the "jolly masonic beggar." That Bro. Pickford has laboured for years and years in the cause of masonic charity is known to all the brethren, and he has well earned the *sobriquet* which we have given him. Bro. Pickford, in returning thanks, said that he should not be satisfied if the P.G.M. of Monmouthshire (Col. Lyne) did not go to the Freemason's Banquet, over which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would preside next month, with less than £200 (great cheering). Bro. L. A. Homfray, with a happy allusion to masonic harmony, paid a compliment to Bro. H. J. Groves for his musical services that evening. Whilst recognising the excellent vocal and instrumental performances which they had all enjoyed, he laid claim to Bro. Groves as his "own organist"—the organist of the Isca Lodge,—who manipulated the instrument with the hand of a true artist and the heart of a thorough mason (applause). Bro. Groves, in returning thanks, mentioned incidentally that he had for fifteen years occupied the honourable position of P.G. Organist. His aspiration that he might be spared for many years to do duty in the interest of Freemasonry, was cheered to the echo: for, to tell truth, it must be admitted that no one can discourse sweet music in this province more sweetly than Brother Groves.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS:—These Pills are more efficacious in strengthening a debilitated constitution, the vital springs of which were naturally weak, or through hard usage have become relaxed and worn, than any other medicine in the world. Persons of a nervous habit of body, and all who are suffering from weak digestive organs or liver complaints, eruptions, flatulency, constipation, colic, or irritable bowels, should lose no time in giving these pills a fair trial. Coughs, colds, asthma, or shortness of breath, are also within the range of the curative powers of this very remarkable medicine, gout, and rheumatism bow before them. The cures effected by these pills are not superficial or temporary, but complete and permanent. They are as mild as they are efficacious, and may be given with confidence to delicate females and young children.—ADVT.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—(No. 1056).—The usual weekly meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Portagul, Fleet-street, on Tuesday evening, 7th February, at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of working the fifteen section, Bro. E. Gottheil, P.M. 141, having been solicited to work the sections, he assumed the chair of W.M., and appointed the following as officers for the evening; J. Pender, 1015 S.W.; E. Rugg, 781, J.W.; J. Constable, 185, I.G. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the following brethren worked the sections of the same. First section, Bro. Cowan; second section, Bro. Hogard; third section Bro. Wolf; fourth section, Bro. Crutch; fifth section, Bro. Portway; sixth section, Bro. Stacey, P.M.; seventh, Pinder. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and the sections relating thereto worked by the following:—First section, Bro. Constable; second section, Bro. Bengewand, Secretary; third section Bro. Rugg; fourth, Bro. Pinder; fifth, Bro. Stacey. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the sections of the same same worked as follows:—First section, Bro. Dwarber, P.M.; second section, Bro. Hogard; third section, Bro. Constable. The lodge was resumed to the first degree; and the following brethren unanimously elected elected joining members; Pender 105; Rugg 781; Rumsey 260; Stevens 206; Crosbie 1364; Brown 1237; Longby 1297; Constable 185. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. E. Gottheil for the kindness, skill, and ability in performing the duties of the chair. The honorary membership of the lodge was also conferred upon the W.M., who acknowledged in appropriate terms his hearty appreciation of the high honour the members had conferred upon him, being the greatest a Lodge of Instruction has power to give, and assured them of his readiness at all times to impart instruction to those seeking it. A vote of thanks followed to those members of Confidence Lodge of Instruction who had assisted in the evening's work. Bro. Pender, S.W., returned thanks, remarking that the only means he had of evincing his gratitude to those who had instructed him, was, by imparting his knowledge to others who were desirous of advancing in the Craft. The members then determined upon returning the visit of the Confidence Lodge to assist in the fifteen sections which are to be worked at Bro. Forster's, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday evening, 26th February, commencing at six o'clock. The following members and visitors were present:—Bros. Cowan, Willing, Brown, Payne, Parkinson, Brocksopp, Lee, Anderson, Potter, Abell, Crutch, Portway. Bro Stacey remarked that he had not heard the business of F.M. carried out more efficiently than on the present occasion, in which the members concurred. Thus an enjoyable evening was spent in masonic learning. The lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned until the 14th February.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Glasgow took place on Thursday, Jan. 30th. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., with B.G. McDonald, R.W.M. Parkinson, P.P.G.S.W.; Mathison, R.W.M.; 178, as P.G.J.W.; the P.G.M. having apologised for the absence of the G.M., who had been unavoidably detained, then proceeded with the election of office bearers, and installed the following brethren into their respective offices:—Bros. J. Steel, P.M., 4, as P.G.S.W.; J. B. Walker, P.M. 31, T; Archibald, P.G.S.; Thos. Halket, P.M. 102, P.S.D.; G. Thallon, P.M. 119, P.S.D; Alex. Barny, P.M. 103, Bible Bearer; R. Robb, 31, Chief Steward and Marshall; J. Balfour, P.M. 332, D. of C.; J. Gilles, P.M. 103, P.G.S.B.; J. Miller, 413, Director of Music; G. Sinclair, P.M. 27, Treasurer of the Provincial Benevolent Fund; Wm. Phillip, P.M., as P.G.I.G.; James Pollock, P.G. Tyler. Bro. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, the P.G.M., having arrived, accompanied

by Bro Henry Inglis, of Tarstone, the D.G.M. of Scotland, and Bro. Jas. Hale, P.G.S.W., they were received with all the honours, and the P.G.M. assumed the throne, when the following were appointed as Auditors:—Bros. J. Mathison, R.W.M. 170; J.B. McNair, R.W.M. 332; and Wm. Clarke, S.W. 219. The Committee of General Purposes was then appointed, to consist of all the R.W.M.'s in the province. The Prov. G. Lodge having to elect two brethren to act on the Board of General Trustees at Edinburgh, unanimously elected Bros. Neilson and Burrows, the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M., both of whom addressed the Prov. Grand Lodge, as did also the D.G.M. of Scotland. The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed in ample form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly communication was held on January the 31st, Comp. T. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent, presiding as P.G.Z.; Comp. Porteous, P.G.H.; J. Smith, P.G.J.; J. Crabe, G.S.N., acting as Scribe E.; G. Halkett, P.G.T.; D. Humphries, P.G. 1st S.; J. Balfour, P.G. 2nd S.; G. McDonald, P.G.S.B. The following chapters were represented:—Glasgow, 50; Catterdale, 67; St. Andrew, 69; Caledonian Unity, 73; Shamrock and Thistle, 87; Partick, 113; Roslin, 119. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in due form, the P.G.Z., announced that the principal business was to arrange for visiting all the chapters in the province. This he intended to do as soon as possible, and he trusted that all the Provincial Officebearers would try to accompany him on those visitations. The Scribe E. was then instructed to inform the various First Principals that the Provincial Grand Z. would visit them at the next meeting of this chapter. There being no further business the chapter was then closed in due form.

OLD CONCORD MASONIC BALL.

The thirty-third annual Masonic Ball of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 28th ult. About 250 ladies and gentlemen shared in this festivity, under the presidency of Bro. E. Dottridge, W.M., supported by Bros. Masterman, P.S.W., V.P.; Lawson, P.S.W.; Devenish, S.D.; Darby, J.D.; G. Watson, P.M.; Webster, S.W.; Hancock, S.; and Bro. John Emmens, the Hon. Sec. We have much pleasure in recording the complete success of the Stewards in providing such a brilliant and enjoyable evening.

Good music is a first consideration in the ball-room, and the band, organised and conducted by Bro. C. Marriott, was more than equal to all requirements. The programme, though excellently defined, could not possibly do justice to the execution of the music, which was of a most select and popular order.

The magnificent and appropriately arranged suite of rooms was opened for the occasion, and a distinguished company assembled.

At the termination of the first portion of the programme, the company adjourned to the supper rooms, and partook of a repast of most unexceptionable quality. Bro. E. Dottridge, W.M., who presided, proposed, according to custom, "The Health of the Queen," prefacing it with a few well chosen observations. Bro. J. Emmens, P.M., then gave "The Health of the President," (Bro. Dottridge,) and in doing so, said he was sure the President and Stewards were proud to see such a large and distinguished company present, at the same time conveying in his remarks a well-merited tribute to the indefatigable energy and perseverance of their respected Chairman. The toast was drank with acclamation, and suitably responded to by the Chairman, who then proposed in graceful terms "The Ladies." If the previous toasts were received with enthusiasm, this one invoked a prolonged tempest of applause, showing that the company were not behind in testifying their appreciation of the opposite sex. The toast was duly responded to by Mr. W. Tidman, who, with marked care, thanked the company in terms most applicable to the occasion.

Dancing recommenced, of the most animated

character, and the ladies, who were magnificently attired, threw a lustre on the scene, which lasted until a late—or rather early—hour in the morning.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the Stewards for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of the company. Especially we must mention Bro. Masterman, the Vice-president, who with his experience, constant attention, and supervision of arrangements, greatly added to the enjoyment of all.

We are pleased to understand that the proceeds resulting from this ball are specially devoted to Masonic Charities.

In Memoriam.
LORD LYTTON.

OBIT, 18TH JANUARY, 1873.

"Through the portals of the grave lies the true initiation into the holy and the wise."
—ZANONI.

I.

Victory, victory for the seer!
Beyond this mundane sphere
Where mortals wrestle in ignoble strife
And things unreal take the form of life.
Triumph for him who ever nobly dares
To strangle worldly cares
With the strong will of an unyielding spirit!
Yea! his shall be the palm which Heav'n awards
to merit.

II.

O leader loved and lost!
We mourn thee, and tis human thus to mourn,
We peer into the valley thou hast crossed,
And see but shapes forlorn.
We gaze a moment longer,
And from thy yawning tomb
A radiance growing brighter, stronger,
Kills the spectral gloom,
And a sweet voice of tenderness sublime
Calls thee to eternity from time!

III.

Though shadows came,
And clustered round thy soul of flame,
Though darkness seemed to pour apace,
And hide thee in its mute embrace.
Thou wert but wending slowly
To the temple of the wise,—to the haven of the
holy—
To the rest of the blest, with the mighty and the
lowly!

IV.

No "Dweller of the Threshold" now
Can breathe its horrors o'er thy brow.
Beyond the lampless shore
Thy feet have passed for evermore.
Now thou art numbered with the regal throng.
The glorious sons of Science and of Song,
Who hail thine advent to the fields of light,
To raptures ever new, and bliss for ever bright.

V.

Can we who watch below
Enshrouded still in grief and woe,
Commune with thee in thoughts divine,
And mingle our dull dreams with thine?
Or make thy lofty visions ours
By converse with immortal powers?

VI.

Hope answers—Yes! and points with pride
To labour that thy life has sanctified—
To work begun and ended—
To thoughts that died not in their birth
But blossomed over all the earth
Into a fruitage splendid.
The majesty of toil thy hand hath shown
To be the best and purest "preparation"
For all who seek beyond the dim unknown,
The mystery of "True Initiation."

VII.

Nor is thy work yet done,
For from the radiant realms above
To wearied hearts that sigh alone
Thy spirit whispers "Faith and Love!"

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE,
S.M. Rosicrucian Society of England.

Microscopical investigation has proved that the substances which accumulate between the teeth contain animal and vegetable parasites, and that the tooth powders, pastes, and washes in general use have no effect upon these. Messrs. Gabriel's Coralite Tooth-Paste and Royal Dentifrice (sold by all chemists and perfumers at 1s. 6d. per box) completely destroy and remove these animalcules and also preserve and beautify the teeth. Prepared only by Messrs. Gabriel, the oldest-established dentists, 64, Ludgate-hill, and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London, where they practice their unique system of painless dentistry.

Answers to Correspondents.

RICHARD SPRING, U.S.A.—We have been successful in discovering ONE of your brothers. Your address has been sent, and we have no doubt you will hear from him by this mail.

GEO. LAURIE.—The annual subscription to Constantinople is 17s. 4d., the postage on each copy being 2d.

The following communications stand over:—

Letters from Civis; F.K.E.I.; G.S.; "Additional Notes," by Bro. Emra Holmes; Obituaries of Bro. G. Thumber, Bro. H. C. Brebner, and Cap. G. J. Fiecer; Masonic Ball at Waverree Reviews.

Public Amusements.

Sadler's Wells Theatre.

Every Saturday Morning at 2, and every Evening at 7, will be produced ISABELLA, characters by the company; after which the Pantomime, entitled GOODY TWO-SHOES; or, Harlequin King Gold and the World of Coins. Written and adapted by J. Strachan from the late W. Brough's Burlesque opening. Supported by Messrs Hudspeth, Leigh, Evans, Skinner, Cullen, Belasco, Howard, Sidney, Power, Gale, Bramah, Bousfield, Carlo Troupe, &c.; Mesdames Bramah, Rainbow Kerridge, Newton, Florence, &c.; Masters Holland and Steyne, Clown, Mr. G. W. Gale; Pantaloon, Mr. Bousfield; Harlequin, Mr. Baker; Columbine, Miss Florence; Harlequina (by desire) Mdlle. Rosine; Sprites, The Carlo Troupe; Policeman, Mr. J. Wilson. "The Enchanted Wood." "Cottage of Goody Two Shoes." "Beauty's Boudoir." Grand Ballet, by Mademoiselle Rosine, supported by an extensive troupe of coryphees, "The Realm of Toys (Peace)." "English Homestead in the Olden Time." "The Pavilion of King Gold in the World of Coins." "Capital City of the Counterfeits." The Magnificent and Dazzlingly Brilliant Transformation Scene, the "Judgment of Paris." Designed and Executed by R. M. Hyde. Doors open at half-past 6, commence at 7 o'clock. Stage Manager, Mr. C. T. Burleigh. Gallery, 4d.; Pit, 6d.; Pit Stalls, 1s.; Boxes, 1s. 6d. Reserved Circle, 2s. 6d.; Private Boxes, One Guinea. Half-price Boxes, 9d.; Reserved Circle, 1s. Private Entrance—Open on Saturdays and Mondays at half-past 5, Gallery 7d., and all other parts of the house 6d. extra.

Victoria Theatre.

Every Monday at 1, and every evening at 7, will be produced a Grand, Glittering, Gorgeous, Comic Christmas Pantomime, entitled GULLIVER AND THE FAIR PERSIAN; or Harlequin King Lilliput and the Magic Balm! Written by Frank W. Green, Esq. "The Retreat of Past Pantomimes, Illuminated by the Light of Other Days." Messrs Prescott, Swift, and Parker; Mesdames Maude, Collins, Mansford, Elton, Montagne, Collier, Fisher, and Burleigh. "Hall in the Palace of King Rampageous, the Reckless." Messrs Shepherd, Dingley, and Jackson; Mesdames Harrington, Earen, Cooke, Maitland, Tuskey, Leonard, Ellen Leonard, and Brian. Clown, Jean Lemaire; Pantaloon, Harry C. Parker; Sprites, by the Flying Wonders, Brothers de Vere; Harlequin; W. W. Lacy Harlequina, Miss Lottie Mountford; Columbine, Miss Rose Fuller No. 9991 of the X T C Force, Mr. Hicks. Grand Ballet, by Mdlle Rosine, supported by Corps of Coryphees. "Haunt of the Witches." "Diana's Hunting Grounds in Jimi-tan." "Country Road leading to the City of Brobdignag." "Kitchen in the Giant's House." "Gates of the Lilliputian City." "Imperial City of Lilliput." "On the Road." "Fortress of the King of Brobdignag." "Chamber in the Palace of King Rampageous the Reckless." "Shades of Evening." "Glorious Transformation Scene—"The Temple of Jupiter." Designed and Painted by R. M. Hyde. To conclude with the drama of LORD DARNLEY; supported by the Company. Prices:—Private Boxes, £2 2s., £1 11s. 6d., and 10s. 6d.; Stalls, 2s.; Promenade, 1s.; Pit, 6d.; Gallery, 3d. (Mondays and Saturdays, 4d.). Half-price 1s. Stalls only at 9 o'clock. Doors open at half-past 6, commence at 7.

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Great Programme for Christmas. 1. The History of a PLUM PUDDING, with striking experiments by Professor Gardner. 2. A Christmas Tale; or, HOW JANE CONQUEST RANG THE BELL: an Illustrated Poem, with remarkable effects. 3. The "ZOO" AT THE "POLY," an anecdotal discourse about the Zoological Gardens, by Mr. J. L. King, with Photographs by Mr. York. 4. THE THREE ROSIES; or, the Invisible Prince in a New Light: a fairy tale, musically narrated by Mr. George Buckland, assisted by Miss Alice Barth, Miss Pulham, and Miss Lillie Bartlett. 5. THE WHITE LADY OF AVENEL, the new and beautiful Ghost Illusion. 6. NEW CHARACTER ENTERTAINMENT, by Mr. Percy Vere. 7. The wonderful SWIMMING FEATS of Marquis Bibberio in the Great Tank. 8. THE MAGIC TUB, full of Toys, to be distributed on specified occasions, to good Children. Many other Entertainments. Open daily, at 12 and 7. Admission 1s.

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Week ending February 22.

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- ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee, Mr. H. Leslie; Manager, Mr. Arthur Garner. Mdlle. Beatrice's Comedy-Drama Company, in "Nos Intimes."
- PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee, Mr. Seton Pary. "Eudymion," and "Blow for Blow."
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BRO. EMRA HOLMES'S LECTURE ON THE "UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL."

NOTES BY LUPUS.—No. IV.

The late Duke of Sussex was no doubt a Prior of the French *Ordre du Temple*, and this may possibly have led to some confusion, ending in his supposed connection with the Order of St. John, which I have proved, by the Duke's own letter, is an erroneous assumption. The Emperor Paul's name, too, has been mixed up with the Duke's appointment in the former Order, for we find a clever correspondent of *Notes and Queries* writing, in reference to the *Ordre du Temple*, "The Duke of Sussex, our last Grand Master, was one of its Priors, the Patent for which was sent him by the Emperor Paul, another High-Grade Freemason." This perhaps may suggest a key to the confusion; but whether it does or not, it is clear that the Duke was not a Knight of St. John. The writer in *Notes and Queries* was under the impression that the *Ordre du Temple* was a species of High-Grade Masonry, as erroneously stated in the pages of Clavel's book. It is well known that the legitimacy of this Order has been much disputed, but, without entering upon any discussion of the objections, it is fair to say that Clavel was no doubt inspired by an expelled member of the Order, whose name and date of expulsion are known to me. Whence the Duke of Sussex derived his appointment as Prior of the *Ordre du Temple* I cannot say, but it was certainly not from Sir Sidney Smith (as stated by Bro. Holmes), as the Duke became Prior about the year 1824 or 1825, whilst Sir Sidney Smith did not become Regent of the Order until 1838.

This will show that Bro. Holmes was in error too when he expressed to Grand Conclave his opinion that this Order became extinct in 1834. Sir Sidney Smith continued Regent until his death, on the 26th of May, 1840, when he was succeeded by M. Raoul, a distinguished advocate. A Convent of the Order was established in London, with the Duke's concurrence, and another was founded in Liverpool, without his sanction; he never acknowledged the members of the latter, and as the then Grand Master, Palaprat (in breach of an understanding with the Duke), would not withhold his consent to the

admissions in the latter Convent, a total cessation of official intercourse was the result. Both Convents died out many years since, and there are now very few of the members surviving. The badge of the *Ordre du Temple* was a cross of eight points, enamelled white, charged with a cross patée of red enamel, and surmounted by a crown, which on the one side represented an ecclesiastical diadem, somewhat resembling a mitre, but with an azure mound having a red cross over it, indicative of the sovereignty of the Order; and on the other side representing the eastern crown, used by the Grand Masters of the Temple, with an ermine caul, or cap, and the red cross patée in front. This badge (on the singular principle of appropriation, I suppose, recently suggested to the Grand Conclave) was some years since usurped by the English Masonic Templars, greatly to the indignation of the French Order; remonstrances were made, and I believe an apology was tendered through the then Duke of Leeds, with a promise that the infringement should be discontinued. The English Templars, however, continued the use of the jewel until 1853, when it was abandoned, to be again revived, in 1862, for Priors of the then new Maltese invention. I have been informed by a brother, now deceased, who had been many years a Masonic Templar, that previously to the appropriation of the French badge, the English Order used the same cross as still worn in Scotland.

With this digression I will address myself to the Order of the Temple in Scotland, inasmuch as the amalgamation, in that country, of the original Templar and Hospitaller Orders, has been put forward by way of claim to a connection between the Scottish Freemasons and the Knights of St. John. Many curious and conflicting statements have been made in regard to these Scottish claims. It seems clear that on the suppression of the Ancient Templars in Scotland, many of their number were received by the Knights of St. John, and some kind of combination appears to have been effected. It also seems historically admitted that after the surrender of the Hospital lands in Scotland, the Knights of St. John, with their Prior, David Seton, retired to Germany, about 1572-3. Historians tell us that Seton was the last Prior of Scotland, consequently there was an end of the succession; the Masonic Templars appearing in Scotland only after the slight interregnum of 228 years. One remarkable statement, put forward by Alexander Deuchar, the first head of the Scottish Masonic Templars, was that a Masonic lodge at Stirling had a chapter of Templars attached to it as early as 1596. I need hardly say that no foundation for this assertion has ever been adduced. Several writers inform us that Sir John Mitchell Ramsay appeared in London, offering the Masonic Templar Degree in 1728, and that the Grand Lodge refused to have anything to do with it. This refusal is somewhat significant, and would hardly have occurred if the Grand Lodge had not considered it spurious, thus bearing out the opinion of those writers who tell us that Ramsay himself invented the degree. It must be remembered, too, that the combined Orders disappeared in Scotland 156 years before Ramsay's advent.

Bro. Holmes observes that Bro. Woof has stated in his book on the Orders, that Lord Dundee appears to have been Grand Master at the period of the battle of Killiekrankie (1689), and that he was succeeded by John, Earl of Mar, and the Duke of Athole. Bro. Woof, I am sure, desires to be accurate in his statements, but he has here relied upon the assertions of other writers without testing their allegations for himself, and has shared the fate of the unwary: I am glad to know that he sees the error of his ways, and is now more cautious than to accept an assertion, however boldly put forward, as a fact. It must not be forgotten that as regards Scotland we are dealing with the Templars, as combined in the Order of St. John, they having at the period now alluded to no other existence. Having, then, to deal with the combined Orders, it is impossible that Lord Dundee could have been Grand Master, or Grand Prior of the Templars, in 1689, or at any other time, for obvious reasons. The Templars of Scotland were then merged in the Order of St. John, and could have no separate Grand Master, or Prior; and never had, or could have, a Grand Master for Scotland, at any period of their existence as an Order. Lord Dundee was as certainly not Grand Master of the Order of St. John in 1689, as there is no difficulty in ascertaining that Adrian de Vignacourt was elected Grand Master in that same year, not upon the death of Dundee, but upon the demise of the 60th Grand Master, Gregory Caraffa; whilst Henry Fitz-James (natural son of James II.) was appointed Prior in 1687, and had office until 1701. It is possible that Dundee may have received a Grand Cross for some reasons, but the test of historic facts must prove that he could have held no ruling position in either Order. One other circumstance effectually places an extinguisher on these marvellous fictions, and constitutes their expiring flicker: James, the "Pretender," wrote a letter on the 14th of September, 1725, to the Grand Master at Malta, complaining that a Grand Prior had been appointed without his concurrence, and requesting that he might be treated with the same consideration as other princes on similar occasions. Here, then, is evidence that the Grand Prior, whose rule extended over Scotland in 1725, was not one of the alleged successors of Lord Dundee, nor appointed by any authority owning Scotland as its local habitation. Only three years after this the renowned Ramsay appears on the scene, and (still dealing with the amalgamation) can any member of the honourable Craft of Freemasons be found simple enough to believe that he, Ramsay, possessed in himself the power to offer for the acceptance of the Masonic Brotherhood a distinguished Order of Knighthood, whilst, only three years before, the unfortunate prince whom he honoured and struggled to serve, had written his querulous complaint that he had not even been consulted in the appointment of a Prior! As there is thus no evidence whatever to give the most shadowy connection to the Scottish Masonic Templars with the early Order, either by itself, or as amalgamated in that of St. John, let us shortly review the history of the present Order in Scotland, and consider the foundation of its claims. The worthy brethren

of Scotland modestly declare in their Statutes, "There is but one Chapter General, and one Grand Master for the whole world; and from the Order having been suppressed in 1309, in all countries except Scotland, it shall always be held in that Language." Unfortunately, the other jurisdictions existing in 1856 were not made parties to this very different enactment, and may possibly not quite subscribe to its reasoning. Singularly, though, the same Statutes contain the following, in a note: "The present body in Scotland merely claims to be the legitimate descendants, by adoption, of the original Knights of the Order." This is in itself curious; I have heard of adopting children and nephews, and neices, and I have heard of Wardour-street ancestors, but I do not remember to have met with a real case of the adoption of forefathers; here, however, we have a signal instance, in which the Scottish Masonic Templars are kind enough to adopt the chivalrous old Knights of the Temple as their legitimate ancestry. All this appears somewhat ungrateful to the English brethren, when we consider that no proof or instance has been adduced of the existence of the Masonic Templar Degree in Scotland before its introduction by English brethren. The correspondence of Bro. Morison with the Secretary of the Scottish Templars (1845-6) has been published; and he there asserts of his own knowledge that the Order was introduced in St. Stephen's Lodge, Edinburgh, in 1798, by non-commissioned officers and men of the Nottingham Militia, then quartered in the castle, and that his own diploma from that lodge, as a Knight of the Temple, was dated the 19th of August, 1800. I am in a position to corroborate this in the main, having had in my possession a letter written by a very distinguished Scotch Mason, now deceased, in which he plainly states that the Templar Degree was introduced in the lodge named by a sergeant and several non-commissioned officers of the Nottingham Militia, that he was one of the instigators of its introduction and one of the first initiates, and Mr. Deuchar another; that he (the writer of the letter) was the author of the first printed regulations of the degree, and of the Statutes of 1837, and that he was mainly instrumental in procuring the resignation of Mr. Deuchar and inducing Sir David Milne to become Grand Master. Its pretensions, he states, were no more than Masonic, and that on these principles he installed a large number of its members before 1857.

Thus it is beyond dispute that the Scottish Templars must look to England for the foundation of their claims, and equally plain that the English chain of descent has no link in the history of the Order in Scotland.

It is said that shortly after the introduction of the Order in St. Stephen's Lodge, the brethren who had joined it desired to adopt a separate existence, and accepted a warrant from the "Early Grand Encampment" in Dublin, a doubtful authority at the least; they were not long satisfied with this, and on the 9th June, 1811, a charter was issued, upon their application, by the Duke of Kent, who was then the chief of the English Masonic Templars.

In November, 1836, the Scottish brethren

desired to be affiliated *en masse* to the *Ordre au Temple of France*, but were informed that such a course was impossible, that applicants could only be received individually, that each must occupy such a social position as would entitle him to be presented at Court, and must be recommended by the Duke of Sussex, as Grand Prior of the *Ordre du Temple* in England. In 1844 our Scottish brethren set up a "chivalric" section of the Order on their own account, into which persons could be received who were not Freemasons, but the present Statutes (in which the French Order is termed a surreptitious body) express grave doubts if this was a legal proceeding. The new system did not prove successful, and the Order returned to its original Masonic constitution, it being declared in the revised Statutes of 1856 "that every one received into the Order must be previously a regular Royal Arch Mason."

The Scottish Grand Conclave entered into a solemn compact with the English and Irish Orders to carry out the project for an union of the whole under one Grand Master, and with uniform Statutes, but appears, so far as we know, to be negatively repudiating the treaty. If this course is persisted in, the Scottish brethren will commit a grave mistake. The whole Order is under a large debt of obligation to the learned Chancellor, Sir Patrick Colquhoun, for his skilful and untiring services in originating and carrying out a scheme, so greatly to the advantage of the Templars—a scheme in which it is possible other jurisdictions of the Order may yet desire to be included, and in which some of the American divisions are already interested; indeed, I can myself testify to one, of which I am an honorary member. The Scottish Order can adduce no claim to the title of Templar, which it does not derive from an English source, and if it now thinks well, or right, to repudiate the treaty, it must exist as a branch founded in Scotland by Englishmen, only legalised by an English Grand Master, and now alienated from the parent stem by an act which we must all view with regret. Those who know me best will be aware that I have never been backward to advance the interests of the Templar Order so far as my opportunities would permit; I would still join in doing much for its prosperity, but let us do it with moderation, fairness, and charity to all; we can always find enough in the regulation of our own affairs without unnecessarily impeaching the position or the honour of others, and we may well and profitably be occupied in setting in order our own house without interfering in that of a neighbour. I have no objection to the Maltese Degree, abandoned in 1853 (as I have made known in the proper place), but I strongly object to the invention which followed the Statutes of 1862 (as I have also made known), and I very distinctly object to the founding of fictitious claims upon unnecessary comparisons with the rights of others, and the appropriation of titles or badges, because there does not at the time appear to be a watchman at his post. I hope I have made this apparent. In conclusion, I thank *The Freemason* for permission to occupy so much space, and I sincerely hope I may be able to return to this subject.

NOTES ON THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

BY BRO. ENRA HOLMES, 31°.

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I am very grateful to Bros. "Lupus" and "A Masonic Student" for noticing my articles on the above subject, and must beg leave to reply to them in as brief a manner as may be.

Bro. "Lupus" will, I am sure, take in as good part as I have done my answer to his strictures.

"A Masonic Student," I am thankful to see, knows that I only desire to be just; that I give the *pros* and *cons* as fairly as I can; and that my sole desire is to seek after the truth and maintain it; and that in all these questions I endeavour to give chapter and verse for all I put forward, my single object being the elimination of truth.

I am sorry that "Lupus" should accuse me of making unsupported assertions, because that is just what I have aimed *not* to do, and in no case can I accuse myself of putting forward asseverations for which I had not some authority, good, bad, or indifferent. I fancy my authority for the statement that he was Grand Prior, was a newspaper paragraph, but I have ascertained from Sir George Bowyer himself that he is *not* appointed Grand Prior, that there are no dignitaries of any sort in England, and that the Pope has no power to create a Prior. I hasten to make this correction. A mutual and distinguished friend wrote to Sir George respecting this discussion, and asked him whether heretics and schismatics could enter the Order; to which Sir George answers, "No."

My friend put the query—"How was the Emperor Paul elected Grand Master, he being a schismatic; and why was such election recognised as valid?" to which the reply is made "that it was recognised, though irregular, in a time of revolution and trouble."

"What is the position of the Duke of Manchester, who claims to be Grand Prior in England?" was the next query addressed to Sir George, to which he returns the significant answer, "Nothing?"

What is the order of St. John in Prussia and whence descended *et quo titulo*?

"Irregular, illegal, and unrecognised," is Sir George's brief answer.

"Is celibacy still a *sine qua non*?" my correspondent asked.

"Only in the case of those who choose to take the vows," Sir George replies.

I hope Bro. Lupus is satisfied.

"A Masonic Student," in canvassing the claims of the Camp of Baldwin to a real descent from the Red Cross Knights, objects to the term *Encampment*, as being a Masonic title not older than 1760. This I admit. He also says that Preceptories in the old days were named after *places*, not *persons*, and that the name Baldwin Encampment must be a misnomer, and betrays its Masonic origin.

I admit this also, but by parity of reasoning I would ask, does not the same rule apply to the craft? Were the old lodges named as at present, or were they not frequently, up to the beginning of the 18th century, called after the hostleries at which they were held, rather than, as now, after the names of people, Masonic symbols, attributes, graces, and so forth? Yet anyone who argued that, therefore, the present Masons had nothing to do with their Masonic ancestors of the 16th and 17th centuries, or the travelling Freemasons of the middle ages, would surely be wrong, and "A Masonic Student," the redoubtable opponent of the 1717 theory, would make short work of such specious reasoning.

The fact that the Camp of Baldwin existed under its present name prior to 1780, is no proof that the Templars as a body did not exist long prior to that in Bristol under another name. I am glad to be corrected by my learned and courteous opponent as to my authority for stating that Richard I. left Palestine as a Templar, and especially glad to find that the statement itself is correct, though I gave Vinsauf, instead of William of Tyre, as its author.

Turning to Bro. Lupus, I will answer his statements in few words, and show by what authority I maintain my statement that the Protestant Order of St. John in England has no more right to the title than we the Masonic Knights of St. John.

Lupus, at page 24 of *The Freemason*, asserts, amongst a number of equally rash assertions, that the Russian Pories never had any connection with the Anglo-Bavarian *langue*. Well, I refer him to his friend Col. Porter's valuable work, where he will find the following at page 439. I like to be particular.

"The late Polish Priory was largely augmented and converted into a Russian Priory with a revenue of 300,000 florins, or about £7,500. This Priory was to be divided into ten commanderies for knights, and three for chaplains, and was incorporated into the Anglo-Bavarian *langue*."

I leave your readers to judge, after this, who is in the habit of making unfounded assertions.

I may here remark that Porter says,* "In 1782 also a new language was created in Bavaria, and joined to the extinct language of England under the title of Anglo-Bavarian."

Lupus impugns the election of the Emperor Paul as illegal, because he was made Grand Master during the lifetime of Dr. Hompesch. Turning to Porter,† I find Raymond Despuig was elected Grand Master by the suffrages of all the knights, even during the life of his predecessor, on the 16th December, 1736.

Lupus fails to find a statement in Porter's work bearing the complexion I put upon the paragraph, which he proceeds to quote, and from which I draw the inference that, though re-established, the Protestant Anglican *langue* has *no* connection with the foreign branches of the Fraternity.

Well, I put it to any impartial reader of *The Freemason* whether the inference I draw from the very quotation "Lupus" gives, and which is to be found at p. 464 of Col. Porter's book, is not the natural and most reasonable one, and that Col. Porter meant what he said when he wrote that "the dormant language of England was once more revived and again established, although without connection with the foreign branches of the Fraternity."

I have to thank "A Masonic Student" for his interesting notes on my lecture, at page 46 of *The Freemason*. "Lupus" has already replied to some of his queries respecting the Order of St. John, so I need say but little upon that score. I may, however, observe that I have a trenchant letter before me on this subject from a learned friend (himself a knight of several orders, who refused the knighthood of the Holy Sepulchre), who tells me that Sir Richard Peat, who called himself Grand Prior of England, was declared an impostor.

I am inclined to agree with him ("A Masonic Student") that the Templars received their *aportreta* from the Masons, and not the Masons from the Templars, and I contend that your correspondent's note is, on the whole, favourable to my view. I do not the least favour Hutchenon's view that Masonry descends to us from the Crusaders, and that it is of chivalric origin; on the contrary, I have always held "A Masonic Student's" views as to its connection with the Operative Masons of the middle ages; but still the actual connection, whatever it was, is a vexata questio, and we can at best theorise, according to our views.

I do not even yet despair of making "A Masonic Student" a very good Templar, even though he never joins the Order.

My genial critic will find much suggestive matter in Jennings's "Rosierucians."

The author of that interesting but very curious work speaks of the Templar flag, the Beauséant (Beau Séant), "as the grandly mystic banner, revealing a whole occult philosophy to the initiate, which the leaders of the Templars undoubtedly were."

Jennings goes on to say—"Von Hammer's Mystery of Baphomet revealed," contains much suggestive matter relative to these mysterious

Templars. The Parisian "Templiers" (no doubt he meant the Ordre du Temple of France) assert that there is a connection between the recent Niskhi character and the Cufic characters, and that the origin of the secrets of the Order of the Temple is contemporary with the prevalence of the latter alphabet." Your readers know that the Templars were accused of being Gnostics, and Jennings adds to some comments on the subject, "It is well known that the preservation of gnostic symbols by Freemasons was, and remains so to this day, exceedingly sedulous."

In another portion of the work, the author says: "The character of the Head which the Templars were charged with having worshiped (*sic*) in their secret encampments or mystic lodges had been the subject of much dispute, some say it was the head of Prosperpine, or of the mother of nature, presented under certain strange aspects. Others assert that the figure was malee of Dis or Charm, according to the classic nomenclature. The object was reputed to be a talisman, and that it is called by some to be the head of Medusa, or the snake haired visage, dropping blood which turned to snakes, and transforming the beholder to stone. It was this head, or one of a similar description, which was supposed to serve as the talisman or recognitive mark of the secret fraternity or society headed by Pichegru and others which was suppressed by Napoleon."

To return once more to Brother "Lupus" and his strictures, I may say that Sir George Bowyer, through a friend, very courteously placed at my disposal the other day a very important document touching the Anglican claims. He also lent me a book, which I had in my possession till this last day or two, the General Roll of the Order, published at Rome in 1872, entitled *Ruolo Generale del Sov. S.M. Ordine Gerosolimitano*.

In the table of Grand Masters I find the names of Emmanuele Pinto de Fonseca as 68th Grand Master, from 1741 to 1743; Ferdinando Hompesch as 71st Grand Master, from 1797 to 1798; Paolo I. Imperatore de Russia as 72nd Grand Master, from 1798 to 1800; and Giovanni Tommasi, as 73rd Grand Master, from 1802 to 1805. I also find the name of Filippo di Colloredo as Luogotenent, del Magistero (Lieutenant of the Mastery) from 15th Sep., 1845 to 9th Oct. 1864; and Giovanni Battista Ceschi di Santa Croce in the same important post, to which he was elected 14th Feb., 1872. I find also an account of the names and rank of the Knights who form the Grand Priory of Rome, and the rest of the dependant bodies which constitute the Italian *langue*—including the Grand Pories of Lombardo-Venetia and the Two Sicilies; I also see the German *Langue*, which includes the Grand Prior of Bohemia and its dependant bodies, together with the association of knights in Silesia and Westphalia. I further trace the names of Sir George Bowyer and Count Traffé, whose Book on the Order I have noticed, but I fail to find that of His Grace of Manchester, or that of many others who claim to be Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. The fact is, as I have stated, the so-called English *langue* is repudiated by the authorities of the Order at Rome, and whatever my worthy and esteemed Brother "Lupus" may say to the contrary, we, as Masonic Knights of Malta, have as much right to the title as the Protestant gentlemen whom I have rightly called "the Manchester Body." Indeed, I have reason to believe that the Catholic Order has less objection to us as a body, inasmuch as they deem us only ad imitationem, than they have for the body which was, as many think, illegally revived in England as the Order of St. John in Anglia, and which claims a legitimate succession.

The document to which I have referred I propose to publish in next week's *Freemason*. Your readers will then see whether I do or do not make unsupported assertions.

So far as the Duke of Sussex is concerned, I do not quarrel with Bro. Lupus' conclusions, though I may have a very different view of the matter to my learned antagonist.

The Duke would not care to join a branch of the Order which he, in common with others, might look upon as spurious, but he was far too courteous to say what he meant. I don't see anything in what Bro. Lupus has printed (of

* Page 426.

† Page 413.

‡ "Rosierucians," page 53 and 54.

course I don't know what the letters are he has seen) to prove that the Duke of Sussex was not appointed Grand Prior of England by the Emperor Alexander.

As to the Emperor's right to appoint him, that is quite another matter.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN IN ENGLAND.

I beg that "A Masonic Student" will not for a moment suppose I considered his courteous communication indicated a desire to interfere with a discussion in which I regret to have been compelled to play my humble part. I am glad that the "Student" concurs in my view that the Order of St. John has been improperly brought into Bro. Holmes' lecture and speech to Grand Conclave. I protest against it as being a gratuitous attack on an Order which contains amongst its limited numbers a large proportion of persons distinguished not only for position and rank, but for good work, high deeds, and literary and scientific attainments; an Order which has made its mark in the world for good and beneficent objects, and is doing its utmost to ameliorate the ills of suffering humanity; and an Order of which every member and associate would scorn to forward any spurious claims, whilst they would be just as unlikely to accept any premeditated insult. I am most happy to give the Student any information in my power, but as I had not intended, and have still no intention, to discuss the English Langue, I shall be glad to hear from him privately; but as his present queries have been publicly asked, I will endeavour to reply briefly and directly.

1. I do claim, distinctly, that the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, of which H. G. the Duke of Manchester is the present Prior, and of which the members mostly belong to the national church, is a lawful branch of the genuine Order of St. John.

2. If the act of the miscellaneous body of Knights in Russia, when they elected a new Grand Master during the life of the old one, is accepted, as is the fact, as a lawful proceeding, can it be disputed that the five out of the seven remaining langues could give legitimate sanction to the resuscitation of a branch of the Order in England? Most of the divisions of the Order are now acting as independent sections. Sir Bernard Burke, who is our modern authority on Orders, says that the Order of St. John exists in Austria, in several Italian Duchies, and in Bohemia, Russia, and Poland, and in Spain, "though under a modified constitution, and in separate bodies." I say that no other reason why the conventions could legalise the Order in England, is wanted, than that which enables the refugee Knights to elect the Emperor Paul, when they alleged "the impossibility, in our present circumstances, the members of our Order being generally dispersed, of preserving all the forms and customs prescribed in our Constitution and Statutes." If the will of a majority of the langues shall not prevail, what else can?

3. The English (sixth) langue was an original division of the Order.

4. The convention in Paris represented the three langues of France and those of Spain and Portugal; they thus acted as a large majority of the Order. As a "Commission" they derived under the powers declared by a Chapter General of the French Knights, which was assembled at Paris, in 1814, under the presidency of Prince Camille de Rohan, Grand Prior of Aquitaine. The Commission was confirmed by a Pontifical Bull, on the 10th of August, 1814, and was recognised as representative of the whole Order on important historic occasions.

5. The Order of St. John was essentially a republic, which was called into existence by the will of its own original assembly. It is not, and never was, as Bro. Holmes has asserted, a Papal Order, but was the offspring of the small hospitalier association which formed its humble beginning at Jerusalem. Why not, then, a great majority of this republic authorise the revival of

a branch here, or elsewhere? I am not aware that Bro. Holmes has attempted to prove a direct succession for the Freemasons through the English langue, of which the last information is in 1558. If he has, I will venture to say he has lamentably failed.

6. The acknowledgment of the Secretary General of the French langues is only of effect as disposing of any question that the convention was made by a fictitious body or that the documents were not genuine.

7. I have already said that the proceedings in the Court of King's Bench were quite apart from the revival under the conventions with the French Knights, but I may explain that it was at that time believed that the Corporation of the Order, under the Letters Patent to which the "Student" has before referred, could be by this proceeding re-constituted. Sir Robert Peat's action was taken at the instance of Sir Lancelot Shadwell, then Vice-Chancellor of England (who soon afterwards became a member of the Order), and it was no doubt considered right to adopt the recommendation of so distinguished a legal functionary. This explanation I have no doubt is correct, as the oath taken by Sir Robert, which is signed by Sir Thomas Denman, and still in existence, alludes to the Letters Patent. There may be circumstances surrounding the subject, which would require a judicial decision to determine the value of this proceeding, but the subject, is not worth discussing, as the revival of the Order is not dependent upon it, and it may be as well simply looked upon as a marked public and legal notice that the banner of the Hospital was again raised in England.

And now a word on brother Holmes's boastful announcement. I believe that his terrible "document" from Rome, repudiating the English Langue, is very well known to me, has been published more than once, and has even been printed by myself. It is about as valuable and useful as would be a similar document from London repudiating the Roman claims; and it had origin, if I correctly anticipate the terrific fulmination, in a piece of curiously under-hand dealing, of which I am happy to say I possess the history. I would have had pleasure in making this interesting "document" known over again, had I been aware that Bro. Holmes desired it, and had I also any intention to discuss the English Order. As it is, I simply reserve to myself the right (which I shall regret to exercise, as I hoped my task was ended) to make a few comments upon the overwhelming repudiation which Bro. Holmes seems to have so long nursed. "Parturient montes."—LUPUS.

OLD MASONIC BOOKS.

I feel quite certain not one of the many readers of *The Freemason* will consider "Masonic Student's" budget to be too long, but rather not long enough, for anything from his pen has never yet proved dull or uninteresting to all lovers of the Craft and its history. I hope our brother will succeed in tracing his lost "Pritchard," and that it will prove to be the first edition. In my last communication the edition in my possession is stated to be of 1837 in error. It is of 1737, just seven years after its first appearance.

The French History of 1745 in the "Masonic Student's" last budget is the 2nd edition of Varrentrapp's valuable little book of A.D. 1742 (A Francfort sur le Meyn, small 8vo. 30 pp. & 283) and apparently was edited by "Le Frere de la Tierce." The discourse is in it of 1740, and though in one volume, it really consists of two parts. Much in it, as in the second edition, it would be well to have translated, especially the Oration of 1740, if some good brother would undertake that task. The collation of 2nd edition so far as is given by Dr. Bloss is as follows. "Ed. II. a L'Orient chez G. de l'Etoile, etc, 2 Tomes, 1745. S. T. I. p. xii. 311; T. II. p. xii. 322. 2. The particulars as to the one of 1742 agree with the copy in my library.

The 2nd book of 1745, viz., *Les Secrets de l'Ordre des Francs-Maçons*. A Amsterdam 1745. I have a copy of it, and believe it to be very scarce. "Masonic Student" speaks of "two interesting prints." There are, however, seven, and all are most interesting. The work is by "L'Abbé Perau." I know this because of

a cypher which concludes the "Epitre," and from the key given at page 174 it is the name as above. "Le Mot de Maitre" is especially curious, but of course inappropriate to be considered in this place. "M. L'Abbe Perau" also had his "Les Secret des F.M." in Paris, 1744, and at "Geneve," at first we believe in 1742. I have not the work of 1747, and should like to know if it agrees with the one, of 1745, by Perau.

The Songs about 1772, in MS., is likely a copy from a book about that period. The Earl of Kelly was Grand Master of the "Athole Masons" from 1761 to 1767.—W. J. HUGHAN.

Original Correspondence.

STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to a "North Country Mason," I beg to say that, in my humble opinion, until a Scotch or Irish P.M. has served as a Warden, and been installed in the chair of a lodge under the English Constitution, he cannot preside over that lodge, even in the absence of the W.M. and all the Past Masters.

Though a Past Master in the lodge, he is not of it, and not having been installed under our Constitution, he is ineligible to take the chair.

This may seem a regrettable anomaly but, it arises from the difference of working under the three Constitutions as many Irish and Scotch Masons "Pass the Chair," as it is called, though not actual W.M.'s, and are then denominated Past Masters.

My own opinion long has been, that all actual Past Masters, whether Scotch or Irish, that is to say, those who have been installed W.M.'s bonâ fide and presided over a lodge twelve months, should on formal certificate of the same, issued by their Grand Lodges, when they become subscribing members of a English Lodge, be eligible to election as W.M., like all other P.M.'s, and be effective for all the duties of a P.M. in the lodge.

This a matter which could be easily adjusted by a little mutual concession on the part of all the three Grand Lodges respectively.

There can be not doubt, but, that our own Grand Lodge is perfectly correct both on the ground of ancient usage and common sense, in the strict regulation it has hitherto laid down on the subject.

"Passing the Chair" ought to be given up, both by the Irish and Scotch Grand Lodges.

Such an enactment as I have now suggested, would place all actual W.M.'s on an equality, and prevent many of those questions which constantly arise, to the annoyance of an Irish or Scotch Past Master on the one hand, and to the regret of our English brethren on the other.

I hope I have now satisfactorily answered the questions of a "North Country Mason."

I am, yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Perusal of the leading article in the *Athenæum* of Saturday, February the 1st, has brought to my mind a conviction formed long ago, one too which becomes more confirmed as circumstances increasingly occur tending to show that there is substantial ground for it. The paper to which I allude is based on several publications having reference to "The Royal Hospital for Incurables," and therein the writer strongly condemns the method of obtaining admission for patients, by which "those who are elected are not so much those who really stand in need of help, as those who have influential friends, who can afford a considerable outlay in printing, postage, &c., and who can collect a hundred pounds or so to purchase votes." The facts mentioned in support of this opinion are so strong that one can hardly conceive any person who carefully considers them persisting in advocacy of the present system. The plan adopted in the above and many other institutions of similar character is exactly the same as that pursued by

the Masonic body in regard to admissions to the Schools for Boys and Girls, and to participation in grants from the Benevolent Funds, and there appear to me to be indications that the increasing difficulty in procuring the election of most deserving candidates is becoming evident to members of our Craft, and is inducing the formation of more limited charities, restricted to the several provinces in which they are established. Indeed, I have recently seen somewhere in print this alleged as a reason for neglecting our great Masonic institutions in London, in favour of a local one. The effect of such a course may not be sensibly felt as yet, but it appears to me that in course of time it will be inevitable. In addition to the cost incurred by candidates whose means are necessarily very limited, and who in case of failure are on this account much to be pitied, there are several other objections, namely, the system of borrowing votes, which have to be repaid, thus crippling the means of the borrowers in future years; the systematic purchase of votes pursued in some provinces; the recommendations of candidates on canvassing cards by brethren who have no personal knowledge of the cases, for which the use of my name has repeatedly been solicited; the exchange of votes in one branch for those in another; the trouble and expense to which subscribers are put in filling up and posting the papers; the probability, since many provinces look chiefly to their own interest, and if they do not require their own votes barter them, that a district in which there are but few lodges will fail in obtaining relief for any unfortunate who belong to it; lastly, the amount of labour in the office in the preparation and sending out of the balloting papers, and the cost of printing and postage.

I have long been of opinion that the course pursued among us is very unsatisfactory, sometimes annoying, and that the object we have in view, that of helping the most necessitous and deserving, since we have not means wherewith to meet all the applications, would be far better effected by the periodical appointment of a special committee, to the members of which, acting conjointly, should be entrusted the examination of claims and the selection of the candidates most in need. This is just the course proposed by the writer of the article in the *Athenæum* to which I have referred, and of which I recommend a perusal, as the subject is there treated at greater length than is desirable in your columns, and the result is the same as that at which I arrived some years ago. It may be said that subscribers value the patronage exercised in giving their votes, but, is the gratification of vanity to so small an extent worth consideration, when weighed against serious objections to the system? Public interest in the charities may be maintained by forwarding to every donor and subscriber annually a brief abstract of the proceedings, a list of the candidates, without full details of each case, and the decisions of the committee with regard to them.

A LIFE GOVERNOR
OF ALL THE MASONIC CHARITIES

THE HOUSE OF BONAPARTE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see that our excellent Brother R. Wentworth Little states it to be certain, his words are—"there can be no doubt that the late Emperor Napoleon III. was a member of the Carbonari." Now, the query I venture respectfully to put, is "Is it altogether without doubt?" I am aware it has been often said so, but it has also been denied.

I am rather inclined to think that the late Emperor was probably in early life admitted a member of the "Maçonnerie Napoléonienne," and never was a member of the actual Carbonari. It is very important that all matters in the domain of history should be perfectly correct and trustworthy. Has our Bro. R. W. Little any actual authority for so important a statement?

Yours fraternally,

D. BLOCS.

"After suffering many years from indigestion and biliousness, for which I could find no remedy, I was at length induced by a friend to try your Veget. Pain-Killer for it, and the first bottle I used of it gave me entire and permanent relief.—J. L. HAYLOCK, Manchester, July 15, 1867.—To Perry Davis & Son, London, W.C."

THE CITY OF LONDON MASONIC LIFE- BOAT BALL.

This ball, which took place on Friday, 24th ult., at the London Tavern, was, as the Lord Mayor described it to be, one of the most brilliant assemblages of the season, and was as agreeable as brilliant. The varied Masonic clothing of the gentlemen—Craft, Arch, Knights Templar, Rose Croix, Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Provincial Grand Officers, &c., intermingled with the equally elegant dresses of the ladies, produced a charming coup d'œil. Dancing commenced to Shapcott's very efficient band soon after half-past 9 o'clock, when the fine room of the London Tavern was tolerably well filled, brother Meekham, the principal M.C., and his assistants, having most satisfactorily arranged all the preliminaries. The Stewards, most of them in Masonic clothing, were distinguished by very handsome satin and silver rosettes, emblazoned with the crest of the City of London, after Bro. Kenning's most effective fashion, and praise is due to them for their assiduous attention to the numerous company. At half-past eleven o'clock the arrival of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Miss Waterlow, Mr. Sheriff Perkins, and Under-Sheriff Crossley (Mr. Sheriff White being unfortunately absent through illness) were announced. They were received and conducted to the ball room by Bros. William Carpenter, Frederick Kent, C.C., Henry Chapman, Hon. Sec., Joseph Morrell, P.G.D., and Brother Stephen Carey. The Stewards having formed a double line from the head of the stairs into the ball room, and the company having ranged themselves on either side, the Lord Mayor preceded and accompanied by several brethren and other gentlemen, entered, followed by the lady Mayoress, escorted by Bro. F. Kent, and Miss Waterlow by Bro. W. Carpenter. The ladies having taken their seats at the further end of the room, the Lord Mayor, after a friendly gossip with some of the gentlemen about him, amongst whom was Sir Patrick Colquhoun, D.G.M.K.T., (introduced to his lordship by Bro. Wm. Carpenter), joined in two or three quadrilles, which he seemed much to enjoy.

Supper was announced, whereupon the party proceeded to the supper room, laid for them and about twenty others, the Lady Mayoress being escorted by Bro. Wm. Carpenter, Miss Waterlow by Bro. F. Kent, and the accompanying ladies by other of the Stewards, including Bros. Y. Christian, S. Carey, F. Bartlett, J. Morrell, H. Chapman, and others. At the supper table, Bro. F. Kent occupied the chair, having on his right the Lady Mayoress and Mr. Sheriff Perkins, and on his left the Lord Mayor, and Mr. Deputy Sheriff Crossley. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. W. Carpenter, having on his right hand Miss Waterlow, and on his left Sir Patrick Colquhoun. In the course of the repast, the Lord Mayor proposed "The Committee of the City of London Masonic Lifeboat Fund, and the Chairman proposed "The Lord Mayor and the Corporation of the City of London," to which the Lord Mayor responded. His lordship expressed his thanks to the Committee for having invited him to their ball, which he was pleased to say, was the most brilliant and agreeable assemblage he had yet had the pleasure of being present at. In advertising to the object which the ball was intended to promote, his lordship observed, that he was gratified to think that there would be a life-boat identified in name with the City of London, which he thought ought not to be without at least one. His lordship then adverted to the awful calamity that had befallen the "Northfleet" and her passengers and men, and expressed his gratification at having been enabled, in the course of the day, to raise a subscription of nearly £1000, which he hoped, considerably to increase. As to Masonry, he said, he was sorry he was not a brother. How he was not, he scarcely knew, he held the Order in very high estimation, for its moral character, and its charitable institutions, and it was not at all impossible that, if he should be thought worthy, he might one day have the honour of being enrolled amongst its members. Looking around him, he saw honours, or whatever they were called, borne

on the breasts of some of them, that made him look poor, indeed, although he was not without his decorations. His lordship hereupon naïvely told a story, which created shouts of laughter, in which he heartily joined. He said that one day, they were about to have a festive gathering at the Mansion House, and a short time before the hour at which they had to receive their guests arrived, a friend of his—not of the party—called. Having expressed a wish to see his lordship in his official attire, he (the Lord Mayor) said, if he would wait a few minutes his wish should be gratified. Leaving the room, said his lordship, I returned in a few minutes, with all my honours thick upon me. Having submitted myself to the criticism of my friend, he very dryly said, Well, Sir, I think you may now do very well to compete with one of your own footmen;" upon which, as we have said, there were shouts of laughter, which the Lady Mayoress and the other ladies seemed much to enjoy. The chairman then proposed the health of Mr. Sheriff Perkins and Mr. Under-Sheriff Crossley, to which they both responded, expressing their desire, as the Lord Mayor had done, to do anything in their power to promote the object of the Lifeboat Committee. The Vice-Chairman proposed the health of Sir Patrick Colquhoun, who responded, expressing, with most kindly feeling, his gratification at the in every way successful efforts of the Committee towards the attainment of a most noble object.

The party returned to the ball room, the Lord Mayor and Miss Waterlow again joining in a quadrille with Bros. H. Chapman, J. Clever, J. Stansfield, and their respective partners, and not taking their departure till a late hour, before doing which they again expressed their gratification with all they had seen and heard.

We may add, that after leaving the supper rooms the general company returned to the ball room, and kept up the dancing, until (some of them) nearly five o'clock.

Everything, from first to last, was well conducted, and passed off in the most satisfactory manner. The refreshments during the evening were ample, and were well served, and the supper tables were plentifully and elegantly spread.

We have reason to hope that the fund will be benefitted in proportion as the company was pleased. There were about 250 present.

LILY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Lily Lodge of Instruction (No. 820), held at the "Greyhound Hotel," George-street, Richmond, on Monday, Feb. 17, 1873, at Six o'clock. Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., 554 and 933, will preside; Bro. T. Austin, W. M., 933, Senior Warden; Bro. W. Watson, P.M., 23 and P.G.S., Junior Warden. First Lecture:—1st section, Bro. Ashburner, 1278; 2nd section, Bro. Mortlock, 186; 3rd section, Bro. Myers, 821; 4th section, Bro. Hogg, 1349; 5th section, Bro. Chadwick, 554; 6th section, Bro. Verry, 554; 7th section, Bro. Pindar, 14. Second Lecture:—1st section, Bro. Berry, 554; 2nd section, Bro. Howe, 212; 3rd section, Bro. Rugg, 781; 4th section, Bro. Cundick, 1421; 5th section, Bro. Yetton, 933. Third Lecture:—1st section, Bro. Musto, 1349; 2nd section, Bro. Watson, 23, and P.G.S.; 3rd section, Bro. Crawley, 174.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Ebrictatis Encomium; or, The Praise of Drunkenness."

"Freemasons' Calendar for the Province of Dorset for 1873."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 21, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, Feb. 15.

Lodge 715, Favourite, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 1379, Sphinx, Finsbury Castle, Church-st., Cumberwell.
" 1364, Earl of Zealand, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.

Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.
 Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, Feb. 17.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Board of General Purposes at 3.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stamford-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, South-walk.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leaden-hall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho.
 Chap 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chapter 19, Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Rose Croix Chapter Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterane, Preceptor.
 Yarrowport Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, New Wandswoth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandswoth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, Feb. 20.

House Committee Girls School, at 6.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 733, Westbourne Lord's, Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 1139, South Norwood, South Norwood Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1257, Great Northern, Great Northern Hotel, King's-cross.
 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Stockwell.

Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 Knights Templar Encampment, Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stearn, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pousouby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday, Feb. 21.

No. 6, Friendship, Willis's rooms, King-st., St. James's.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 Invieta, Rose Croix Chapter, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggenidge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Followay, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greazwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, February 22, 1873.

Monday, Feb. 17.

Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 Independence Lodge (721), Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Alliance Lodge (667), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Warren Lodge (1276), Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Lodge of Antiquity (178), Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Everton Lodge (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Zetland Lodge (587), 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 Walton Lodge (1086), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (1182), Coffee House, Waver-tree, near Liverpool, at 5.

Thursday, Feb. 20.

Ancient Union Lodge (203), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Combermere Lodge (605), Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Pembroke Lodge (1299), West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.

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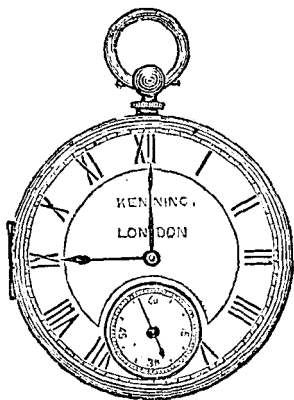
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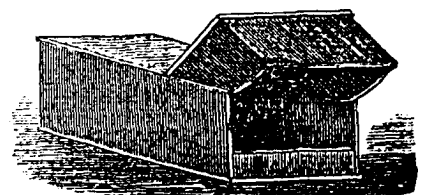


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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WIMBORNE MINSTER.—*St. Cuthberga Lodge* (No. 99).—This lodge met on Wednesday, 12th inst., Bro. C. W. Wyndham, the W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. by W. Bro. Rev. W. M. Heath, one of the Grand Chaplains of Grand Mark Lodge. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. W. Fletcher, S.W.; B. J. Kerridge, J.W.; J. W. Luff, M.O.; F. H. Tanner, S.O.; H. Baverstock, J.O.; J. W. Luff, Secretary; W. Reade, Reg. of Marks; R. G. Long, S.D.; W. J. Guest, J.D.; E. A. H. Castleman, D.C.; W. Bro. Rev. W. M. Heath, Chaplain; J. Symes, I.G. No appointment of Tyler was made, the brother elected to that office having recently deceased.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—*Lodge of Friendship* (No. 100).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Thursday, 13th inst. There were present visitors from Norwich, Lowestoft, and Ipswich. The Lodge was opened at the Record Room, Town Hall, when Bro. John Franklin was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. P.M. Oswald Diver, in his usual impressive style. Lodge being resumed, and the W.M. saluted in the three degrees, the Master invested his officers, viz. Bros. Gage, S.W.; Fowler J.W.; Wm. Wright, P.M., Secretary; Boning, S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Galloway, I. G.; H. Camping and Batty, Stewards; Holt, Tyler. The lodge having closed in peace and harmony, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment at their lodge room, Crown and Anchor Hotel, of which the W.M. is proprietor, (this being the only instance in the Province of the host embodying the two positions, and for which a dispensation from Grand Lodge has to be obtained), and partook of a sumptuous banquet. The cloth being removed, and the usual loyal and masonic toasts being disposed of, a handsome silver salver, suitably inscribed was presented to Bro. P.M. Secretary, Wm. Wright, by Bro. Morgan (of Norwich) P.G.S., in the name of the brethren, as a token of the high estimation in which he is held, and in return for the invaluable services he has rendered as Secretary, which position he has held for the last 13 years. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, the brethren separating, not at high twelve, but at Bruce's eleven.

TRANQUILITY LODGE (No. 185).—It is somewhat a difficult task to report the proceedings of a lodge gathering when the writer aims at a strict adherence to truth, and is at the same time most anxious to avoid irritating the susceptibilities of the members. For it must be confessed, that although there are numerous lodges, to the working of which no possible exception can be taken, yet there are unfortunately some where unwarrantable laxity is the rule, and becoming decorum scarcely observed. But in this instance it is a happy privilege to be able conscientiously to record that the above lodge is undeniably one of the best conducted in the metropolis, and fortunate in possessing a staff of officers whose Masonic abilities and general intelligence, as exemplified during the discharge of their various duties, are worthy the highest praise. The meet-

ing on the 16th inst. was especially characterised by the amount of work and the manner in which it was accomplished. After the necessary preliminaries, Bro. R. L. Bloomfield, the W.M., who presided, conferred the supreme degree of M.M. upon Bros. Parkinson, Brocksopp, and Grant, and initiated into the ancient mysteries Messrs. Wm. Spence and Henry J. Thompson. The ceremonies were performed with calm dignity, and the solemnity thereof greatly enhanced by the addition of sacred music, under the able superintendence of Bro. Bilby, P.M., 527. The W.M., however, excelled even himself while conducting the onerous duties installing Bro. Nathan Moss as his successor. Generally, the performance of this particular ceremony falls to the lot of some expert Past Master, and is therefore usually done with tolerable efficiency, but it is very rare indeed to witness such proficiency as was displayed by the I.P.M. upon that occasion. The addresses, delivered with marked earnestness, lucidity, and impressiveness were especially listened to with undivided and breathless attention, and at the conclusion the Installing Master was on all sides congratulated upon his successful *debut* in that capacity. The newly installed W.M. commenced his duties by appointing his officers in the following order:—Bros. John Constable, S.W.; John Ross, J.W.; John Peartree, Treas.; Phillip Levy, Sec.; Joseph Bennett, S.D.; Henry Lyon, J.D.; R. Simons, I.G.; Vesper, Tyler. The brethren having been for several hours diligently at labour, were called off for refreshment, and ample justice was done to the repast prepared for their delectation. The removal of the cloth was followed by the customary loyal and Masonic toasts. The speeches of the W.M. and responses were given with delightful brevity. The former acquitted himself very creditably, considering the novel position in which he was placed, while amongst the latter the most noteworthy were that of Bro. J. M. Lazarus, P.M., &c., who, having been a member of the Craft for just half a century, was deemed the best qualified to reply on behalf of the visitors, a task which the venerable and highly esteemed brother performed with much good humoured eloquence, and also that of Bro. S. Solomon, P.M., who appealed in favour of the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge in stirring terms, which had the magical effect of softening hearts and opening pockets, resulting in gifts of numerous guineas and half guineas, which came flowing in with exemplary rapidity. This fund up to this meeting amounted to £700, and the speaker expressed his intention never to rest until it has attained the round sum of £1000. The proceedings in the banquetting room were interspersed with music and song. Miss Fowell presided at the piano, assisted by Bro. Joseph Burrett, S.D. The singers were Misses Estella Emerick and Rosa Leo, Bros. Constable, Ross, Farmer, and others. Of the ladies, one deserves especial mention, namely, Rosa Leo, who is only ten years of age, but betrayed an amount of precocious talent which indicates fair promise of future excellence. A selection from "Faust," in Italian, was given by that young artist with such sweetness and precision that it secured for her the hearty applause of all present. Among the Past Masters of the lodge were observed:—Bros. Harfeld, Holbrook, M. Harris, Alex. Levy, and Algernon Sydney. The visitors were:—Bros. T. M. Lazarus, P.M., P.Z., and P. Prov. G.O. Wiltshire; G. Bilby, P.M., 527; E. W. Hunt, W.M. 188; H. M. Levy, P.M., 188; E. P. Albert, P.M. 188; George Kenning, P.M. 192, P.G.D. Middlesex; C. F. Hogard, W.M., 205; C. Slater, P.M., 1309; D. H. Jacobs, P.M., 27; E. Gottheil, P.M. 141; and others.

LANCASTER.—*Lodge of Fortitude* (No. 281).—The regular meeting of the Lodge of Fortitude was held on Wednesday evening, 12th February, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There were present the W.M., Bro. William Fleming, W. Hall, I.P.M.; Edward Airey, S.W.; Robt. Greyson J.W.; Edmund Simpson, P.M. and Secretary; Robt. Jervis, S.D.; Richard Taylor, J.D.; W. Duff, I.G.; Watson and Beeley Tylers. Past Masters, John Hatch, George Kelland, and J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B. of England, J. Stanley, J. Bell, W. Heald, J.W. 1353, Ellershaw, Acton, Beesley. Visitors—Bro. Jesse Banning, P.M., 823 and 310; Thomas

Jackson, 1051. After the regular business had been transacted and communications read from the Provincial Grand Lodge, a Master-Mason's Lodge was opened, and Bro. Dr. Moore delivered a short lecture on the secrets and mysteries of Freemasonry, and in so doing at first adverted to the rigid inviolability with which they should be kept, and then pointed out the distinction which existed between the secrets and mysteries, showing also when and in what manner they became merged into each other. He then drew the attention of the brethren to the symbol of the Master's office as exemplified in the secrets of Freemasonry, and gave other information on the subject, which for obvious reasons we are unable to record. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded to the lecturer, who briefly responded, and who then proceeded to advocate the cause of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, of which Charity he was about to represent the lodge as Steward at the coming Festival. A donation of five guineas was unanimously voted towards that object on the motion of Bro. E. Simpson, P.M., seconded by the S.W., and their being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in due form.

LEEDS.—*Fidelity Lodge* (No. 289).—On Friday evening, the 14th inst., a conversazione and ball was held by the members of this lodge in their new hall recently erected and opened at Carlton Hill. The company was received by Mrs. Watson and the W.M. (Bro. Watson) at seven p.m., in the lodge room, which had been suitably transformed for the occasion. Here coffee was served, and the guests, who soon mustered upwards of sixty, were for some time occupied in examining various objects of interest placed about in the shape of articles of virtue, philosophical instruments, curiosities, &c., kindly lent by members of the lodge. A fine bedstead in carved oak, once the property of the great Hampden, and slept on on one occasion by Oliver Cromwell, being an object of special interest. A display, ably conducted by Bros. Ramsden (D.C.) and Walker (S.D.), of views photographed in the Island of Java, was afterwards given by means of large sheet and an oxyhydrogen lamp. The company adjourned downstairs into the tastefully decorated banquet room, when dancing commenced, and was kept up with unwonted zeal and spirit during the entire evening, into the "small hours." This lodge is peculiarly fortunate in containing such great musical talent, some of the most gifted local instrumentalists and vocalists being numbered amongst its members, and during the evening a sort of impromptu concert was got up which gave great delight to the audience. Much of the success of the evening must be attributed to the valuable aid rendered by Bros. Kirkley, Ramsden, and Walker, who at a very short notice undertook and carried out the principal arrangements most satisfactorily, and to Bro. W. Glover, the accomplished and zealous Organist of the lodge, who performed the duties of Master of the Ceremonies with great tact and skill. A similar gathering of the Fidelity brethren and their ladies had not taken place for many years, and the company, on breaking up, declared they had never passed a more delightful evening, and determined to repeat at the earliest suitable date what had proved so successful an experiment.

NORTHAMPTON.—*Pomfret Lodge* (No. 350).—The brethren of this lodge assembled in goodly number on Thursday evening, February 6th, it being the first occasion of their meeting together under the present W.M., Bro. E. W. Tuffley. Three brethren were passed to the second degree, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Three candidates were balloted for, and, being all elected, were initiated, the ceremony being performed by Bro. P.M. Stanton. £10 was voted towards the Royal Institution for Aged and Decayed Freemasons. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to supper, and afterwards spent a short time in a thoroughly enjoyable manner. There was a good muster of P.M.'s, and every officer was at his post, and the whole proceedings augur well for the Pomfret Lodge for 1873.

DORCHESTER.—*Faith and Unanimity Lodge* (No. 417).—At the February meeting there were present—Bros. C. Parsons, W.M.; W. P.

Cocheram, S.W.; A. B. Timbrell, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Newnham, Chap.; W. Osmond, Sec.; W. H. Dean, J.D.; H. Ling, D.C.; A. W. Edwards, I.G.; W. How and J. S. Scriver, Stewards; J. Lovelace, Treasurer; Bros. Fenner, A. Atkins, T. Chich, Chamer. Visitors—Bro. J. W. Melhuish 195, St. Patrick's, Belfast, and Bro. Sherry, 76, Economy, Winchester. Mr. Charles Shorto, of Stratton, was initiated into the Order according to ancient form, the W.M. performing the ceremony most efficiently. It was his first initiation, and the able manner in which he acquitted himself shows that he is not unworthy to succeed even so experienced a Mason as Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham. The visiting brethren present complimented the officers of the lodge on their good working. The working tools were explained and the charge delivered by Bro. T. Chick, P.M.

WIMBORNE.—*St. Cuthbert's Lodge* (No. 622).—At the February meeting of this lodge took place the installation of Bro. Henry Charles Burt as W.M. for the current year. There was a large attendance of the Craft, and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. the Rev. W.M. Heath, assisted by Bro. J. W. Smith. There were visiting brethren present from Blandford, Poole, Weymouth, and London. The W.M. appointed his officers, Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., S.W.; J. W. Taff, J.W.; Rev. W. M. Heath, Chaplain; Bro. C. C. Binett, Sec.; A. J. Budder, S.D.; J. Hammour, J.D.; J. A. Atkins, I.G. At the annual banquet which followed, between 30 and 40 brethren were present.

NEW MILFORD.—*Heyland Lodge* (No. 990).—On the 11th inst. the brethren of this Lodge met at the South Wales Hotel. There were present (in the absence of the W.M., the chair was ably filled by Bro. T. Phillips, P.M.), Bro. Gaddam, I.P.M.; Bro. T. Phipps, P.M.; Bro. Scritchly, P.M.; Bro. W. G. Phillips, P.M.; Bro. P. S. Davis, S.W.; Bro. Cousins, J.W.; Bro. Haous, S.D.; Bro. J. Davis, J.D.; Bro. Walkley, I. G.; with a full muster of the brethren, with Bro. Shirlan, visitor. Mr. A. Evans having been elected, was initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the order, in a most able manner, by Bro. T. Phillips. The W.M., Bro. Chas. Nibbs having arrived, took the chair of K.S.; Mr. S. Nibbs having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the second degree by the W.M.; in his usual able manner, the working tools being beautifully presented. Two gentlemen having been proposed as candidates, and other necessary business transacted, the Lodge was closed in due form with perfect harmony.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. Coles', the Half Moon, Herne Hill, on Tuesday the 18th February, 1873. Present:—Bros. W. Worrell, W.M.; J. Pain, S.W.; J. G. Brighton, J.W.; Frances, Sec.; Klenck, S.D.; Bentam, D.C.; also Bros. Bowyer, Coe Hinckman, and Bassnett. The business of the evening was the raising of Bro. Coe, and the initiation of Messrs. James and John Knibbs. Bro. Bassnet of (Lodge No. 22) having been previously proposed and seconded, was unanimously elected a joining member. All Masonic business having ended the brethren adjourned to a very excellent supper, presided over by the W.M.

WIDNES.—*The Lodge of Equity*, No. 1384.—The first anniversary of this lodge, which was consecrated twelve months ago, under highly favourable circumstances, was celebrated on Tuesday last, the 18th inst., at the Sims' Cross Hotel, Widnes. The principal business was the installation of Bro. Reginald Young, W.M. elect, and the large attendance of brethren showed the great respect in which the retiring and prospective Master were held. The lodge was opened according to established form, shortly after three o'clock, by Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, W.M., who was supported by the subjoined officers and brethren of the Equity:—Bros. R. Young, J.W.; W. Jameson, Treas.; R. D. Simpson, Sec.; H. S. Oppenheim, S.D.; J. W. Wareing, I.G.; W. Newsome, S.; T. Seplton,

T.; J. White, J. Walker, Borthwick, W. J. Thompson, J. A. Stoddart, J. T. Hall, J. Sampson, J. W. Carlisle, G. King, and J. Knight. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Hamer, P.P.G., Treas.; J. T. Birchall, P.M. 86; Dr. Morris, P.M. 86; W. Leather, W.M. 897; J. W. R. Fowler, W.M. 86; C. C. Imison, P.M. 758; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; A. Gurney, S.D. 897; B. Elvis, 477; A. Mitchell, 477; J. H. Jordan, 897; J. Van Denne, 86; W. Tyrer, Sec., 86; G. Stead, &c. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and unanimously confirmed, Bro. J. W. J. Fowler proceeded with installation of Bro. Young as W.M. The ceremony throughout was performed in a masterly style and impressive manner, the charges to the new staff of officers of the lodge being given by Bro. J. Hamer. The newly chaired W.M. subsequently invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. R. D. Simpson, S.W.; H. S. Oppenheim, J.W.; W. Jameson, Treas.; R. W. Wareing, Sec.; W. Newsome, S.D.; W. Thompson, J.D.; J. King, I.G.; J. White, S.S.; and Borthwick, J.S. Bro. Seplton was unanimously re-elected Tyler for the ensuing year. Before the termination of the business hearty good wishes were conveyed to the W.M. by brothers representing lodges Numbers, 86, 148, 477, 537, 858, 673, and 1,086. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., who was honoured with the presence of a strong muster of P.M.'s. After the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Fowler, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," referring to his many excellent qualities as a Mason and a citizen. After acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Young, W.M., gave "The Health of the I.P.M." in a terse and excellent speech, and concluded by presenting him with a massive gold ring, set with a stone of the Masonic colour, as a token of the admiration of the brethren of the lodge of his valuable services as their first W.M. Bro. Fowler acknowledged the handsom present in suitable and eloquent terms. After spending a pleasant evening the brethren separated at an early hour.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTH MOLTOX.—*Fortescue Lodge* (No. 9).—This old and flourishing lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, a very large number of the members being present. After the minutes of the last lodge-night had been read and confirmed, and the business of the lodge disposed of, Bro. Capt. Davey, the W.M., informed the lodge that our late much respected P.G.M. had resigned his office, which he had so long and worthily filled, and that he (the W.M.) had been appointed P.G.M. in his stead. It was proposed by Bro. Shapland, seconded by Bro. Riccard, and unanimously resolved, that the congratulations of the lodge be given to our W.M. for the honour conferred on him, and that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to grant him health to enable him to perform the duties of his office, which this lodge was assured he would discharge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren of the province. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren repaired to the Unicorn Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared for their reception by Bro. Cole at the request and expense of the W.M. The room was beautifully decorated with Masonic devices and the table with rare flowers, the wines were all that could be wished, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWPORT.—*Ivor Hael Chapter of Rose Croix*.—A chapter of Sovereign Princes Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., was held at the Newport Masonic Hall, on Monday. By permission of the brethren ladies and gentlemen, properly introduced, whether by members of the Order or not, were allowed to inspect the decorations, which constitute a great feature of this really beautiful chivalric

degree. The brilliantly lighted altar, the splendidly wrought banners (not fewer than eighteen in number), and the other sumptuous embellishments were witnessed with admiration by those who were thus privileged, the ladies especially being charmed with the *coup d'œil* presented in the principal room. In truth, it was a scene sufficient to dazzle the eyes of any ordinary observer. We were pleased to hear a highly commendatory remark from Major Shadwell Clerke, (the father of the Chapter), who is so frequently engaged in Masonic ceremonials, both in the Metropolis and the Provinces—to the effect that nowhere had he found these degrees of Masonry more tastefully, more beautifully aided by the accessories of elegance and art than in Newport. It is a high compliment to the Ivor Hael Chapter that its founder is this year selected for the distinguished honour of the 33°—that is, a member of the Supreme Grand Council for England and Wales! The Chapter having been duly opened, five candidates, viz., Bros. George Shaddick, Swansea, 207; W. B. Broad, Monmouth, 457; E. H. Bromage, Monmouth, 457; Henry Greene, Newport, 371, and H. Ansell Smith, Swansea, were duly perfected. The next business was to elect the M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Bro. Major Clerke had great pleasure in proposing for election to the honour of M.W.S. of the Ivor Hael Chapter, Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, under his worthy brother, the present M.W.S. No one, he felt certain, had the interest of Masonry in general, and of this Chapter in particular, more at heart, than Bro. Homfray. (Masonic approbation.) Bro. H. Martyn Kaynard seconded the proposition in a few hearty fraternal expressions. Bro. L. Augustus Homfray felicitously returned thanks. A proposition to alter the days of holding the periodical meetings of the Ivor Hael was carried. In future they will be on the last Wednesday in July, and the last Wednesday in January of each year. The installation of Bro. L. A. Homfray will, therefore, take place in Midsummer. The sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to the charity of the Aged and Decayed Freemasons, which constitutes a life governorship for the M.W.S. for the time being, of the Ivor Hael. It was resolved that a jewel be presented to each of the P.M.W.S.'s in succession by the Chapter. Brother Major Clerke was literally overwhelmed with thanks for his great kindness to the Ivor Hael, and, with his usual self-abnegation he took but small credit to himself. There were other complimentary passages, and the "third point" having been given, the Chapter was closed. The excellent and impressive manner in which Bro. S. George Homfray went through his very arduous task as M.W.S. deserves special commendation. None but those who appreciate Masonry in its practical and inexorable work, know the drain upon the mental faculties which high office entails. Brother Homfray showed that he had acquired the nice and delicate working of that roseate degree with consummate skill. Not a rose lost a petal, nor a flower drooped, in the pretty, ay, the very pretty ceremony of the Rose Croix.

Red Cross of Constantine.

BYZANTINE CONCLAVE (No. 44).—The regular assembly of this flourishing Conclave took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, when there was a full average attendance of members. In consequence of the alarming illness of the Rev. Dr. Haycroft, V.E., the chair of C. was filled by the Int. Genl. of the Province, Sir Kt. W. Kelly, the M.P.S., Sir Kt. G. Toller, jun., acting as V.E. Of the seven candidates on the summons five were in attendance, and having been approved on a ballot were regularly installed by the Int. Genl. as Knights of the Order, the traditional history and charge being given by Sir Kt. Toller. The Int. Genl. referring to the sudden and dangerous illness of Dr. Haycroft, said that he was sure that every member would join in the wish that his life might be spared. The M.P.S., Sir Kt. Toller, spoke of the great services rendered by Dr. Haycroft to the Red Cross Order in general,

and No. 44 in particular. The ballot was then taken for the election of the officers for the ensuing year, when Dr. Haycroft, as M.P.S., and Sir Kt. S. S. Partridge, as V.E., were unanimously elected, Sir Kt. Sculthorpe being also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Sir Kt. Partridge expressed his acknowledgments for the honour conferred upon him. Sir Kt. Toller stated that he had suggested to the authorities the desirability of holding movable provincial assemblies of the Grand Conclave in the manner so successfully adopted in the Mark degree, and that Sir Kt. R. W. Little had engaged to bring the matter forward at the annual assembly in March. It was, after some discussion, unanimously resolved that the Grand Council be invited to hold a Provincial Grand Conclave in Leicester, on Wednesday the 14th of May next (being the day of the installation of the M.P.S.), or at such other time as they may appoint. It is hoped that if the invitation be accepted, it may result in a large gathering of members of the Order from all parts of the kingdom. This can scarcely fail to be advantageous to the interests of the degree, which has hitherto suffered from want of some such means of intercommunion between its members. We trust that the Red Cross Order, having now established friendly relations with the other Masonic jurisdictions, has before it a long career of even increased success and usefulness.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 11th instant. Comp. J. D. Humphries, M.E.Z., presided. There was a large attendance of visitors, amongst whom were Comps. Balfour, P.Z. 73; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; and J. Kay, R. Kay, R. Skinner, 973; T. Halket, Z. 113; J. G. Park, Z. 122, and Gumm, Mc. Kennan and Boyd of 122. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened by Comp. Humphries as M.M.; J. Balfour, P.Z. 73, acting as S.W.; G. W. Wheeler, H., 73, acting J.W.; Bro. R. Gregory, of Campbellton, was duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master. A Lodge of Excellent Masters was then formed with the same officers when Comp. Halket, Z. of 113, worked that degree at the request of the Z., and the Royal Arch Degree was also conferred upon him, Comp. Halket acting as Z; Comp. Humphries filling the chair of H., and T. M. Campbell, P.Z. 69, that of J. With such staff of officers it is needless to say the ceremony was very efficiently rendered, for the work of Comp. Halket is known and appreciated throughout the province; and it is one of the best features of Masonry in Glasgow that the brethren are always ready to assist in any capacity any Lodge or Chapter that they may be visiting.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 50).—Thursday, February the 13th, was a red letter day amongst the companions of the Arch in Glasgow, for Comp. J. Crabb, M.E.Z. of No. 50, had invited most of the Principals in the city to attend a special meeting to exalt into the degree Bro. W. M. Neilson, P.G.M. of the province, and three other gentlemen of high social standing, and the call was well responded to, for on the dais, beside the Principals of the Chapter Glasgow No. 50, we observed T. A. Barrow, P.G.Z; A. Mc. Taggart, M.A. the P.G. Scribe, E.; J. Crabb, P.G.S.N.; J. Balfour, P.G. 1st. S.; T. D. Humphries, Z of 69, P.G. 2nd S.; G Mc. Donald, Z, 73, P.G.S.B; T. Halket, Z; 113, P.G.T; T. Duthie, Z., 67; J. J. Tweed, D.C.K.T. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened, J. Crabb, Z, of 50, as R.W.M.M. who selected the following Comps. to assist him, J. Balfour, P.Z. of 73 as S.W.; G.W. Wheeler, H. 73, as J.W.; T. Halket, Z. of 113, and G. Mc. Donald Z. of 73 as S. and J. Deacons, Comp. Miller, R.W.M. of 113, as Organist. Letters of apology were read from Councillors Steel, and S. More, M.D., regretting that professional engagements had prevented them from attending. Bros. T. J. Smilie, R.W. M. of 3½ St. Johns, and Wm. Crawford were then separately introduced and regularly advanced to the degree of Mark Master.

GLASGOW.—A lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then formed, with the same officers, when

the same two gentlemen were entrusted with the secret of that degree, and passed through the veils. A chapter of the Holy Royal Arch was then opened, Comp. J. Crabb, Z. 50, P.G.S.N. as 1st P.; J. Duthie, Z. 47, as H.; J. Frazer, H. of 50, as J.; C. Halket, Z. 17; G. W. W. Wheeler, H. 73; and G. McDonald, Z. of 73, as the three Sojourners. Bros. Smilie and Crawford were then duly exalted as Royal Arch Masons. At the close of the lengthened ceremonies, Comp. Crabb, as Z. of 50 tendered, the thanks of the chapter to all the visitors for their attendance, and more especially to those Principals who had kindly taken subordinate positions under him, in order to more efficiently render the various ceremonies. He also thanked the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. Barrow, for his kindness in attending to grace the occasion with his presence. F. A. Barrow in reply, said he thought that he, in common with the rest of Companions rather ought to return thanks to Comp. Crabb, and the rest of the companions who had so ably assisted him in working all these three degrees so admirably; it had indeed been a rich intellectual treat, and while they had such workers in the province, and they continued to be actuated by the same fraternal spirit that that had prompted them that day, they need have no fears for the progress of Arch Masonry in Glasgow. The chapter was then closed, all having been well pleased with the day's proceedings.

Reviews.

The Science of Theology, or the Order of Universal History; Established by Scriptural and Historical Data, and illustrated by a Chart and Tables. By ROBERT GREGORY, 8vo. pp. 428. London, Nisbett.

It is seldom that a volume embodying the result of so much labour and research on a high and noble subject, and written in a style as clear and attractive as the one before us, falls under our notice. The object of the author we may describe as being an exhibition and illustration of the unity of the Divine plan and the wisdom of the Divine government, in relation to mankind and the world they inhabit, for the purpose of moral, intellectual, and spiritual training, and the development of their faculties as a preparation for that higher state of existence which the Beneficent Creator has destined for them. Neither sacred nor profane history, nor both combined, will enlighten the understanding of a careless or superficial reader on these high subjects. On the contrary, he will meet with much to perplex him, much that seems incompatible with any Divine plan or purpose of the Great Architect of the Universe, much that will appear contradictory to all its ideas of a moral Government, designed and unceasingly exercised for the present and future welfare of mankind. The pages of history present us with constant scenes of apparent disorder and confusion—individuals and nations striving to distinguish themselves by deeds of violence and cruelty, relentlessly waging war upon others, and devastating the fairest portions of the earth, in pursuit of objects to which a false ambition or a base desire of predominance has promoted them. Wherever we look, we find an apparent absence of that order and happiness which all our ideas of a wise and beneficent Being suggest, as characteristic of His wisdom and power. As our author observes, "In connection with the numerous changes which have transpired, in the past of mankind, there remains no difficulty in detecting the intrigues of ambitious spirits, the rule of injustice, and the train of human depravity and misery, which is certain to follow in their wake; but in all this, history fails to discover the working out of great principle, or the existence of any plan tending to the general emancipation and regeneration of the human race."

If we survey the material universe, we find a different state of things. There, all is found subject to law; everything exhibits part of an orderly plan and purpose. All emergencies are provided for, and even those occurrences which we call accidents are the results of laws which operate with unerring truth.

"The very law that moulds a tear,
And bids its trickle from its source,
Preserves the universe a sphere,
And guides the planets in their course."

It may be safely inferred, that similar order governs the moral and intellectual condition of mankind; and to discover this is an object worthy of the highest order of mind. As our author writes—

"It would have been altogether incompatible with the character of the Almighty had mankind been left to the uncertain issue of a train of fortuitous circumstances. The presence of God, as the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, is of itself a sufficient guarantee for the existence of order and design in all that relates to mankind. It cannot be supposed that the Infinite mind was without a purpose when man was first made, nor can we for a moment entertain the idea, that the circumstance of the fall of our first parents arose through any disorganization in those laws which had been instituted, from the first, for the government of the whole creation. It is doubtless true, that all creation, and the different laws by which it is governed, the primary state of mankind, and the order of dispensations which have subsequently transpired, were all founded by God, in accordance with the laws of truth, and that for one great and eternal purpose. It therefore follows, that all creation and its laws must harmonise with the character of God Himself, from whom, as the source of all existence, they radiate, and to whom, as the first and ever-sustaining power, they must of necessity converge."

It was to work out and develop this great problem, with respect both to man's present and future state, as this forms part of the Divine purpose, that the author undertook the laborious task, of which we have the result in the volume before us, consisting of twenty-nine chapters, in addition to a "prospectus," in which the object of the work is judiciously indicated. Beginning with an enquiry into the nature of man, in his relation to both worlds, Mr. Gregory leads us through the wide regions opened up in the pages of sacred and profane history, and concludes with "a full and complete solution" of the apocalyptic visions, as they portray the future of man in both the worlds to which he is related. Such of our readers as have taken an interest in the series of papers on the Israelites and the Anglo-Saxons with which Brother Carpenter favoured us, and which have since been re-published in the form of a book, will find much in the work before us in accordance with the views which our Brother Carpenter had propounded, on a subject that is exciting enquiry and study amongst students and thoughtful men generally.

It can hardly be expected that in reviewing a work of so multifarious and comprehensive a character, and treating of topics so far out of the ordinary course of reading and study, as this "Science of Theology, or the Order of Universal History" is, we should be able to say that we concur in all the author's conclusions, or that we deem all his reasoning and alleged proofs alike happy. We do not; but, taking the work as a whole, we can heartily commend it to our readers, as one in which they will find much to instruct in those hidden mysteries of nature and science which yield such gratification to the diligent student.

The Lifebout, Feb. 1st, 1873. This useful "Quarterly" is again a candidate for our best wishes, and deserves every success. Of course many of its accounts are most saddening, but, withal, its report for the last quarter contains many points which should stimulate and cheer us in aiding so noble an enterprise.

We notice that during 1872 the work of the Lifebout Institution may be summarised as follows:—

Lives saved from shipwreck by Life-boats	569
By shore boats &c., for whose services rewards have been granted by the Institution	170
	739

We give our warmest thanks to the committee and officers of this most valuable Institution, and unite with them in praying that this year not may

be so stormy as the last, and that the public will continue to support the National Lifeboat Institution (which is so merciful and patriotic in its design) as it deserves.

The International Masonic Review (New York). We are glad to see Bro. F. G. Tisdall has resumed active labour again on behalf of the Fraternity, and as Editor of the foregoing, he is sure to make his mark in the Masonic world, as he has already, as former Editor of "Masonic Department of *Pomeroy's Democrat*." The "Review" is well printed, neatly arranged, and carefully edited, and bids fair to be widely circulated.

Rev. John W. Simons is Editor of the Local Department, and commences in the first number to set the dishes in order as Steward, and as he trusts to the brethren for the material whereof the same may be composed, we hope they will give a bountiful provision.

Tribunals of Commerce. (London Mirror office.) The small pamphlet now before us will repay a careful perusal, and as it is edited by sure the Hon. Sec., Mr. John Robert Taylor, it is to be found as valuable as it is trustworthy. The object of the compiler is to draw attention "ere it be too late," to the vital importance of rendering the proposed Tribunal of Commerce for the City of London "as exempt as possible from the legal element."

Without venturing to offer any remarks as to the object of the compilation, we may state that a Parliamentary notice of the Corporation of the City of London has already been inserted in the public papers in November last, for the Session of 1873, by which it appears that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London (otherwise known as the Corporation of the City of London) intend to apply to Parliament for leave to bring in a bill.

"To establish a Court or Tribunal of Commerce of the City of London, for the trial and determination of all disputed questions which may arise between the parties to any commercial transaction in relation thereto, and effected within such limits as the bill may define or as Parliament may prescribe.

Mr. Taylor inserts a number of letters on the subject, and certainly as we have all our interest in this important matter, we cannot do better than advise our readers to procure copies of the little book, and read for themselves.

The Evergreen. Dec. 1872. (Iowa U. S. A.) This number is remarkable for an excellent copper plate engraved portrait of Z. C. Luse, M.E. Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Iowa, and a capital memoir of William Sewell Gardner, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts. The career of this most indefatigable and intelligent Mason is skilfully sketched by the masterhand of Bro. W. C. Moore, Editor *Freemasons' Monthly Magazine* and as our distinguished brother is now in the prime of life, we expect that he will render still more service on behalf of the Fraternity.

Proceedings Supreme Grand Council, 33^o, United States, N.J. The volume now under notice is for 1872, and though not so interesting as some of the earlier issues, is nevertheless of great value to all the adherents of that most flourishing Rite. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, 33^o, is the Commander, and Bro. Daniel Sickles, 33^o, Hon. Sec. General. During the recess the thirty-third degree was conferred upon some thirty members of the 32^o, all no doubt worthy men and zealous masons, but it strikes us that such wholesale receptions into the last and highest degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, is quite foreign to its original foundation.

The claim of Supreme Council of Scotland to concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme Council of England, in the dominion of Canada, has caused a flutter in the United States, and is now being investigated with extra care and caution. The correspondence on the subject is appended, and we are not a little interested on the subject ourselves. An offer was sent the Supreme Council of U.S. by the body in England to endeavour to open up a means of reconciliation with the Grand Orient of France, so far as the United States Councils are concerned. "An act of Incorporation" was agreed on, and will be accepted, and also the legal appointment of

Trustees. The meetings were held at New York, from the 17th September, 1872, and were of a most and unanimous and pleasing character.

Boletim Do Grande Or. Unido Do Brazil. This official publication is issued monthly, and we have pleasure in acknowledging of late the receipt of the numbers for the last quarter of the year 1872. The publishing office is at Rio De Janeiro. We notice that a communication was received from Bro. Goodall, 33^o, Representative of the Supreme Council of Brazil at the Northern Jurisdiction of United States, 33^o, and considerable space is devoted to general Masonic intelligence.

The Freemasons Calendar for the Province of Dorset. By HENRY LING, Dorchester.

A very useful list for the local brethren, by whom it is doubtlessly well appreciated.

Obituary.

BRO. ALEXANDER CROMBIE BREBNER.

Again the hand of death has beckoned one of our brethren away, and as a personal and intimate relation, I have especially, to mourn the loss of Bro. Alexander Crombie Brebner, who died peacefully, although suddenly, on the 26th of January last. He was the eldest son of the eminent advocate, James Brebner, Esq., of Aberdeen, and had himself for many years occupied a confidential and important post in the Audit Office, Somerset House, London.

He was initiated in the Oak Lodge, 190, on my own proposition, seconded by Bro. John Hogg, on Wednesday, the 18th of May, 1870, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Littauer; he was subsequently passed and raised in the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, Hampstead, in which lodge he took a deep interest. Although not a prominent Mason, he was one who ever expressed in his acts towards others, a right understanding of the great principles of Masonry, and acted upon them in no niggardly spirit.

He was a member of the Social Science Institute, in the proceedings of which he took a constant share, and he was also a fellow and member of the Anthropological Society, where he supported the financial economies of Bro. Hyde Clarke.

As a man of education and taste, there were few of his time who could rank higher, and as a personal friend, I can myself, with great sorrow at his loss, testify to his sterling and amiable qualities.

When he entered our Fraternity, I was glad that he turned to me for such slight services as I could perform, and the many brethren who remember him will join in my sincere regret that, after a close friendship of many years, he should have passed away without further distinction at the early age of forty-one.—K. R. H. MCKENZIE.

BRO. THORNBUR, P.M., 381.

On Saturday, 1st inst., the mortal remains of Bro. George Thornbur, P.M., mason, builder and contractor, of Darwen, Lancashire, (who met with his death from inflammation of the brain, caused by falling down a cellar-way in Green-street, on Thursday, the 23rd ult.) were interred in the family vault at Holy Trinity Church. The deceased brother has left a widow and two small children, and was thirty-six years of age. He was a well-known tradesman, and much respected by his workmen and a large circle of friends, and held in high esteem by his brethren of the Craft. As the deceased brother had expressed an anxious desire that his funeral should be conducted Masonically, the usual dispensation was procured from the Provincial Grand Lodge, and as the deceased was a P.M. of Lodge Harmony and Industry, 381, Darwen, his brethren mustered in strong force and preceded the hearse in full Masonic costume in accordance with their degrees, amongst whom we may name—Bros. T. Grime, W.M.; James Bentley, P.M.; L. Roberts, P.M.; Benson Wood, P.M.; R. H. Smalley, P.M.; W. Almond, S.W.; T. Almond, J.W.; Geo. Grime, S.D.; Thomas Robinson, J.D.; B. M. Cormack,

I.G.; W. G. Hutchinson, P.M., and O.G.; Geo. Wood, P.M., and Secretary; George Martin, Treas.; Charles Tiplady, of Blackburn, 345, P.G.P.T.; G. Dearden, W.M. 345; Duckworth and Eastwood, P.M.'s, 545; Cunliffe of Blackburn, and the Rev. Charles Hughes, of Tockholes near Darwen, Chaplain to 345. The Rev. R. Mayall, Vicar of the Church, kindly permitted the organ to be used on the occasion. On the corpse entering the sacred edifice, Bro. A. M. Briggs presided at the organ, and the solemn tunes produced a feeling most reverent and religious on all who entered. Large numbers were moved to tears, the beautiful burial service of the Church of England was impressively read by the worthy vicar. On the corpse leaving the church, the "Dead March" was performed on the organ. The funeral service at the grave having been concluded by the Vicar, the brethren formed a circle around the vault of the departed brother. The Chaplain read his portion of the ceremony, and the language of our beautiful service was most impressively read, his manner of delivery being deeply affecting and calculated to produce deep thought and seriousness while we received "a striking instance of the uncertainty of life, and the vanity of all human pursuits."

The W.M. of the Lodge then concluded the ceremony in the usual words of our Masonic ritual, responded to by the brethren. The service being ended, the brethren retired in the usual order, and dropped the ivyleaf on to the coffin of their departed brother, and returned to the lodge-room, where a cup of tea, &c., awaited them, provided by Bro. Gregg of the New Inn, and which was heartily welcome, as the day was bitterly cold and a strong nipping wind was blowing at the time. After tea the memory of the deceased brother was mentioned in the usual form, and his character and Masonic feelings were highly eulogised by his brethren and Bro. Tiplady, and a most impressive prayer by the Chaplain on behalf of the widow and children. The Lodge was closed as usual at half-past three.

BRO. THE REV. DR. HAYCROFT, W.M. 523.

We deeply regret to record that the illness elsewhere alluded to of the Rev. Dr. Haycroft, of Leicester, has terminated fatally. He expired on the afternoon of Sunday, the 16th instant, after an illness of only nine days, but the severity of the symptoms from the first were such as to leave but slight hopes of his recovery. His removal creates a void in the town, and especially in the Masonic body, that will not be easily filled.

One of a class—that of Nonconformist Ministers—but too seldom represented in the ranks of the Craft, he had by his conspicuous abilities attained a high position in the town, and secured the respect and esteem, not only of his friends, but even of those who differed from him.

As a preacher he enjoyed a wide-spread reputation, whilst as a Mason his career, though somewhat brief, had been highly honourable. He was remarkable for the strict punctuality no less than the ability with which he invariably fulfilled his Masonic engagements, notwithstanding that his time was largely occupied, the duties of every office he undertook were always efficiently and conscientiously performed.

He was, we believe, initiated in the Universal Lodge, London, No. 181, in the year 1868, of which lodge his brother-in-law, Dr. Wilkinson, was then Master; he afterwards joined the John of Gaunt Lodge, Leicester, No. 523; in 1868 he was appointed Senior Deacon, and having successively filled both Warden's chairs, he was unanimously elected W. Master in June last, since which time he has presided over the lodge with marked ability and success. As Prov. G. Chaplain, he delivered a masterly oration on the occasion of the consecration of St. Peter's Lodge, Market Harborough, which justly enhanced his Masonic reputation.

He was exalted to the R.A. in the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, and held the office of Prin. Soj. at the time of his death.

In the Mark degree he was a Past Grand Chaplain of England, and J.W. of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19.

He was one of the founders of the Byzantine Red Cross Conclave at Leicester, and it is to him

mainly that its success is due. The important services which he had rendered to the Order were recognised by his promotion to the Grand Senate, of which he was a member at his decease. As noticed in another part of our paper, he was only last week unanimously elected to the principal chair of the Conclave.

He was the President of the local Literary and Philosophical Society, and a member of the School Board.

The funeral was to take place yesterday (Friday), and was to be attended by members of the Masonic and other public bodies with which he was connected.

Servant of God well done
Rest from thy lov'd employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

BRO. CAPT. JOHN GEORGE FREER.

At Auckland, New Zealand, on the 10th November last, the mortal remains of Captain John George Freer were conveyed to the cemetery, and there interred with the ceremonies which are used by the brethren of the body of Free and Accepted Masons—ceremonies intended to symbolize a blessed eternity, which all Masons are instructed to believe will fall to the lot of a true and faithful brother of the Craft, ceremonies very beautiful and most touching to every one of them. Two hundred and forty of the brotherhood were present, but the cortège was swelled to quite 400 by the addition of the personal friends and acquaintances of the deceased. As the funeral procession marched to the place of interment, the fine band belonging to the Artillery preceding the coffin, which was carried by eight bearers, played the "Dead March." The Masonic burial service was read and the funeral oration pronounced very impressively by Bro. Andrew Beveridge, R.W.P.D.G.M., S.C. The deceased brother had attended the Roman Catholic Church, and a few hours previous to his death a priest was sent for to administer the last consolations of the Church offered to the dying. On the arrival of the rev. father he exhorted the dying man to renounce his connection with the brotherhood of Freemasons, but this he declined doing. Then the rev. father declared he could not under these circumstances administer the sacred rites of the Church, nor pronounce the absolution. But Bro. Freer, knowing that his end was very near, still refused to renounce his connection with that fraternity he had sworn at his initiation to be a worthy member of, and the rev. father left. After Bro. Freer died, Bro. Simon Lipstine, 421, I.C., waited on the Right Rev. Dr. Croke, Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland, and requested that the funeral service according to the Roman Catholic Church might be read over the coffin in which the dead man's body had been placed. But, greatly lamenting the circumstance, Bishop Croke declined to allow this to be done. He would willingly, he said, have complied with the request, but by doing so he would bring down upon himself the censure of the Church. Neither was it permitted that the body of the deceased should be buried within the precincts of the Roman Catholic burying ground. An application was made and burial space was offered for the deceased's remains within the area of the Presbyterian interment ground.

The refusal of Burial of the Priests of his religion caused considerable correspondence in the local paper, the *Daily Southern Cross*.

The Right Honourable the Lord Skelmersdale, Provincial Grand Master for the Western Division of Lancashire has consented to take the chair at the 85th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on Wednesday the 14th May.

The annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Order of Constantine will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 6th March, under the presidency of the Earl of Bective, M.P.

Microscopical investigation has proved that the substances which accumulate between the teeth contain animal and vegetable parasites, and that the tooth powders, pastes, and washes in general use have no effect upon these. Messrs. Gabriel's Coralite Tooth Paste and Royal Dentifrice (sold by all chemists and perfumers at 1s. 6d. per box) completely destroy and remove these animalcules and also preserve and beautify the teeth. Prepared only by Messrs. Gabriel, the old-established dentists, 64, Ludgate-hill, and 56, Harley-street, Carendish-square, London, where they practice their unique system of painless dentistry.

ALPHA AND OMEGA.

Continued from page 36.

Earthborn! remark the wrong and degradation
Which ev'ry Vice entails upon the Soul.
Dragging it from the higher aspiration
By Affinity's durable control
Into the mire.
Albeit wordly-wise: how can our Measure
Enlarged and graduated be, to suit
The standard of the unseen Next Life's treasure?
Brute can but have affinity for brute
And rise no higher.

The Spirit liberated from its mansion
Must seek its like; e'en in the World beyond.
The Soul refined, may soar to bright expansion
In hope and faith, discarding ev'ry bond.
The base—appears
With downcast eyes, which cannot bear the
Light
With low desires, to Earth and Lust yet clinging;
Purblind and hampered from the loftier flight,
And out of place 'mid purer Spirits, winging
To purer spheres

Bright, on our meaner thoughts and darker ways,
What mem'ries glimmer from the Ages past!
What stately pageants of classic days
Transient, as tho' too beautiful to last
For our birthright!
Visions of early Faith and Virtue strong
Of Inspiration in the human breast,
When Truth was victor over Fraud and Wrong;
When Error only seem'd to rear its crest
For Gods to smite.

Too clear and lambent for our grosser Mind
The aura of the old Ideals glanced.
Colour and Form and Poesy entwined
In graceful and fantastic guise, advanced
To reach us.
The Artists of Expression and of Form
Swept boldly up to bear the meed of Fame;
Invoking Beauty from the waste and storm
Genius—in grandest aspiration, came
To teach us.

The Master-Minds of Ages toiled and thought
To give new life to a dull world's desire;
Giants of Art applied what Sages taught
Achieving Wonders. And where are they; Fire
And Sword consumed them!
The wretched remnant of the Hebrews, wept
In Babylonian and Assyrian chains;
Babylon and Syria in turn were swept,
Leaving to us—but shards, whose frail remains
Entombed them.

Egypt succumbed beneath the Persian's blows.
Its hoary Treasures well-nigh gone for ever,
Until the Greeks, Persia's victorious foes,
Built up the ruins; And the rich endeavour
Was richly paid.
Then rose the great and glorious result
Alexandria! Learning, Art, Science,
With mighty Philadelphus to consult;
To all our rivalry bequeath'd defiance,
Cast all in shade.

Law works by man! The Roman's ruthless will
Blotted from us that hoarded priceless Lore.
And gaunt fanatics, men more ruthless still,
Grew on the spot and ev'ry record tore
Widely in sunder!
We strive to rebuild what was there destroyed;
And marvel at the frenzy and the hate
Which could make such majestic labour void,
That Library, Museum,—desolate.
Wonder of wonder!

Fanaticism—or Intolerance!
The monomaniacs saddest spur to Crime.
Which ev'ry passion must perforce enhance:
The cause of scenes in ev'ry age and clime
Which most appall.
If Devils have faith—'tis thus pestilent,
And nourished thus on dark and monstrous deeds!

Which kill itself whene'er its force be spent.
What is the end of all such burning Creeds?
Where are they all?

DIRGE.

Osiris and Isis—your fanes are athirst,
The groves are a desert, the worship accurst.
The keys and the symbols of mysteries dread
Forgotten, the very tradition is dead!
No perfumes of spices bewilder the brow;
A loathsome miasma, is sacrifice now.
No Hierophant grovels in dust at the door,
Your mandates recorded—no more!

No more!

Thou Hebrew vision materialised!
Whose grand proportions the Tyrian devised:
The splendour and riches of jewels and gold
Of marbles and cedar—are blent with the mould.
Lust and rapacity, judgment of crime,—
Scatter'd the fragments thro' ages of Time.
Tho' twice thou wert a del' for Israel's ad'or
The foundations know thee—no more—

No more!

Halls of the Norsemen! Your Gods are no
more.
Off to Walhalla their Legends they bore,
Where blue-eyed Walkuras divided the spoil
And goblets of Mead-drink refreshed them from
toil.
Still'd is Thor's hammer, your symbol of old,
Fled are the Dragoons, and vanish'd the Gold;
Not now on black pinions enchanted they soar,
And Skalds chant the Sagas—no more—

No more!

Awful Olympus! For long in the world
No thun'dring Zeus his anger has hurled,
No heroes to Pall as invoking have knelt,
Nor graceful divinities with us have dealt.
Cavern of Delphi! 'mid incense and smoke
Where sov'reigns paled when the Oracle spoke,
Lost and deserted the influence of yore.
The Pythoness foaming no more—

No more!

Rome! The victorious, mighty, renown'd,
Relics of Empires encumber thy ground!
Mars is no longer. So abject and mean
A monk was Lord where a Caesar had been.
Intriguers may plot and conspirators grieve
Or Christianised Europe revere and believe,
But Mem'ries alone are left to adore
And thy Pentiff is Caesar—no more—

No more!

The factor Time ploughs up all in the Past.
Ruin, the owner, reaps harvest at last.
Our Temples rest on the bones of the dead,
Out of Corruption the living are fed.
Let the bigot behold and mark well the decay.
That To-morrow weep not for his Pride of To-day!
For all, on one scroll, in predestin'd array,
Time, Ruin, and Bigot—are passing away!

On the 27th December, St. Johns' Day, the brethren of the Northern Lodge of China, No. 570, held their usual annual meeting, when Bro. W. A. Turnbull was installed as W.M., Bros. F. S. Barnes and T. R. Wheelock being appointed as Wardens. After the ceremony the brethren dined, and spent a pleasant evening together at the Shanghai Club.

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E. H.—Chas. Dickens was not a Mason, but his brother was.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1872.

BRO. EMRA HOLMES'S LECTURE ON THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

By LEFUS.

And so Bro. Holmes refreshingly hopes I am satisfied. I venture to believe that the intelligence of your readers will have induced them to suppose that I am satisfied in a very homoeopathic manner if I am content with what has been advanced by Bro. Holmes for their consideration.

Bro. Holmes appears to consider that the replies of Sir George Bowyer to certain questions, put by a distinguished friend of the brother, must perforce settle the question and satisfy us all; but I accept no dictum of Sir George Bowyer, and I have yet to learn why he is the oracle whose decrees are to settle the discussion which Bro. Holmes has forced before the readers of *The Freemason*. Your readers will see in these replies another of Bro. Holmes's unsupported statements, and will compare the negative of Sir George Bowyer to the admission of heretics and schismatics, with the facts, as published by known, competent, and accepted historians, who were both Roman Catholics, and both members of the Order. The question put by the distinguished friend is, "Can heretics and schismatics enter the Order?"

DE BOISGELIN.—"The Order of Malta, though it regrets the circumstances that have occasioned its separation from the knights of a different religion, does not refuse them a place among its members to fight against the enemies of Jesus Christ." Again, he says, that Pope Pius VI. "was of the same opinion, and approved the association of Russian Knights of the Greek Church with the Order of Malta."

TAFFE: "One of the latest acts at Malta was to receive both Protestant Germans and Greek Russians into the Order as integral members."

SIR GEORGE BOWYER: "No."

Upon the last, and your readers will probably add, the least of these replies, I may be excused the quotation, "Thy wish was father, Harry, to that thought." I suppose De Boisgelin and Taffe are to be humbly accepted, in the presence of these oracular responses, as very minor authorities, poor deluded members of the Order, whose spectacles of prejudice were not of the requisite focus. Sir G. Bowyer settles the Duke of Manchester at once, as "nothing," and this Bro. Holmes kindly adds is "significant." I suppose it is not sufficient that George IV., William IV., Prince Albert, Sir J. C. Meredyth, Count de Salis, Sir J. Lawrence, Sir H. R. Popham, K.C.B., Sir W. Sidney Smith, G.C.B., Sir W. H. Tonkin, (the six last of whom added their names to the Roll of the English *Langue*), *cum multis aliis*, all sad heretics were members of the Order from Roman Catholic sources? I suppose there is no significance in the period and practical knowledge of De Boisgelin and Taffe? Does history lie when it tells us that on the 11th June, 1352, the festival of St. Barnabas, an agreement, was concluded at Heimbach, between the Prior of Germany, Conrad von Braunberg, and the Bailli of the Marquisate of Brandenburg, Berned von der Schulenburg, in which the seceding and evangelical Bailiwick was fully recognised, and it was expressly stated that the Knights of the Bailiwick should have at all times authority and power to elect their Bailli? Is it untrue that this agreement was confirmed in the same year at a Chapter General at Valencia, convoked by the Grand Master Ferdinand von Heredia, and that it subsequently received full ratification? What, then, becomes of Sir G. Bowyer's "irregular, illegitimate, and unrecognised?" A Balk special pleading would object that the Protestant Bailiwick of Brandenburg was dissolved by the edict of the King of Prussia, on the 30th of

October, 1810, and then converted into a Royal Order; but, unfortunately for this view, the present Emperor, by mandate of the 15th of October, 1852, restored the Bailiwick to its former constitution; Prince Charles informed the Lieutenant-Master, the Baili Count Colorado-Mansfield, by letter, that the Bailiwick was restored; and that he, the Prince, was elected Herren-meister; and in the return he received the congratulations of Bailli: And this is "irregular and unrecognised!"

Bro. Holmes, [with a singular disregard of proof as against mere unsupported assertion, compels me again to trouble your readers with these evidences and facts, which utterly refute the opinions of Sir G. Bowyer, and I greatly marvel that so acute a gentlemen should venture such replies if they were to be made public. If the *Langue* of England has been revived, as I have shewn, and Bro. Holmes has admitted, then the Duke of Manchester is its present Prior. Sir G. Bowyer seeks to infer that it cannot have existence, inasmuch, as in his private opinion heretics and schismatics cannot enter the Order, a position which the whole Order, by its public and notorious acts, declares to have no foundation.

Bro. Holmes must have been very hard up when he resorted to this joint-stock method of bolstering up his drooping case, but he has adopted a course fraught with dangers we should all desire to avoid: He is treading in unhappy proximity to the religious cry, and it looks much as if he did so in consequence of my plainly intimated desire to avoid such a misfortune. Thank Heaven I can, I hope, be fair enough to hold the Roman Catholic Knights in respect, and have already said so; I did not originate this controversy, nor did I desire it, but I will not stand by whilst (I say advisedly) unsupported statements are put forward in a gratuitous attack upon an honourable and lawful body of the Order of St. John, without raising my small protest against such an unwarrantable and unnecessary proceeding.

At page 711 Bro. Holmes told us that the Order of St. John "was split up into several independent bodies," and he supposed that the Masonic Knights had "as good a claim to the title as the others," but Bro. Holmes now modifies his supposition, and opines only that they have as good a claim as the "Protestant Gentlemen." Whence this curious and shifty change of belief? Is this a trimming of the sails to suit the new allies, whose proffered aid shall waft his bark into the waters of safety at the opportune moment when on his last legs? Bro. Holmes in his despair has cried aloud, and the distinguished friend has heard him. Bro. Holmes has a "learned" and a "trenchant" friend also; I have no objection to his being learned, to his being a knight of several Orders, nor to his declining the knighthood of the Holy Sepulchre, but I distinctly object to his being so "trenchant" as to calumniate the memory of the dead. I envy him not his charity, which dictates a libel on the late Sir Robert Peat, and I express my regret that Bro. Holmes should have condescended to the ignoble position of mouthpiece to such a scurrilous statement. Sir Robert Peat, D.D., was a clergyman of the Church of Eng-

land (which perhaps accounts for what we have read), he was a magistrate, was appointed Chaplain Extraordinary to the King in May, 1800, was a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Order of St. Stanislaus of Poland, and received permission, under the sign manual of George III. dated 2nd October, 1804, to use the dignity and wear the insignia. I will leave the "trenchant" friend, and the memory Sir Robert Peat, in the hands of your readers.

Bro. Holmes says he will answer my statements "in a few words," and he then proceeds, not to answer one single statement, but to struggle in vain with what he supposes are three errors on my part, but of which he seems unable to see that he has himself demonstrated the truth.

He wishes to shew (he "likes to be particular") that because the Polish Priory was once connected with the Anglo-Bavarian branch of the Order, and was subsequently seized by Russia, that therefore Russia and the Anglo-Bavarian branch of the Order must be connected. The Grand Priorate of Poland no doubt was for a long time connected with the Anglo-Bavarian, but its seizure by Russia had no effect in joining the latter to the Anglo-Bavarian. The Russian Order is divided into two Grand Priorates, for the Knights of the Greek and of the Roman Catholic confession.

In another supposed error I am at one with Bro. Holmes, "that though re-established, the Protestant Anglican langue has no connection with the foreign branches of the Fraternity", and I assent to the proposition of my friend Colonel Porter, with which Bro. Holmes agrees, that the dormant langue of England was once more revived and again established, although without connection with the foreign branches of the Fraternity." It was revived by a majority of the Order, but is not in connection with any foreign branches, excepting [its amicable relations with the Bailiwick of Brandenburg. Bro. Holmes quotes the election of a Grand Master during the life of his predecessor as an arrangement for the election of the Emperor Paul, but he tells us, in the same paragraph, that it was made by the whole Order and not by a few refugees. Sir G. Bowyer truly says it was recognized, although irregular, and thus it creates a precedent which can never be ignored. Bro. Holmes's table of Grand Masters must be incorrect; Fonseca was the 66th Grand Master, (not the 68th), Hompesch the 69th, (not the 71st), Paul the 70th, (not the 72nd), and Tommasi the 71st, (not the 73rd). If his new, and (I may, I hope without offence, add) strange allies do not lend him more accurate documents than this, he must be careful how he gives too much faith to their contents. He cannot expect to find in such a list the names of members of the protestant langue, nor of other lawful bodies of the Order, Russian, Prussian, Austrian, and others; but it is weak and futile to suggest that these are not legal branches, and that nothing can be lawful which is not put forward by Bro. Holmes's newly formed allies.

The "Student" told us that Bro. Holmes sought to prove for the Masonic Knights of St. John a constitution, "in direct succession, through the English Langue." If this be so

Bro. Holmes is sadly deserting his masonic friends when he admits that they are only "ad imitationem." Is this also a trimming of the sails, or why did not Bro. Holmes say so before, instead of making comparisons with the Order which he says many think illegally revived, and which claims a legitimate succession.

Your readers have seen an extract from the letter of the Duke of Sussex, and can judge for themselves. I need only add to it that I know the Duke did not look upon the English langue "as spurious"; I know that he was not a Knight of St. John, and I am acquainted with his reasons for declining to become a member of the Order.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

BY BRO. EMMA HOLMES, 31°.

Grand Provost of England:—Preceptor of the Prudence Preceptory of Knights Templar; Prior of the Prudence Priory of Knights of Malta &c., &c.

The accompanying document, the original of which was in my possession till within the last few days, was sent from the head quarters of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem at Rome, in 1858 to Sir George Bowyer, Bart., M.P., who is a simple Knight of the Order, and nothing more. Sir George was instructed by the then head of the Order, to send certified copies of it to Prince Albert and the Lord Chamberlain, so that the persons against whom it was directed (the body under the Duke of Manchester), should not wear spurious decorations at Court.

It may not be generally known that the late Prince Consort was particularly anxious to be admitted into this Order, and applied to the Pope, since being a Protestant (technically a heretic), he was dehors the regula of the order. The Pope replied he had no power in the matter, the governing body of the Order having alone the right to create knights. The Prince then applied through several other channels, and ultimately the Emperor of Austria moved the Pope to grant a dispensation to the Order of certain obligations inconsistent with the Reformed Religion, if the Order choose to admit him, for the order cannot admit a "heretic," or non-Catholic without dispensation, and the Pope cannot create any one a knight. Thus the Prince was admitted—but not to the Order which the Duke of Manchester governs, and which by this act he repudiated. I have it on authority from Sir George Bowyer himself, who speaks of the body which Bro. Lupus is pleased to champion, as "the pretended langue," that copies of this important document were sent to the Prince (who became by papal dispensation, a Grand Cross of the Order) to the Home Secretary, and to the Lord Chamberlain, as I have before stated; and they each and all acknowledged the receipt.

With all due deference to "A Masonic Student," I don't see very clearly, why, in giving Notes of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital. I should be excluded from bringing under discussion the claims of the various bodies. The Masonic Knights of Malta claim a descent from the Hospitallers, just as the Masonic Templars do from the old Knights, and as far as I know, they have quite as good grounds for believing that descent to be real and not chimerical.

Magistère de l'Ordre de }
St. Jean de Jerusalem. } ROME.

Les soussignés, chevaliers et fonctionnaires de l'Ordre Souverain de St. Jean de Jerusalem, etant venus en connaissance d'un "Synoptical Sketch," publié à Londres par un honorable société qui s'intitule "Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem Anglia," et ayant remarqué que dans les listes qui y sont annexées sont portés leurs noms, ainsi que celui de Son Excellence Reverendissime Fra Philippe de Colloredo, Lieutenant du Grand Magistère, resident temporairement à Rome, seul successeur legitime des Grands

Maitres, et Lieutenant du Magistère de l'Ordre de St. Jean de Jerusalem, ayant residé successivement à Jerusalem, à Rhodes, à Malta, à St. Petersburg, à Catane, à Ferrare, et à Rome, et ne voulant pas que les inductions éronnées puissent être tirées du fait de l'ajouction de ses noms aux listes précetées, declarant au nom et par ordre de Son Excellence le Vénéable Lieutenant du Grand Magistère, ainsi qu'en leur propre nom, que l'Ordre de Saint Jean de Jerusalem, dont Son Excellence est le chef, commes ils en sont les fonctionnaires, n'a jamais été dans aucune connexion organique avec la susdite société, ni a son origine, ni plus tard, soit à l'égard de son organisation, soit a celui de sa composition personnelle, ou de son activité. Les Grands Prieurés de l'Ordre dans les langues d'Italie et d'Allemagne, qui seules ont encore une existence legitime, d'après les statuts de l'Ordre, et qui sont en communion de juridiction et d'obeissance avec le Grand Magistère et Conseil, resident temporairement à Rome, sont: 1° Le Grand Prieuré de Rome, 2° Le Grand Prieuré Lombardo-Venetien, y compris Parme et Modine, 3° Le Grand Prieuré de Bohème. L'existence des Chevaliers de St. Jean en Prusse qui se rattachent par une succession legitime et non interrompue a l'ancien Grand Baillage de Bandebourg, est reconnue par l'Ordre comme parfaitement l'egale, quoique cette branche soit placée depuis plusieurs siècles par des raisons epeciales en dehors de la juridiction ordinaire et continué du Grand Magistère.

Le petit nombre de Chevaliers décoré de la Croix de devotion qui par leur naissance n'appartiennent à aucune des Prieurés ni à aucune des langues legalement encore existante, ne sont reconnus par notre ordre que parueque et pour autant qu'ils out été reçus par le Magistère et Conseil "in situ religionis" ou qu'ils y ont été admis moyennant une Bulle de devotion delivrée en toute forme par cette même autorité. Hors de ces langues, de ces Prieurés, et des Chevaliers ainsi créés ou constitués, tout ceux qui pourraient se dire tels sont legalment ignorés par notre Saint Ordre. C'est à ces causes que son Excellence le Chef de notre Order et les soussignés desirent et demandent d'être rayés et declarent qu'ils se regardent, des à présent, comme rayés des listes publiées dans ce "Synoptical Sketch," ou ils n'ont aucun droit de figurer. Fait à Rome, au Palais Magistral de l'Ordre Souverain de St. Jean de Jerusalem, le 16 Décembre, 1868.

Le Commandeur (Comte) Fra Averardo De Medine Spada vice Chevalier de l'Ordre Souverain de St. Jean de Jerusalem.

Le Chevalier (Comte) Luca de Gozze, Secretaire Magistral du meme Ordre.

TRANSLATION.

Magistère de l'Ordre de }
St. Jean de Jerusalem. } ROME.

The undersigned, Knights and officers of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, having heard of a "Synoptical Sketch" published in London by an honourable society which styles itself Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem of the Anglican Langue, and having remarked that in the lists annexed thereto their names are included, as well as that of his Excellency the most Reverend Brother Phillippe di Colloredo, Lieutenant of the Grand Mastery now residing at Rome, the only legitimate successor of the Grand Masters, and Lieutenant of the Mastery of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, who were domiciled successively at Jerusalem, Rhodes, Malta, St. Petersburg, Catania, Ferrara, and at Rome; and not wishing that erroneous inferences should be drawn from the fact of the connexion of these names with the preceding lists, declare in the name and by the Order of his Excellency the Venerable Lieutenant of the Grand Mastery, as well as their own name, that the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of which his Excellency is the chief, and of which they are the officers that they have never had any organized connexion whatever with the above mentioned society, neither at the formation, or at any latter period, either with regard to its organisation or its personal composition or operation. The Grand Prieories of the Order in the Italian and German langues, which alone have still a

legitimate existence according to the Statutes of the Order, and these alone are in communion, jurisdiction, and obedience with the Grand Mastery and Council, at present residing at Rome; viz: First, the Grand Priory of Rome; second, the Grand Priory of the Venetian Lombards, including Parma and Modena; third, The Grand Priory of the Two Sicilies; fourth, The Grand Priory of Bohemia. The existence of the Knights of St. John in Prussia, which descends by a legitimate and uninterrupted succession from the Ancient Grand Bailliewick of Bradenbourg is recognised by the Order as perfectly legitimate, although this branch has stood for many centuries, for special reasons, without the ordinary and continuous jurisdiction of the Grand Mastery. The small number of Knights of Justice, and those of the Knights decorated with the Cross of Devotion, who, by their birth do not belong to any of the Pories nor to any of the legal langues still existing, are only recognised by our Order in so far and in as much as they have been received by the Mastery and Council *in situ religionis*, or because they have been admitted into its Order by means of a Bull of Devotion, delivered in due form by that same authority. Except these langues, these Pories, and the Knights thus created or constituted, all those who may call themselves such are legally ignored

Additional Notes

by our Holy Order. On these grounds his Excellency the Chief of our Order, and the undersigned, desire and demand to be erased, and declare that they consider themselves from the present time as erased from the published list of the "Synoptical Sketch," where they ought not to be inserted. Given at Rome at the Magisterial Palace of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, 16th of December, 1858.

The Commander (Count) Brother Averado De. Medne Spada, Deputy Knight of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The Chevalier (Count) Luca te Gozze, Secretary of the Mastery of the same Order.

Original Correspondence.

ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The points which we are patiently waiting for Bro. Holmes to prove, are, not what existing Orders are unconnected with those Orders to which they claim affiliation, but, precisely, whether the Masonic Order of the Temple has a well-established connecting link with the Chivalric (unmasonic) Order of the Temple, and, this being so or otherwise, whether the Masonic Order of the Temple has any right to adopt the title of the Chivalric (unmasonic) Order of the Hospital, an Order whose chief historical connection with that of the Temple is that it was constantly hostile to the latter, and eventually swallowed up the chief part of its property.

I submit that Bro. Holmes has signally failed to prove his case on either of these points, that he now has entirely left the ground upon which only can be founded any right of the Masonic Orders of the Temple and Hospital to drop the prefix "Masonic," and by dropping it assume to be what I think the majority of Masonic Templars believe them not to be.

The publication of a so-called "important" document from Rome, denouncing what Bro. Holmes and his party are pleased to call "The Manchester Men" can in no way affect the Masonic Order of the Temple, except in so much as this, that if the document should turn out to be the well known logey, dated the 14th December, 1858 (the original of which is in the possession of Sir George Bowyer, Bart., a Knight of Grace of the Roman Catholic Branch of the Order in England), it seems a pity our Bro. Holmes, evidently the useful man of a party in Grand Conclave, should forget that the Order of St. John of Jerusalem is Hydra-headed, and that if he should succeed in doing what so many before him have tried hard, and with such signal

ill-success, to do, that is in crushing the Protestant portion of the Order in England, there will still remain staring him in the face Sir George Bowyer, Lord Beaumont, and Messrs. Watts, Waterton, Cavendish, and Havilland, representing the Roman Catholic portion of the Order in England, duly accredited by the Pope; there will still exist, even in Bro. Holmes's mind, an Order of St. John in England, purely un-masonic.

Let us be honest men and Masons, and let us not be ashamed of the prefix "Masonic." If in a hasty moment we have dropped the title, and so assumed another which is not ours, let us not be afraid to acknowledge our error and resume our title "Masonic."

I am, faithfully yours,

CIVIS.

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think "A Young J.W." may be satisfied with having laid the views of those Past Masters of his lodge who dissent from the dictum of the Grand Secretary on the subject of the Immediate Past Mastership before your readers. I should recommend him and them to be content with the very explicit decision quoted by him.

The argument of the P.M. who contends that the W.M. became I.P.M. ipso facto, on leaving his chair to be re installed, is clearly wrong. The law that a king never dies is as true in a lodge as in our outside Constitutions; if the W.M. became I.P.M., he ceased for a few minutes to be W.M.; the lodge was therefore without a Master, which is impossible, as twelve months before he took an O.B. as W.M., not only for the ensuing twelve months, but until a successor should be elected and installed in his stead.

One word as to the lectures and explanations of the tracing boards, which appear to be treated of as identical. They are quite distinct one from the other. A lecture in either degree is divided into sections and is given in the catechetical form. I have never heard these given from the Warden's chairs. The explanations of the tracing boards are not, technically speaking, lectures.

Yours fraternally,

F. L. E. J.

THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Masters of lodges possessing Governorships of our Charities, and who aim at handing down the privileges of their position pure and un sullied to their successors, will do well to attend a Special General Court of the Boys', and Girls' Schools, which is to be held at the Freemason's Hall on the 6th of March next. Last Saturday, at a meeting of half a dozen brethren—including the Secretaries of the two Schools, it was agreed to recommend that the right of voting at the General Committees of the Institutions should be taken away from the Masters of the lodges. I don't quite know whether the authorities of the Court of Chancery, or the Court of Queen's Bench would agree to this summary alteration of the conditions under which large sums of money have been paid; but so far as the Joint Committees, who are our Trustees, are concerned, it has been decided to attempt this act of confiscation. Fortunately, however, the recommendation of the six brethren who met on Saturday requires the formal approval of the general body on the 6th March; and I trouble you with this note to let my fellow subscribers know how matters stand, and how necessary it is that the representatives of lodges, who feel and think as I do, should take the necessary steps for asserting their determination to uphold existing rights.

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I would ask you for the favour of a little space in your columns to enable me to make a few suggestive remarks upon the value of music in our ceremonies, the difficulties attending its use, and a suggestion of a way to get over

some of those difficulties. The value of music, and the power that it is capable of exercising over the mind, has been acknowledged in all ages, and I believe the Masons of the present day will appreciate its influence. Few lodges are now without that useful instrument for solemn music, the harmonium, but on the other hand there is often a difficulty in securing the services of an Organist, who will attend regularly. Musical people are often rather difficult to deal with and to manage, and as it is necessary that they should be Masons, our choice is frequently very limited. Thus again most of our existing Masonic odes, chants, &c. are written for part singing, which requires trained voices, and is useless unless you have them all there. The absence of one voice may effectually stop the music for the evening. Some of our Masonic composers seem to think it a point of excellence to make it as difficult as possible, by writing in musical keys and putting notes in that but few male voices (non-professional) can attain.

I would suggest that all our singing should be in unison and consist principally of short but appropriate chants, with a hymn or anthem at the opening and closing of the lodge. And I would just throw out a hint to the dealers in Masonic fittings that if they could arrange with some of the music manufacturers to construct a barrel organ specially adapted for the Masonic lodge, it might meet with a good sale, as I know many brethren would sooner have "handle" music (I do not mean a P.M.) than none at all.

It should be arranged to play two or three airs, to sing our odes and a couple of chants, and a small selection of short voluntaries or interludes to be played whilst the C. is being led round in the various degrees. A lodge possessing one of these instruments would then be able to have music, if not of the finest order, every night of meeting, and would not be prevented by the absence of the Organist, as any brother could turn the handle. Let it be distinctly understood I only propose this as an auxiliary, to be used when other instrumental music is unattainable.

Yours fraternally,

ORPHEUS.

UNAUTHORISED OFFICES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Bro.—

I observe many lodges, both provincial and ordinary, presume to appoint officers to which they are not entitled; for instance, in your publication of the 15th February, I find a private lodge appointing a Supt. of Works, a Standard Bearer, and a Director of Ceremonies. By a reference to the Book of Constitutions, page 61, the two first named of these officers have no existence, and the latter must be called "Master" of Ceremonies, not "Director," as that is the name of a similar office in Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges.

Again, I find some Provinces appointing as officers Prov. Grand Standard Bearer; they have no right to do so. Such an officer does not exist. Even the Grand Master himself cannot appoint such an officer, much less any Provincial Grand Master (see Book of Constitutions, page 40). It is lawful to appoint such an officer in Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Chapters, but not in the Craft.

Would it not be well to call the attention of Provincial Grand Lodges, as well as private lodges to this excess of jurisdiction.

Yours fraternally,

H.

STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother.

Referring you to a letter on the above subject, signed "An Old P.M.," in your issue of the 15th inst., and thanking the writer for his desire to remove the disabilities under which Irish Past Masters at present labour with regard to their status in English lodges; I would ask to be allowed to point out a few errors under which your correspondent evidently lies.

Passing the chair—as a preparation for exaltation to the Royal Arch—has for some years been discontinued in this country, and now no

one receives the P.M. degree under any circumstances other than that of being installed W.M. of a lodge; and even under the old R.A. system, the receipt of the virtual P.M. degree conferred no benefit; as to the recipient possessed no *locus standi* in a lodge or Board of Post Masters, to which he was unable to gain admittance until he had been regularly installed, and served the office of W.M.

At the present day Past Masters are not in Ireland acknowledged as members of Grand Lodge, until they have been registered and taken out their certificates as such. This being the case, I do not see what objection there could be, under the English Constitution, to give to such brethren the full honours and privileges to which their English brethren would be entitled.

As far as Ireland is concerned, I do not see any difficulty in the way of a regularly qualified P.M. of an English lodge taking the chair of an Irish lodge, in the absence of all other Past Masters of the lodge, as the Constitutions of Freemasonry in Ireland, rule 91, provide that,—“In the absence of the Master of a particular lodge, a Past Master of that lodge, or in case of necessity, a Past Master of any lodge, may fill the chair.”

I remain yours fraternally,
AN IRISH W.M.

MASONIC BALL AT CORK.

The grand fancy and full-dress ball in aid of the funds of the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin, under the auspices of the First Lodge of Ireland, took place at the Athenæum amid considerable *éclat*. The renovations which have been going on for some time in the interior of the Athenæum had almost approached completion before the event, a feature that conspired in no immaterial degree to lend effect to the scene witnessed additional. The decorations for the ball were conducted on a scale of great extent and no small taste. Festoons of evergreens elaborately wrought, intermixed with roses, spanned the entire arc, and offered a pleasing contrast to the varied, and, withal, gay surroundings. The upper portions of the hall were ornamented with banners of the Prince Masons, shields and swords, and all the other insignia symbolic of the Order of Masonry; while both galleries were hid to view (except the part allotted to the band) by deep crimson drapery. The raised dais supporting the organ, on which stood the chair of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master—a venerable specimen of antiquity, we may remark, dating back some 300 years—was also decorated with a number of plants and shrubs, an arrangement that served in the quarter to neutralise the perhaps too dazzling brilliancy of the lights. The company began to arrive shortly after nine, and, at about half-past ten, followed the usual procession—itsself a very imposing pageant. Its merit would have been further enhanced by the sprinkling of fancy dresses, but the costume was not worn by any of the company, though the committee hoped the contrary result. The band of the 15th Regiment attended.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S.—The portrait model of his late Imperial Majesty Napoleon III. lying in state continues to attract many visitors. The decorations and appointments of the room specially devoted to the representation are now completed.

“Mr. JAMES BARNETT, Chemist, Birmingham, writes, June 18:—“Your Pain Killer is gaining many friends in this section. Among the many cures effected by it which have come under my notice, I may mention the case of a lady, who, after suffering from long neuralgia, and trying many reputed remedies without benefit, was at length cured, and that almost instantly, with the first application of your Pain Killer.—To Perry Davis & Son, London, W.C.”

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS:—Safety amidst danger, surrounded on all sides by the causes of disease, especially if the old proverb hold “As the day lengthens, the cold strengthens,” man must keep up constant watch, if he would retain or recover his health. These purifying pills present the most certain and effectual means of removing all noxious matters from the blood, at the same time that they regulate any disordered action, which their presence has induced and particularly preserved against congestion, irritation, and inflammation of the throat, and its lining membrane, extending through the lungs. The harmless strengthening balsams of which Holloway's Pills are composed render them peculiarly well adapted for the young and delicate, who can with impunity only bear tender treatment.—ADVT.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

On Tuesday evening last, the brethren of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, and the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, held their fifth annual ball at the Delamere Rooms, Hardman-street, Liverpool, and as in former years it proved a reunion of the most agreeable kind. This is the first occasion on which the officers and the brethren of the “Pembroke” have entered into partnership with the “Harmony” to carry out the ball, and the success which attended last Tuesday's assembly will doubtless lead to a continuation of the “happy family” arrangement. Although illness prevented many from being present, the attendance numbered about 100. Amongst the principals present, being Bros. W. Jones, W.M. 220; J. Sellars, W.M. 1299, P.M. 220, T. Page, 823; J. W. R. Fowler, W.M. 86; Dr. Worthington, S.W. 220; T. Berry, S.D. 1393; J. W. Barker, P.M. 841; J. G. Butterfield, 220; T. B. Myers, S.D. 1182; R. Martin, jun., S.D. 1182; S. Newbold, 1182; R. B. Martin, 673; T. Winstanley, S. 1094; &c. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. Tellett, Secretary 220, and Bro. R. Bennett, Secretary 1299, who received the valuable help from the W.M.'s of the two lodges. The catering of Bro. Vines, one of the P.M.'s of the Canton Hotel, gave the most complete satisfaction. Mr. Reynolds efficiently fulfilled the duties of M.C. The music was by Mr. Martin's quadrille band.

MASONIC BALL AT WAVERTREE.

In conformity with custom the brethren of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, held their annual ball recently at the Coffee House, Wavertree, near Liverpool, and as the noble cause of charity was kept in view in connection with the festivity there was all the more reason for rejoicing at the complete success which attended the festive gathering. As in former years, the proceeds will be handed over to the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and as there were about 170 present on this occasion the financial result will doubtless be a very substantial addition to the exchequer of the noble charity. The arrangements for the ball were of the most complete character, and while every officer and member of 1182 did their utmost to render it pleasant to the numerous visitors, particular credit is due to Bro. Pughe, W.M., and Bro. Bales, Sec., who were unremitting in their efforts in connection with the arrangements. A dispensation had been obtained from the M.W.G.M., and therefore the brethren appeared in full Masonic clothing and the collars and the jewels of their office. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Washington, S.D. 1094; Lambert, 111; McDonald, 472; Wrynhart, 673; Munroe, 823; H. Pearson, 249; Joseph, 249; Martin, 594; Larsen, P.M. 594; Hignett, 1356; Turner, J.D., 86; B. B. Marson, W.M., 1356; Arodren, 216; Winstanley, P.M. 1094; Merri-man, 1356. The ball-room was decorated with the most exquisite taste, and certainly the most elegant and pleasant of the decorative extras was the introduction of a number of “perpetual perfume fountains,” kindly lent by Bro. Newbold, of South John-street, Liverpool. The catering of Mrs. Wright, the hostess, gave the most complete satisfaction, Mr. Martin's quadrille band furnished excellent music, and Bro. B. Myers efficiently and courteously fulfilled the duties of Master of Ceremonies. Dancing was kept up with unflagging spirit to far beyond the “wee short hour ayont the twal.”

The Earl of Limerick was kindly consented to be President of the Masonic Ball to be held at the City Terminus Hotel on the 26th of March.

Sir Michael Costa is, it is stated, engaged in adapting and preparing Balfe's manuscript oper *The Knight of the Leopard*, for performance at Drury-lane during next season.

MR. CHEVALIER has completed for her Majesty a picture commemorative of the Thanksgiving Day for the recovery of the Prince of Wales. The point chosen is that when the procession is passing the great triumphal arch between Fleet-street and Ludgate-hill.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 28, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, Feb. 22.

- Red Cross Conclave Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
- Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.
- Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, Feb. 24.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- Chapter 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, Feb. 25.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
- 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
- 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank.
- Chapter 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- 167, St. John's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, Feb. 26.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st.
- 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
- 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
- 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
- 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, Feb. 27.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.

" 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishops-gate-st.

" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.

" 99, Shakspeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 766, William Preston, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.

The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonbv-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday, Feb. 28.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

" 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-street, City-rd.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggerridge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, March, 1, 1873.

Monday, Feb. 24.

Lodge of Lights (148), Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Hamer Lodge (No. 1393), Breck Hotel, Breck-road, Everton, Liverpool, at 6.

Everton Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Chapter of Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, Feb. 26.

St. George's Lodge (No. 32), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

Derby Lodge (No. 724), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Lodge of Harmony (No. 220), Wellington Hotel, Garston near Liverpool, at 5.30.

Stanley Lodge (No. 1325), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction, (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (No. 1356) 40, North-hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.30.

Thursday, Feb. 27.

Fermor Lodge (1313), Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

Chapter of Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150 Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Downshire Lodge (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.

Friday, Feb. 28.

Sefton Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, March, 1st, 1873.

Monday, Feb. 24.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 103, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 362, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-st.

Chap. 122, Thetis, Freemasons' Hall, St. James's-street.

Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Lodge, 413, Athol, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.

Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Lodge 510, Maryhill, Maryhill.

Thursday Feb. 27.

Chap. 73, Thistle and Rose, Annual Festival.

" 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.

Friday Feb. 28.

Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Maxwell Arms, Pollockshaws.

" 219, Star, Freemasons' Hall, Buchanan-street.

" 374, St. John's, Rutherglen.

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Lodge. 458, Busbey, St. John, Busbey.

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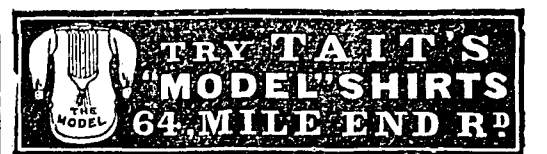
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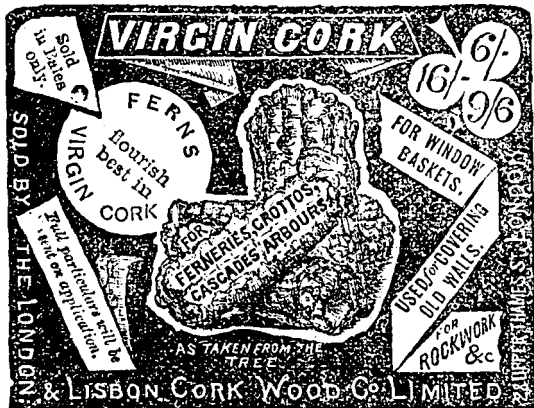
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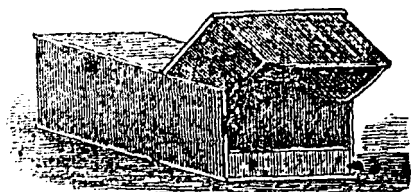


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ANSWERS TO "MASONIC STUDENT."

By JACOB NORTON, of Boston, U.S.A.

Bro. "Masonic Student" is courteous in his remarks, and I shall endeavour to be equally so. I am labouring, however, under a disadvantage which my friendly opponent is not. His replies appear in *The Freemason* a week, or at most two weeks after mine, while my answers cannot appear until two months have expired after the appearance of his questions. This necessitates the reproduction of his question and arguments. In order, therefore, to save time and space, I shall preface the paragraphs with our respective initials; and now for his remarks in *The Freemason* of November 23rd, page 734.

M. S.—"What does Bro. Norton mean by the Edward III. Constitution? I have heard of many Constitutions, but never heard of this one before."

N.—Anderson says (Hyneman's edition, page 59), "The Constitutions were now meliorated; for an old record imports that in the glorious reign of Edward III., when lodges were many and frequent, the G.M., with his Wardens, at the head of the Grand Lodge, with the consent of the realm, then generally Freemasons, ordained."

"That for the future, at the making or admission of a brother the Constitutions shall be read, and the charges hereunto annexed." Here follow four paragraphs, which it is needless to transcribe, and these wind up with "concluding with Amen, so mote it be." Again, in Bro. Mackey's "Text Book on Masonic Jurisprudence," I find the above quotation from Anderson, headed "The Constitutions of Edward III., and followed with five paragraphs, each regularly numbered. The fifth paragraph, which is more than twice the length of the four preceding, I cannot find in Anderson's Edward III. Constitution. This, however, is in perfect accordance with the style of most Masonic writers, that is, to add a little, and in Bro. Chalmers I. Paton's "Masonic Jurisprudence" (which, by the bye, Bro. Robert Macoy, the well-known Masonic publisher of New York, assured me was a wholesale plagiarism from the above-named work by Bro. Mackey), Bro. Student may also find an Edward III. Constitution.

M. S.—"When Bro. Norton goes on to say, 'We are also satisfied that the operative Masons were an ignorant and credulous body of men, is he not speaking very wide of the mark, very much at random?'"

N.—Certainly not, for if they had not been ignorant and credulous they never would have swallowed the story of Abraham and Euclid being contemporaries of Grecus, a builder of Solomon's temple, initiating Charles Martel, etc., etc., and other stories too numerous to mention.

M. S.—"Is Bro. Norton aware that Master Masons, for instance in the 13th and 14th centuries, received very high salaries, indeed, ranked very often as 'Generosi,' and were men of education and position?"

N.—If by Master Masons, my brother means the chief architect, then I shall not dispute his assertion. But the question is, can Bro. M. S. prove that the then architects ever concerned themselves with the affairs of the working men; or even took an interest in their lodge meetings? or were ever initiated into the mysteries of the brotherhood? But even supposing that our brother could prove all that, which I very much doubt, what then? Why, it would prove that the then architect, though he understood certain geometrical rules, and was master of the art design required by his profession, must nevertheless have been ignorant of history and

chronology, and also exceedingly credulous if he swallowed the fables handed down in the old MSS.

M. S.—"As regards the operative Masons generally, there is also evidence to prove that they received wages considerably above the average of other Crafts."

N.—I have asked for that evidence in my "Hints to Masonic Students," (*Freemason*, Sept. 21st), and unless Bro. Student furnishes the source of his information, he must pardon me for doubting his opinion.

Our brother next gives me a dissertation on the mistake inseparable from oral traditions. That is true; but he does not seem to know that most of the Masonic traditions had no foundation whatever, but were invented hundreds and even thousands of years after the supposed events. Take for instance the legend of the four crowned martyrs. Does Bro. S. believe that four kings who were Masons and graveurs of images, had ever suffered martyrdom for refusing to make an idol for an Emperor?—bosh. Again, we know that Euclid flourished about three hundred years before the Christian era, and that he was a famous mathematician, but does Bro. Student believe that there is the least foundation about his organizing the children of the Egyptian nobility? This part of Euclid's doings originated in the brain of a priestly romancer of the middle ages. It was not a perversion of some former legend, but an entire new creation, and a poor creation too.

M. S.—"Bro. Norton seems to forget that the compiler and transcriber both of the Masonic poem and the additional MSS. of our so far two oldest legends were ecclesiastics, not operatives, and they only repeated and handed down what they had seen in older MSS., etc."

N.—In the first place, I cannot understand why Bro. S. doubts the originality of the Matthew Cooke MS.; what proof has he that the copy in the British Museum is a transcript of some older copy. But supposing it to be so; what then? If the present copy is a correct transcript of a former one, the original one could not have been written before the latter part of the 15th century, because the author, and he certainly deserves that appellation as much as Anderson, Preston, Findel, Dickens, etc. (as it is immaterial on this point whether a book contains a true narrative or a romance), the writer must be called its author. Now, the author of the Cooke MS. alludes to a printed chronicle, hence he must have written after the invention of printing. We know that Anderson has put many things into his book not found in the older MSS., and which he did not learn from the old members of the Craft. Ramsey added the Crusade legend to the history of Masonry, some other luminary added the story of St. John becoming G.M. when upwards of ninety years of age. Oliver also added a great deal of nonsense, and this was generally the style among Masonic authors until the appearance of Bro. Findel's history. Some manufactured legends, for the purpose of glorifying the society and others, for the purpose of Christianizing it, why, then, should my opponent be reluctant to admit that the authors of the oldest MSS., were also actuated by the some motives to manufacture their legends? True, they were not operatives, but yet they were officers of the lodge, and were evidently disposed to enhance its respectability. And let me assure Bro. M. S. that it was no trifling undertaking to write a poem of such length in the 14th century. The cost of the parchment alone in those days was equal to a man's wages of a week or more, and this desire to glorify the Craft doubtless induced them, as it did Anderson and others afterwards, to manufacture their legends. I must only here add, that if the elder Disraeli had known anything of the Masonic legends, he would doubtless have placed them in his "history of events which have not happened."

M. S.—"Were I to write a history of the operative Masons in England, &c., I should, judging from their works, speak far more respectfully of them than Bro. Norton does."

N.—Were I to write such a history, I would divest it of every particle of partisanship, and would endeavour to give the truth, the whole and nothing but the truth.

M. S.—When Bro. Norton says, we know now

that their Masonry is not our Masonry! What does he, what can he mean?

N.—Simply this, that our ceremonies, signs, &c., as well as the religious ideas of our charges, were not those of the operatives. Suppose, now, that either of the authors of the oldest MSS. was again brought to life, and attempted to visit a lodge, his signs, &c., would not get him or them admission; they would be marched off from the door as impostors. Supposing still further that the whole or either of their lodges was resuscitated and Bro. Masonic Student attempted to visit the said lodge, he would in a like manner be treated as a coward. Suppose, however, in the course of his remonstrances with either of the rev. authors of the oldest MSS., Bro. Student was to declare that "Masonry unites men of every sect and opinion," &c., I verily believe that his reverence upon hearing this, would order immediately two or more of the stoutest bricklayers in lodge to seize poor Bro. Student, and would have him sent to the ecclesiastical authorities to be disposed of in Smithfield as other heretics used to be disposed of in those days. The charge of the operatives was "to be true to the Church," which in those days meant to hate every one who dissented from its creed, while our charge enjoins to unite the good and true of every creed, hence our Masonry was not their Masonry.

M. S.—"To ignore the operative connection is, . . . to cut away completely the ground from beneath our feet, historically."

N.—I have nowhere denied the connection of the modern society of Freemasons with the operatives, but have always intimated that one is a development of the other, but yet I maintain that there is a wide difference between the two. For instance, there are certain creatures that are hatched in water, they live, eat, and grow in water; water, is as much their element as it is of the finny tribes, but at a certain period those creatures burst their skins, from which issues a mosquito, or a fly of some other shape; this new development changes its nature entirely, and if it is then forced to descend to the bottom of a glass of water, it is surely drowned. The religious teachings of the Masons of the middle ages was intolerance to all who did not believe in the Catholic Church; the teachings of the early Protestant Masons in England; were just as intolerant as those of the Catholic times, but our Masonry is based on universality, and to attempt to introduce their sectarian dogmas into our lodges will as surely tend to destroy the life of the institution as that of the mosquito when forced to immerse in water.

Bro. Student refers to a discussion carried on by himself and others in the *Freemasons' Magazine* and *The Freemason*, relative to the 1717 theory. I confess that I have not read the discussion in the former, but I did read the discussion in *The Freemason*. I further confess, that I never could understand wherein Bros. Buchan and Hughan really differed. They both agree that the operatives had secret signs, &c., also that Anderson Desaugliers and others were initiated in one or more of these lodges; also that the then Masons conferred but one degree, and they differ simply in this:—one maintains that the 1717 epoch, should be called a revival, and the other calls it a creation. But so far as I can judge, Bro. Student differed with both the above named brethren, by maintaining the antiquity of the third degree, and he must pardon my frankness, that in that discussion he assigned the same degree of importance which he does in the present one, viz., of asserting, without proving. Thus in *The Freemason* of September, 1871, Bro. Buchan said (Bro. Student) "has for a long time been a capital promiser but a very poor performer; he is always going to produce something in the indisputable way, but somehow it never comes." And Bro. Hughan, in the "Kingston Annual," is no less severe in his remarks. Bro. Hughan says:—"We find that Masonic Student in the *Freemasons' Magazine* declares that he has numismatic evidence of the antiquity of the second part of the third degree, coeval with the operative lodges of the York Masons, certainly in the 15th century, . . . and although we have since, and during the discussion in which this statement formed a part, frequently asked for such evidence, or indeed for any evidence that would prove or even shadow forth the

third degree before the revival at London, none such has been produced," &c. It seems therefore that in the discussion carried on in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, Bro. Student's theory was not triumphant.

The next dissertation of Bro. Student is about the gilds, or guilds, viz., whether "guild" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *gelt* or money, or from *gildan*. This refers to the paragraph I copied from Bromfield's History, but as I never passed an opinion on that part of the paragraph, it has really nothing to do with me. It may be, Mr. Bromfield's etymology is right, or that Bro. Student's is right, or both are wrong; this is not a chicken of my hen's hatching, and must therefore not come into my hennery to roost; and now for the remainder.

M. S.—"If it be true, as no doubt it is, that other trades had their secrets, and mysteries, and points, as well as the Freemasons, no guild that I know of had constitutions or legends dating as far back as 1390, admittedly, and no other guild had an elaborate ritual," &c.

N.—In the first place, I do doubt "that other trades had their secrets, mysteries, and points," in the same sense as Masons have, or have had. Secondly, if other fraternities had "secrets, mysteries, and points," they must have had a ritual and constitution too, the one is indispensable to the other; and thirdly, that other guilds had no legends, shows clearly that either their Chaplains were more honest and truthful than those attached to the Masonic fraternity, and therefore invented no legends for their respective Crafts, or that the members of those Crafts were less credulous than the Masons were.

The last remarks of Bro. Student refer to "freeborn," in which my brother admits the very fact I meant to establish, viz., that the oldest Constitution which has come down to our time, did not require the apprentice to be freeborn, but only that he should be no bondman at the time when apprenticed; that "freeborn" was a later introduction, and consequently it cannot be an irremovable landmark.

One more subject I must discuss ere I finish this paper. Bro. Student seems to take it for granted that the Halliwell Constitution is older than that of any other Craft, but is it so? I know that Bro. Student sticks to his imaginary idea that the Halliwell Constitution is a copy of an Athelstan Constitution, but here I must again ask, was it so? It is my opinion that the Masons of the English metropolis were entirely ignorant of an Athelstan Constitution, or any other kind of a Constitution, at the beginning of the second half of the 14th century. In *The Freemason* of April 8th, 1871, page 217 and 218, Bro. Student will find the most authentic, as well as oldest code of laws that the London Masons had ever had. For the document says, "Whereas, Simon Fraunceys, Mayor of the City of London, has been given to understand that divers dissensions have been moved in the said City, between the Masons who are hewers on the one hand, and the light Masons and setters on the other, because of their trade has not been regulated in due manner by the government and folks of their trade in such a form as other trades are." This was in 1356, or about 40 years before the Halliwell MS. was written. Now, if an Athelstan Constitution, or even the Halliwell Constitution, had been in existence in 1356, the London City authorities never would have said that the Masons' trade "has not been regulated in such a form as other trades are," and what is more, the code of laws which the Mayor and Aldermen then gave to the Masons, would have been perfectly needless, as the most essential part thereof forms part of the Halliwell Constitution. The inference therefore is that some of the laws in Halliwell's MS. were copied from the above code, or from a later edition. Now, if the Masons of the English metropolis were without the regulations in 1356, which other trades then had, it proves certainly that the Masons' Constitution is not so old as Bro. Student imagines. And secondly, if the Masons in the English metropolis knew nothing of an Athelstan Constitution in 1356, we may rationally conclude that the then Masons residing in provincial towns also knew nothing about it.

It seems to me that Bro. Masonic Student,

and the brethren who support him, would be as right in charging me with intolerance for calling a pickpocket "thief," or a thimble-rigger "gambler," as they are for my denouncing the perverters of Masonic history and Masonic principles as dreamers and charlatans. Bro. Emra Holmes, in *The Freemason*, Nov. 30th, page 762, attributes what he calls my coarseness to Yankee manners. The truth, however, is, that as long ago as 1757 Bro. Sauer, S.G.W. of Holland, in a letter to Dr. Thomas Manningham, then D.G.M. of England, denominated the pretensions of Masonic Templarism and High Degreedom, as charlatanism, and Bro. Manningham, in reply to the above letter, said, "and which you designated with perfect right as the charlatanism of Masonry." If, therefore, there is any coarseness in my vocabulary, as they call it, I have copied it from European Masonic dignitaries of very high standing.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford was also pleased in the same paper to refer to what he calls "Bro. Norton's wild and chimerical attack on Anderson and Preston." Bro. Woodford in the very same letter admits that no Grand Lodge did or could exist before 1717 under such a name.

Now, let him read the introductory paragraph of Anderson to the Edward III. Constitution, given in my last reply to Bro. Student, about the Grand Master with his Wardens, at the head of the Grand Lodge, with the consent of the lords of the realm, then generally Freemasons, and then ask himself, was this written by an historian or by a romancer?

Nor is Bro. Norton the only one who is not ashamed to expose the errors propagated by the early writers of modern Masonry, as Bro. Dr. Mackey, in his introduction to Bro. Hughan's "Unpublished Records of the Craft," in the first number of his Magazine, condemns Anderson's and Preston's Histories of Freemasonry as worthless. I have not the said Magazine before me now to give the quotation, but I beg to assure Bro. Woodford that Bro. Mackey's language was as plain in relation to that point, as Bro. Norton's is, and has been for several years past.

Another part I must mention in connection with the questions under consideration; Bro. Albert Pike, who styles himself "Thrice Illustrious Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Mother Grand Consistory of the World (and is, besides, a Knight Templar, and what not). Well, the said Bro. Pike furnished an article of thirteen printed pages for Bro. Mackey's "National Freemason." It was, in fact, a synopsis of the history of the twelve London guilds, and in that article he showed a strong leaning to what is called "the 1717 theory." Last spring I was introduced to Bro. Pike by our mutual friend, Bro. John W. Simons, P.G.M., and now G. Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of New York, when he took occasion to compliment Bro. Pike on the common-sense views he propounded in the aforesaid article, and expressed a hope he would continue to furnish some more articles of the same nature. And I must here add, that as a scholar, Bro. Pike has not a superior, and very few equals among the Masonic fraternity in the U.S. He has written more about ancient mysteries than any other Masonic writer I know of, and was always a highflyer in the upper regions of, the very first order, but yet I found in his conversation a spirit of candour and truthfulness, very rare among the professed defenders of High Degreedom. In reply to the remarks I made about the communication from his pen, Bro. Pike said, "Bro. Norton, we all know, that previous to 1717, there was but one degree, and that one degree was not like or did not resemble any of our degrees." Further comment is needless.

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Original Correspondence.

NAVAL AND MILITARY BRETHERN.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I believe, from some little experience I have had at home and abroad, that many hard-working Masons in the navy and army are practically lost to us for the reason that having so frequently to change their residences through the exigencies of the service, the expense of having to join new lodges, chapters, &c., falls heavily on them, and the higher they are in Masonry the worse it is.

This is bad enough in the commissioned ranks, but it falls more heavily still on the non-commissioned officers, amongst which worthy body we number a very large proportion of brethren.

These, in many cases, are unable to attend lodge from the heavy demand on their slender purses, in consequence of the necessity of joining new lodges, &c., so frequently, and their unwillingness to partake too often of the hospitality so universally shown to them when visitors.

I am certain more brethren than would like to acknowledge the fact, even to themselves, are deterred from doing their duties as contributors to our charities through the regular channel on account of the ever recurring expense.

In civil life the most regular attendant of a lodge pays his entrance fee but once, while we, in order to be considered good Masons, have to do so nearly every year, if not oftener.

Now, I think this could easily be remedied, if in towns possessing no regular naval or military lodge (whose fees I imagine are always small), the lodges treated the temporary sojourners amongst them, in a similar manner to that in which most clubs, institutes, &c., do under similar circumstances—viz., by giving these brethren all the privileges of membership for the time being, upon payment of a subscription only, plus the necessary registration fee, but without other joining fee.

We must, however, by our constitutions, still insist on a ballot, and "clearance" from last lodge, which latter, by the way, is, I am afraid, too often overlooked.

Whether these brethren should be permitted to take office would be a matter for each lodge to decide. I think myself that when they took office they should be called on to pay the regular joining fee.

I am sure if this idea was acted on, lodges in seaports and garrisons would get a large increase of subscribing members, if some of them were only for a few months. I hope an abler pen than mine will take up this matter, for I feel convinced from personal knowledge that it would have a good effect.

Apologising for the length of this letter, which you will oblige me greatly by inserting.

I beg to remain yours fraternally,

R. A.]

THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of "A Life Governor," which appears in *The Freemason* of the 22nd instant, has been written under a misconception.

Allow me, as Chairman of the Joint Committee for revision of Laws, to state that no proposition has been made to deprive any Lodge, Chapter, or Society of any of its privileges. On all occasions, hitherto, of alteration in the laws, the invariable rule has been that there should be no retrospective action which would abrogate or reduce privileges already acquired, and this rule will apply to any alterations that may now be adopted. Moreover, at the adjourned General Committees on the 15th instant, formal notice was given for the Special Court, on the 6th March, of the following motion:—

"That the Laws as revised shall come into operation on 1st July, 1873." The object of this motion, it will be at once seen, is to enable lodges, &c., to add to their present privileges and acquire fresh ones, according to the laws existing, up to 30th June next, inclusive.

As many of your readers must, of necessity, have been unable, from various causes, to attend recent meetings of Courts or Committees, it will

be well to give some information which may be interesting and useful.

At the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, in October last, two resolutions were brought forward for alteration of the Laws. One directed that arrangements should be made to hold the elections of the two schools on the same day; the other proposed that donations which would give to individual brethren privileges only for their lives should, as respects future payments from lodges, Chapters, and Societies, confer similar privileges only for twenty years, instead of in perpetuity.

No similar motions had been submitted to the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, and it was ultimately resolved, with the assent of the movers of the resolutions,

"That, inasmuch as it was undesirable to establish any divergence between the recently assimilated Laws of this Institution, and of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the several motions for alterations of Laws, of which notice has been given for this Court be not now put; and that it be a recommendation to the General Committee to invite the co-operation of the General Committee of the Girls' School, with a view to the formation of a Joint Committee to consider whether these and other alterations of the Laws are desirable, and report to Special General Courts of the two Schools on Thursday, 6th March, 1873."

Accordingly, each General Committee appointed the same brethren, eleven in number, all of whom had had much experience of the working of the existing Laws to form the Joint Committee.

This Committee had had many and lengthy meetings, have gone very carefully over the whole of the Laws, and have agreed to recommend certain modifications, which they will submit to the Special Courts on the 6th March.

It would encroach too much upon your space to specify the alterations, but copies of the revised Laws are at the offices of both Institutions, and may be seen during office hours by any of the Governors and Subscribers.

The time of meeting of the combined Courts on Thursday, 6th March, is 12 o'clock at noon precisely. The day and the hour have been so fixed with a view to the convenience of country brethren coming to London to attend Grand Lodge on the previous evening. It is to be hoped that the meeting will be numerously attended, and that the recommendations of the Joint Committee—all of which has been well considered with a view to the welfare of both Institutions—will meet with a general acceptance.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN SYMONDS.

NOTES ON THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Holmes's "distinguished friend" and his distinguished friend's prompter, Sir George Bowyer, Bart., seem to be making a tool (I feel almost inclined to say a fool) of Bro. Holmes, and I am sure it must be a matter of much regret to the brethren to see him placing himself in such a ridiculous position. The distinguished friend is ready to adopt any course to prevent interference with the New Statutes, passed by a coup de main at the last Grand Conclave of the Masonic Orders of the Temple—Statutes under which he is practically the Grand Master, the Grand Master's Council, the High Court of Appeal, and the Execution-Officer, Judge, Jury, Home Secretary, and Gaoler in one person. The distinguished friend's prompter is a rabid Romanist who although he is prohibited from the light of Freemasonry by his Pope, who launches vigorous anathemas against Freemasonry and Freemasons, is sufficiently a Jesuit to use the Freemasons with the view of crushing his old foes, "the Manchester Men." It is "significant" that these "Manchester Men" who according to Sir George Bowyer do not exist, who are governed by a noble and gentle Englishman, who according to Sir George Bowyer is "nothing," are still to the front in much that is good and great, and still "go marching on," exercising Sir George Bowyer pretty freely on their way.

Bro. Holmes's distinguished friend and his

prompter appear to have inadvertently omitted to furnish him with some information which, with your permission, I will at once supply for his benefit and for that of all who may be interested in this matter. The original letters from which I am about to quote are still in existence. I enclose my card (Masonically) as an evidence of good faith.

Bro. Holmes's important document (which, taken in conjunction with subsequent events, would appear to have been drawn up at the instance of Sir George Bowyer) is dated 16th December, 1858, now in the summer of 1858, one of the signatories of that document writes a letter to "the Manchester Men," in which he stated that "he accepted the Order" (that is the Manchester Men who according to Sir George Bowyer have no existence as the Order) in the position in which it then stood; he added it is now too late to discuss the origin of the establishment of the actual Langue of England, the Council of the Order has already expressed its full satisfaction in the good faith of the Englishmen, and as soon as the Catholic Priory is established in England it will announce to the Magistry and to the sacred Council the formation of a Protestant branch of the Order as already existing there.

Again, in 1860, two years after this, and upwards of a year after the fulmination of the Bowyer-Holmes document, the same writer, properly described in Bro. Holmes' translation as Secretary to the Mastery of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem addressed the Secretary of the "Manchester Men" in the following terms, "Our programme and intentions are always the same as when I wrote in June, 1858; the substantial basis of all remains the same."

Bro. Holmes has thought fit, on the dictum of his distinguished friend, to denounce a deceased Clergyman Divinity Doctor of University Chaplain to a recent King of England, as an impostor. Perhaps he may think it advisable to denounce the letters from which I quote as forgeries, without seeing them. But let me, with all deference, offer him a little bit of advice—if he really desires true information about the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England it would be well for him to apply, not to his distinguished friend or to his prompter, Sir George Bowyer, but to the Order itself, in whose possession are some very curious documents, whose authority and "importance" could hardly be disproved or disguised, before an impartial inquirer, by all the Saints of the Calendar with Sir George Bowyer's interpretations at their back.

I am, faithfully yours,

SERO, S&D SERIO.

Feb. 23rd, 1873.

NOTICE TEMPLARIE. BY A PAST GRAND OFFICER.

To examine and review the Old K. T. Statutes, seriatim, would take a longer time than would suffice to wear out the patience of ordinary readers. To criticise fully the new Statutes would still more trespass on their good nature. Each set, I apprehend, was compiled by a single individual, and submitted to an amiable Committee, who, placing implicit confidence in the knowledge, astuteness, and good faith of the compiler, probably objected as little as possible to the details, except such evident errors as will sometimes escape the vigilance of the writer; and so, after a short explanation of a few apparent incongruities, the whole is fathered by the Committee and passed helter skelter through the Grand Conclave. Such, at least, appears to have been the course lately adopted in the revision of the Statutes of Knights Templar. Revision? no! that word may be open to dispute, so let us call it re-enactment. That this wholesale destruction of time-honoured regulations, and the substitution of new ones should take place without affording an opportunity to those chiefly interested (or at any rate to their representatives in Grand Conclave) of fairly considering the changes contemplated, evinces a usurpation of power to which the Committee have neither legal nor moral right; and I shall be anxious to see how many of those who have so far exceeded their authority will be re-elected at the

next Grand Conclave, to fill the offices they now bear. Fortunately for the future such occurrences are provided for, as by the new Statutes it is arranged that the proceedings of Grand Conclave "shall be regulated by the rules in Parliament." As far as I can ascertain, these changes appear to have given general dissatisfaction, and it is not difficult to recognise the object of all this unseemly haste, which has been displayed in pushing an undigested code of laws through a small winter meeting, when few of those present, and none of the absent, had an opportunity of properly considering a subject of so much importance. I see in the changes now made, an easier and more frequent access to Royalty, on the part of certain chief officers of the Order, and a wedge is inserted for the future advantage of "Ould Ireland;" but let that pass—"Every man for himself" (and his native country), &c.; an old proverb which I fear will not wear out in our time.

I remember in Grand Conclave a noble Lord accusing (most unjustly) a Very High and Eminent Sir Knight of attempting to pass a measure "by a side wind;" it did not need the assurance of the Deputy Grand Master that he "scorned to do such a thing"—but in what way were the re-enacted Statutes passed through the Assembly, and were they not supported by the noble lord in question?

One of the objects (avowed) of the new regulations is to raise the status of the Order! admit that to have secured the presidency of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, is an honour of which every member will be proud, but in no other way have these alterations contributed to its advancement; rather the reverse. The remission of the qualification of Royal Arch, the extinction of the rank of Eminent Commander, the abolition of past rank in Grand Conclave, &c., are all steps in the wrong direction. The substitution of the word "Convent" for Conclave, betrays a lamentable ignorance of the meaning of the latter term, and supposes that because it was applied to "an assembly of Cardinals to choose a Pope" that therefore it had no other meaning. Why, the word Conclave existed long before Popes were thought of! and signified simply "a room with lock and key," or "an assembly of any kind met together in private;" and I know of no other word so appropriate to all the meetings of Knights Templar, as Conclave, from the time when the equeries, or sentinels, are placed on duty. It is an Encampment (or Camp) before business begins, but afterwards a Conclave, or an assembly of Knights Templar met together in private for the usual purposes. Then I object to the change of the word "Installation" of a Candidate. Why? Why all these changes? The reasons should be explained separately and seriatim, in reply to any questions from the members of Grand Conclave, and not presented as a whole, first to the "amiable" Committee, and then to a small winter meeting, when the Order is scarcely represented, and has had no means of knowing the important subjects about to be introduced.

These reasons are, in my opinion, sufficient to justify any Sir Knight, member of Grand Conclave, in moving "that the minutes of the last Grand Conclave be confirmed only as regards the election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership of the Order."

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The Freemason,
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1873.

INNOVATIONS IN MASONRY.

There is a well-known maxim of the law, which says "Omnis innovatio plus novitate perturbat quam utilitate prodest," that is, every innovation occasions more harm and disarrangement by its novelty than benefit by its actual utility. This maxim is peculiarly applicable to Freemasonry, whose system is opposed to all innova-

tions. Thus Dr. Dalcho says, in his Ahiman Rezon, (p. 191,) "Antiquity is dear to a Mason's heart. Innovation is treason, and saps the venerable fabric of the Order." In accordance with this sentiment, we find the installation charges of the Master of a lodge affirming that "it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry."

By the "body of Masonry" is here meant, undoubtedly, the landmarks, which have always been declared to be unchangeable. The non-essentials, such as the local and general regulations and the lectures, are not included in this term. The former are changing every day, accordingly as experience or caprice suggests improvement or alteration. The most important of these changes in this country has been the abolition of the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge, and the substitution for them, except, perhaps, in a single State, of an Annual Communication. But, after all, this is perhaps only a recurrence to first usages; for although Anderson says that in 1717 the Quarterly Communications "were revived," there is no evidence extant that before that period the Masons ever met except once a year in their "General Assembly." If so, the change in 1717 was an innovation, and not that which has almost universally prevailed in America.

The lectures, which are but the commentaries on the ritual and the interpretation of the symbolism, have been subjected from the time of Anderson to the present day to repeated modifications.

But, notwithstanding the repugnance of Masons to innovations, a few have occurred in the Order. Thus in the schism which took place in the middle of the 18th century, and which resulted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Ancients, as they called themselves in contradistinction to the regular Grand Lodge of England, which was styled the Grand Lodge of Moderns, the former body, to prevent the intrusion of the latter upon their meetings, made changes in some of the modes of recognition; changes which, although Dalcho has said that they amounted to no more than a dispute "whether the glove should be placed first upon the right hand or on the left," (Ahim. Rez., 193,) were among the causes of continuous acrimony among the two bodies, which was only healed in 1813, by a partial sacrifice of principle on the part of the legitimate Grand Body, and have perpetuated differences which still exist among the English and American and the Continental Freemasons.

But the most important innovation which sprang out of this unfortunate schism is that which is connected with the Royal Arch degree. On this subject there have been two theories: One, that the Royal Arch degree originally constituted a part of the Master's degree, and that it was dissevered from it by the Ancients; the other, that it never had any existence until it was invented by Ramsay, and adopted by Dermott for his Ancient Grand Lodge. If the first, which is the most probable and the most generally received opinion, be true, then the regular or Modern Grand Lodge committed an innovation in continuing the disseverance at the Union in 1813. If the second be the true theory, then the Grand Lodge equally perpetuated an innovation

in recognising it as legal, and declaring, as it did, that Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees, including the Holy Royal Arch." But however the innovation may have been introduced, the Royal Arch degree has now become, so far as the York and American Rites, well-settled, and recognised as an integral part of the Masonic system.

About the same time there was another innovation attempted in France. The adherents of the Pretender, Charles Edward, sought to give to Masonry a political bias in favour of the exiled House of Stuart, and for this purpose altered the interpretation of the great legend of the third degree, so as to make it applicable to the execution, or, as they called it, the martyrdom, of Charles the First. But this attempted innovation was not successful, and the system in which this lesson was practised has ceased to exist, although its workings are now and then seen in some of the high degrees, without, however, any manifest evil effect.

On the whole, the spirit of Freemasonry, so antagonistic to innovation, has been successfully maintained, and an investigator of the system as it prevailed in the year 1717, and as it is maintained at the present day, will not refrain from wonder at the little change which has been brought about by the long cycle of one hundred and fifty years.—Dr. Mackay's "National Freemason."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.

The 31st annual festival of this Institution was held on Monday last at the Freemason's Tavern, under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master. About 400 brethren, including the Stewards, attended, besides a strong gathering of ladies, altogether forming the largest number of visitors who have ever honoured a Masonic meeting. As it was the first time His Royal Highness has presided at a public dinner since his illness in 1871, the Fraternity felt his ready consent to dine with his fellow craftsmen as a compliment not frequently accorded by Princes to people, and the muster of brethren to welcome him was no doubt on this account larger than it would otherwise have been. Among the distinguished brethren who supported His Royal Highness were: The Marquess of Ripon, K.G.; The Marquess of Hamilton; The Marquess of Londonderry, P.G.W.; The Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, P.G.M., Staffordshire; The Earl of Limerick, P.G.M., Bristol; The Lord Methuen, P.G.M., Wiltshire; The Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., W. Lanc; The Lord Tenterden, S.G.W.; Lieut. Col. Lyne, P.G.M., Monmouthshire; Lieut. Col. Adair, P.P.G.M., Somerset; Rev. John Huyshe, P.G.M., Devonshire; R. J. Bagshaw, P.G.M., Essex; Lieut. Col. Burdett, P.G.M., Middlesex; Æ. J. McIntyre, G. Reg.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Francis Knollys, J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; Major Creaton, P.G.D.; Benjamin Head, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; R. W. Wheeler, P.G.D.; C. H. Gregory, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Bentley Shaw, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., W. Yorkshire; C. A. Murton, J.G.D.; Sir Albert Woods, Garter, G.D.C.; Thomas Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; E. Busher, P.G.S.B.; George Lambert, P.P.G.W. Herts; Sir Michael Costa, P.G. Org.; W. Ganz, Grand Org.; Hyde Pullen, P.G. S.B.; John Boyd, G.Purst.; C. A. Cottebrune, A.G.Purst.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; William Pugh, P.G.P.; John Coutts, P.G.P.; Frederick Binckes, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; R. Wentworth Little,

Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung, and the toasts were delivered in rapid succession, music in only a few instances being allowed to fill up the intervals between toasts and replies.

His Royal Highness in giving the first toast said:—Brethren, the first toast that I shall have the honour of proposing to you this evening, is one which I feel convinced will require no preface from me; it is that of "Her Majesty the Queen," (Cheers.) Brethren, let us drink "The Health of the Queen, and the increasing happiness of the Craft."

The toast was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Marquess of Ripon:—May it please your Royal Highness, Brethren, I esteem myself very fortunate that it should have fallen to my lot upon this occasion to propose to you the toast that I have now to offer to this great assembly. I know well that the health of the Royal Family is always drunk with the utmost enthusiasm in every Masonic assembly, (Hear, hear.) Loyalty is one of the distinguishing features of the Craft, and therefore we delight to honour the Royal Family. (Hear, hear.) But, brethren, we have upon this occasion a yet closer and more Masonic interest in the toast which I am about to propose, because the first name that I have to offer to you now is the name of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales (immense applause), who is dear to us all, inasmuch as he has been pleased to add to the many honours of this ancient Craft the dignity of his illustrious name. But on this occasion we have to drink the health of His Royal Highness not only as a distinguished Mason, but as the Chairman of this festival. Brethren, you have assembled in vast numbers from every province in England for the purpose of testifying your interest in the Institution in whose honour we have met to-day, and I am sure that there is no brother present in this hall who will not join me in thinking that it is a subject of deep congratulation to this Institution and to the Craft at large that we should have the great advantage of being presided over by the Prince of Wales. (Hear, hear.) Such sanction to the labours of all who are engaged in carrying on the work of this Institution is indeed an honour and is the highest encouragement; and sure I am that every one of you will join with me in drinking from your hearts "The Health of the Prince of Wales," and in giving to His Royal Highness a truly Masonic welcome.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and was followed by the rendering of "God bless the Prince of Wales."

His Royal Highness, in responding, said:—Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, I can assure you that I feel deeply sensible of the excessively kind manner in which our Grand Master has proposed my health, and the cordial way in which you, brethren, have received it. It is now two years since I have had the pleasure and advantage of meeting my Masonic brethren, and I can assure them that it affords me very great pleasure to do so again this evening, and to see myself on this festive occasion supported by so many of the brethren from every part of our realms. Brethren, I think you will believe me when I tell you that it is not merely idle words when I assure you most deeply that I have the interest of our great brotherhood at heart (Cheers). Although I was initiated in the mysteries of our Craft in a foreign land, from the moment that I returned to England till the present day have I been received with such kindness and such cordiality by my Masonic brethren and countrymen, that I have always considered myself as a true English Mason. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I have so many duties to do in the course of the year that I cannot be so much given up to the interests of our Craft as I should like; but whenever the occasion demands that I should give you assistance, in any way that lies in my power, I can assure you that I most cordially and heartily do so. Allow me once more to thank you for the kind way you have received this toast, and allow me, in the name of the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family, to thank you also, brethren.

His Royal Highness:—Most Worshipful Grand

Master and Brethren, I have now the honour of proposing to you a toast—one which I think in this generous assembly will be received with the greatest possible enthusiasm, as it is the "Health of our Grand Master." (Cheers.) I feel sure, brethren, that you will agree with me that before him it would be bad taste on my part to pronounce those eulogies on his name which, if he were absent, it would give me the greatest pleasure to do. At the same time I know I shall receive the hearty concurrence of all those present in proposing to you his health, and you will agree with me that no person in this country has the interest of Freemasonry more at heart than he has. Confident I am that all those who are under his order feel proud that he should be our chief. Brethren, I call upon you to drink "The Health of the Most Worshipful the Marquis of Ripon." (Applause.)

The Marquess of Ripon in response, said, May it please Your Royal Highness,—Brethren, I thank you heartily for the manner in which you have been kind enough to drink my health. I can assure you, sir, that I esteem it a great honour to be present upon this occasion, on which you have been pleased to give your personal support and sanction to one of our Great Masonic Charities. You have shewn, sir, by so doing that you truly appreciate the principles of our Craft (hear, hear), and the body which, cemented together in one common bond of mutual sympathy and united principle. Your Royal Highness on the step of the throne, and every brother in the most distant part of this country, must, I think, be a body, when its public character is such as that which I trust Freemasonry can claim throughout the country, of which any man may justly be proud that he has the honour to be at its head. I, sir, am well aware of my own shortcomings in the great office which I fill. I come among you; but whenever I do so, brethren, you receive me with so much kindness, you give me so many proofs of your confidence, and I hope I may say, your regard, that I am encouraged still so long as that confidence may be preserved to me to endeavour to discharge the duties of my office and to labour earnestly and zealously for the benefit of the Craft. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot:—May it please Your Royal Highness, ladies and brethren, I confess I should feel a great diffidence in rising to give the toast that I have the honour of suggesting to you at the present moment were it not of such intrinsic value that it requires little or no recommendation on my part. It is one of the great beauties of our Craft that our reflections are not only for a moment, but are sanguine as our anticipations for the future, and when I offer to you the name of the Earl of Zetland, who you will immediately remember ruled over the Craft for five-and-twenty years, and endeared himself to us, it is not for me, somewhat of a young Mason, to attempt to eulogise the character of the noble Lord: but sure I am that anybody who will take the trouble to recollect or to look into the support that Lord Zetland gave to Masonry, will drink this toast with very great enthusiasm. His Lordship was a past President of this Institution. I believe we have a most noble and illustrious example in our Prince who sits with us and who spoke curly, but truly, when he said that the ornaments of our Craft were our Charitable Institutions. That principle was carried out by Lord Zetland, and I think it is carried out by our Grand Master; and I venture to say that Masonry has an enormous power. Look at what our two great sister Institutions have done. Look at what this Institution to-night will realise by His Royal Highness's condescension in continuing among us;—at what our Boys' School—at what our Girls' School, at their annual festivals have done. The spirit of charity is becoming our chief feature. There is less banqueting, less of bodily enjoyment among us, and our first duty is to recollect we are Freemasons, and to remember and carry out the principles of our Craft in a social point of view; and in that point of view charity should be the first and foremost element. My toast is "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Past Grand Officers." You will drink their health because you know them well. I am sorry Lord Carnarvon, from the state of his health, is not able to be with us to

day, but I am sure you will drink his health, and the health of all those included in the toast, separately and collectively, with great warmth, as it is one that commends itself to your acceptance.

Lord Tenterden.—Brethren, I am glad to think, from the manner in which this toast has been received, and the manner in which the toast of "The Grand Officers of England" is always received in Masonic bodies, that the efforts that are made by the Grand Officers meet your approbation. On the present occasion. I may, however, say that I think we deserve but very little praise for being here this evening, when the most distinguished and illustrious brother in our Craft condescends to come and preside over your meetings. It would, indeed, be but a discredit to Grand Lodge if he was not warmly and actively supported by all the officers, and more especially do I feel that this is the case when the Institution which he is here to support this evening maintains that great cause which was first inculcated in us on our admission into the Craft, namely, to succour and support those who from circumstances of unforeseen calamity and misfortune had been reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress. (Cheers.)

His Royal Highness:—Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, the toast which I have now the honour of proposing to you is, I may say, the so-called toast of the evening: I have to beg you to drink "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons." (Applause.) I was certain that this toast would be most cordially responded to, as from the assemblage that I see before me I feel convinced that the Craft in general, and those that I see around me in particular, are deeply interested in this great charitable and excellent Institution. It shows me, brethren, that you agree in those great objects, and those great events of our Craft of which our Worshipful Grand Master reminded you, those of charity; and I feel sure, brethren, that although many have preceded me this evening, and many have explained to you far better than I shall be able to do, the objects and principles of this charity you, will be as liberal as it is in your power to be. As you are doubtless aware, brethren, my late grand-uncle, the Duke of Sussex, who was formerly your Grand Master, and who I have always understood took the deepest interest in all that concerned our Craft, was one of the first to suggest the Institution for Aged Male Freemasons, and the suggestion was warmly taken up by Grand Lodge, under his presidency, and the sum of £4,000 a year was voted. Since that time—seven years afterwards, our most worthy and excellent, and I may say revered late Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, who nobody regrets more than I do not to see here this evening supporting us on this occasion, extended this Institution to the Widows of Freemasons. Although these funds were separate, we may consider them as so far united that not only do our male aged brethren receive support, but their widows do so also. The few statistics that I have to recal to your attention, I will now just mention. In 22 years as many as 147 widows were relieved, at the cost of over £19,000 by annuities of £25 each. As many as 352 indigent Freemasons were assisted at the cost of over £40,000 by annuities of £26. It is proposed that after next month male annuitants should have £36 a year, and female annuitants £28 a year, therefore an increase of £10 and £3. I feel sure that we should all do our utmost to give our cordial co-operation to effect this. I believe I am not incorrect in stating that we have entire trust in those who have the management of this Institution and as it is under the auspices and presidentship of our own Worshipful Grand Master, I feel sure that he will be with us and give his utmost attention to the interests of this Institution. It is well and economically managed. From what I understand about the certain annual income, it is unfortunately small. The males annuitants receive only £1300 a year, while the expenses are over £4000 a year. The female annuitants receive under £800 a year, and the expenditure is £1200, not counting the working expenses, £1200 a year. For some years past the annual expenses have been £4000 or £5000 per annum. This sum, this deficit I may say, has to be made up by donations

and subscriptions. Let me therefore impress upon you once more most heartily to do your utmost to render this deficit as small as you possibly can, I feel sure that you will do so, and I feel sure that no long speech of mine will be necessary to make you do it. It is said that brevity is the soul of wit, and on this occasion I beg to adopt that proverb. I once more thank you, brethren, for the cordial manner you have supported me, and if by taking the chair this evening I may have in any small way augmented the funds of this Institution, I shall return home feeling that I have done a pleasant duty. (Great applause.) I call upon you now to drink in bumpers "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons."

Bro. Jas. Terry here read the Stewards' lists, which amounted in the aggregate to £6,686 6s. 6d., or £3,000 over the collection of last year.

The Earl of Limerick:—May it please your Royal Highness, My Lords, and Brethren, I shall have but little trouble in proposing the toast that has been committed to me on the present occasion, for I am sure nothing is more fitting than that the brethren who have gathered together here to support one of the great Masonic charities should also express their feelings in favour of the success of the other two charities. On this occasion we may be said to have assembled by our subscriptions to aid in assisting the decayed years of our aged and distressed brethren and their widows. The other two charities may be said also to aid in smoothing the dying beds of our aged and distressed brethren and their widows, by giving to them the hope that after their death the brethren would not be forgetful of the duty of supporting the orphans whom they have left behind them. The brethren on the present occasion have done well and nobly in the amounts they have contributed to this Institution. It may not be necessary for me to say—it will hardly be necessary for me to remind them that on the 12th of March is the festival of the Boys' School, and on the 14th of May is the festival of the Girls' School, which always highly commend themselves to our best sympathies. I will give you, therefore, then, brethren, "Success to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, to the other Masonic charities," coupling with that toast the name of the brother who is Secretary to that charity whose festival comes first after the present evening, Bro. Binckes.

Bro. F. Binckes:—Your Royal Highness, Lord Limerick, My Lords, and Brethren, my name has been associated just now so cordially by the noble Lord, the Earl of Limerick, with this toast, of "The Sister Institutions," which in two successive years enjoyed the same illustrious patronage which this Institution has the honour to enjoy this evening, that I immediately respond. These Institutions bear still a grateful recollection of the enormous advantages, the beneficial substantial results that accrued from that august patronage, and that dignified presidency; and I venture to say that those who are most immediately connected with those Institutions, and have their interests most deeply at heart, can never forget the benefits conferred on those two institutions by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; and while they, therefore, are fully sensible of those benefits, they, without any grudge, and without any feeling of jealousy, I may say, would offer their most sincere congratulations to those most immediately connected with the Benevolent Institution on the very large and distinguished body who have met, under your Royal Highness's Presidency, this evening. But Brethren must bear this one fact in mind, what I have spoken of in reference to the other Institutions is associated with the past, of which, of course, I keep a grateful remembrance. Brethren, the great success of this evening should stimulate you to further exertion, and we ask you in all sincerity, in all Masonic fervency, and in the spirit of real charity not to forget that the future also calls upon you when the festivals of the other two great Institutions will come. This must be borne in mind, that the more the Masonic Brotherhood does in support of these Institutions, the more they are called upon to do it; because if any body of men should bear aloft higher than another "the banner with the strange device, 'Excelsior,'" it is the Masonic Brotherhood. Brethren, we cannot go back to the

success of the past; and success to the present must be melted and classed in the future. This I hope, that we shall see ourselves surrounded by as large a gathering of good friends as I see now, and that no less substantial success—I hope even more substantial success—may be met with by all the Institutions in future. On behalf of those two Institutions, I offer you their best and warmest and most sincere thanks for bearing us in mind on this great occasion.

The Marquis of Hamilton:—Your Royal Highness, and Brethren, the toast which I now have the honour to propose to you, is one which I am sure you will all drink with acclamation, namely, that of the "The Stewards;" and I feel that, surrounded by so many of them this evening, as regards names it will be impossible to mention them all; yet I feel as if I should be scarcely able to do justice to them unless I did. You are all aware, brethren, that the Stewards of an institution like the present one, have duties very arduous and varied; and with regard to the entertainment which they have presented to your Royal President this evening, I, conjointly with all others, can testify to its magnificence, and the noble manner in which the Stewards have accomplished their duties. But there are other duties to which we look, and those are the substantial ones, and the money which you are able to produce for Institutions like this. It is to the Stewards' energies, and to their perseverance during the twelve months which intervene between one anniversary dinner like this and another that they have to labour and to bring the fruits of their labours to perfection; and I need not bring before your notice any more words of eulogy of the Stewards of this institution, but will only refer to the words just uttered by your worthy Secretary, when he stated that the sum of £6,686 has been collected during the last twelve months by your Stewards. There is also a double obligation connected with the Stewards; for not only have they the trouble of collecting from others, but they are also under the necessity of putting their hands into their own pockets, and contributing to that amount (hear, hear). But, brethren, in bringing this toast under your notice, I bring before you the names of no ordinary Stewards. Among the list of Stewards of this institution you will find that there are some of the greatest Masons of this kingdom, men who by their energy, by their influence, and by the interest which they have taken in Masonry, have brought its Institutions before the eyes of the public, and made the Masonic Order of England the envy of the whole of Europe. Not only have they done this, but they have also, by their liberality, mainly helped to contribute to the great funds of this Institution up to the present point. I will not occupy your attention any longer, but following the example of your Royal President, I will now beg to propose "The Health of the Stewards," and "The Health of Major Creton, the Chairman of the Board of Stewards."

Major Creton, V.P.:—May it please Your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master, My Lords, and Brethren, as President of the Board of Stewards, I am deputed by those brethren with whom I have the sincere pleasure to be associated, to offer our hearty acknowledgments for the honour you have been pleased to confer on us, and to assure you, My Lord, that your kind expressions of approval of our services have given us the greatest possible pleasure and satisfaction. The success of our efforts and this kind compliment which has just been paid us will for ever be endeared to us as rendering us confident that we have done our duty. With these few remarks I will conclude by thanking your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master, My Lords, and Brethren, for the honour you have been pleased to bestow on the Board of Stewards.

His Royal Highness Most Worshipful Grand Master:—Brethren, the toast which I now have to give to you is the last one, but although the last one, by no means the least one, as it is that of "The Ladies." I know that this toast is always most cordially received, and I know also that it is a great source of satisfaction and of pleasure to us that so many fair ladies have graced this festival by their presence this evening. Although they are not initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and although women's right have not been extended to the Craft, still, Brethren, it

affords us, I feel sure, the greatest satisfaction to observe, that although at a distance, they support us by their smiles and by their presence, and seem to take an interest in our great charitable Institutions. I will not keep you now, Brethren, but will beg you to drink most heartily and cordially, "The Health of the Ladies," and with the toast I beg to couple the name of Bro. Gregory.

Bro. C. Hutton Gregory:—May it please your Royal Highness, although I have received your Royal Highness's command to respond for the ladies, I cannot help feeling that there is a strong contrast between May in the gallery and December here. However unequal I may be, either mentally or physically, to return thanks for that toast, I can say, Sir, on behalf of the ladies, what they would say much better than myself, and without the infliction of a cold speech, they are greatly indebted to your Royal Highness for your presence here to-night—indebted, Sir, because they love this charity, and because they know that your Royal Highness's presence has raised to double its former maximum result the list of subscriptions on the present occasion. They are indebted to you, Sir, because it is the first occasion since it pleased God to restore you to health on which you have attended any Masonic gathering; and when they remember how you supported Masonry before that critical time; when they remember the tears they shed, and the prayers they uttered to the Great Architect of the Universe—tears not shed by women alone, and prayers not uttered alone by women; that now, on the first occasion when in renewed and restored health your Royal Highness identifies yourself with those Masonic Charities you have done so much to keep alive, you take upon yourself to propose "The Health of the Ladies," with the princely gallantry with which you always do it, they feel still more greatly obliged to you.

The company then adjourned to the Temple, where a grand concert was given, under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith, by Miss Banks, Madame Osborne Williams, Madame Florence Lancia, Miss Adelaide Newton, and Bros. Frank Elmore, Chaplin Henry, Kerr Gedge, Lester, Seymour Smith, Ransford, and Mr. John Thomas.

Bro. Goodchild was an excellent toastmaster; and, as, with ladies and brethren, something like a thousand persons were "repasted," the banqueting arrangements reflected great credit on Bro. Francatelli.

THE "SPENCER TESTIMONIAL."—The services which Bro. Sidney Spencer has rendered to hotel-keepers and others in respect of the successful opposition to the demand of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the taxation of occasional waiters, led recently to the organisation of a fund for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to him. The project was warmly taken up, and upwards of 200 subscribers, representing all parts of the kingdom, were soon obtained. The testimonial is plate. The presentation will take place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, at a banquet, on Wednesday, 12th of March. Along with several other specialities, the services of the band of the Coldstream Guards, the Glossop Champion Bell Ringers (some most remarkable performers), and of Mr. Ellis Roberts, harpist to the Prince of Wales, have been secured; and there will be some good vocal music, under the direction of Mr. John Elwin. The present of plate will be accompanied by an illuminated address. The chair will be taken by Mr. John Hall, proprietor of the Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.

The fifteen sections will be worked at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand Court, Holborn, by fifteen brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, on Tuesday, March 4th, 1873. Bro. Bingemann, S.D., 55, will preside. The lodge will be opened at half-past 6 o'clock precisely.

BRO. HOLMES'S LECTURE ON THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

By LUPUS.

Before proceeding to reply to the last communication of Bro. Holmes, or to consider the well-known document of which he is made the channel of this new publication, accompanied by so remarkable a translation, I would crave indulgence for a few preliminary observations.

The Order of St. John of Jerusalem was never an Imperial, Royal, or Papal Institution, but was in its constitution chapteral, at once aristocratic, and republican; a federation of separate langues, forming in the aggregate a sovereign and independent power. Each langue retained its separate principles of self-government, of which no more prominent instance can be given than the election of Grand Master, which was effected by delegates who were chosen, three by each langue in its own chapel. The Bailiwick of Brandenburg, on adopting the evangelical faith, separated itself from the main body of the Order in 1319, but was afterwards fully recognised, as I have shown. The Order in England was, by Statute in 1540, declared dissolved and void, and its possessions confiscated. It was revived by Charter of the 2nd April, 1557, and its property partly restored, but again to be absorbed by the Crown, with other general ecclesiastical possessions, under the Statute of 1558, though the latter enactment did not declare the re-suppression of the Order in England. The three French Langues were suppressed, and their property confiscated by an Edict of the Directory, on the 19th September, 1792, but were, as was the English, still deemed existent at Malta, where the French Knights formed, as they ever had done, the great proportion of the Order, there being at the cession of the island 200 of their members out of the total of the 332 Knights then at the chef-lieu. The French Langues possessed and enjoyed much authority and consideration; they had contributed, perhaps (I speak from memory), forty of the seventy-one Grand Masters who have ruled the Order, and Vertot, who is on all hands acknowledged as its chief historian, tells us the French always alleged "that the Order owed its foundation entirely to their ancestor; that if, in the series of time, other nations had been admitted into it, still it was the French alone who had adopted them; that the other languages ought always to consider them as their first parents." Thus four out of the eight divisions of the Order were in a dormant condition in the nations of their languages, though all recognised at the chef-lieu. The growing power of Napoleon in the latter part of the last century, and the then unsettled state of Europe, induced the Order to look outside its own limits for support, and, no doubt, viewing Russia as a great bulwark against the aggression of Napoleon, the Order induced the Emperor Paul to accept the position of "Protector." Malta fell in 1798, the Knights became scattered, and, as Colonel Porter justly remarks, the Order was entirely disintegrated, and the whole of the langues were reduced to the same position as that of England, entirely separate as a federation, but still retaining in some degree their organisation as separate entities. Those Knights who had sought refuge in Russia naturally looked to Paul, already the "Protector," as their most probable aid in restoring the sovereignty of the Order, and thus, in extremis and grasping at a straw, they proceeded to his election as Grand Master, of which we have heard; an independent course of action to which they did not then, or thereafter, think it necessary to invite the Papal sanction; indeed, the historian Sutherland says "the election was bitterly reprobated by the Pope; and the elector of Bavaria, to get rid of the disputes in which it involved him, abolished the Order in his dominion." Although this election was an utterly illegal proceeding, yet excuses may be found in the divided condition of the Order at the time, by which any united action was rendered impracticable; indeed, the Knights themselves proclaimed that their action had been taken, "knowing the impossibility, in our present circumstances, the members of our Order being generally dispersed, of preserving all the forms and customs prescribed in our Constitution and Statutes." Paul died in 1801, and his son and

successor Alexander immediately assumed the title of "Protector;" but on the 22nd of June, in the same year, he convened a Council of the Order of St. Petersburg, which called itself the "Sovereign Council of the Order," when a substitute was proposed for the original mode of election of a Grand Master, by which lists of names were to be submitted to the Pope, and from which he was to select a Grand Master; but it was stipulated that this expedient should not form any precedent for a future election. His Holiness, the Pope made, I think, three nominations, but without success, as the nominees each declined, or would not enter upon the office; at length, on the recommendation of the Emperor Alexander and the King of Naples, the Pope, on the 9th of February, 1802, named the Count Giovanni di Tommasi as Grand Master of the Order. Colonel Porter says, "This nomination was, of course, in direct contravention of the Statutes, but was accepted by the few fragments of the dispersed fraternity who could be assembled together. Tommasi proclaimed his appointment to a conclave who had met in the Priory Church of Messina, on the 27th of June, 1802. Nothing of any importance in the interests of the Order was proposed at this meeting, nor indeed were they capable of much amelioration. Tommasi resided until his death at Catania, and when that event took place, in June, 1805, the Pope, who declined any longer to take upon himself the responsibility of naming a Grand Master in violation of the Statutes, contented himself with selecting the Bailiff Guevara Suardo as lieutenant, and from that day till now he has continued these appointments."

These lieutenants, some of whose names were enumerated in the imperfect list quoted by Bro. Holmes, have presided over the body known as the Sacred Council, which continued located at Catania until 1827, when it was removed to Ferrara, and from thence to Rome, in 1834, where it still remains.

In 1814 the French Knights, encouraged by the humiliation of their enemy, Napoleon, assembled themselves at Paris, under the presidency of the Prince Camille de Rohan, Grand Prior of Aquitaine, and elected a permanent Commission determining to do their utmost to restore the position of the Order at large. This movement met with approval; the Pope confirmed it by Bull of the 10th August, 1814, and the Sacred Council recognised it by an instrument, dated the 9th October following, addressed to the chiefs of the French langues in their official capacity as such. This Commission exercised most important acts on behalf of the General Order during a series of years. It negotiated, but unsuccessfully, with the King for the restoration of the estates of the Order. It treated in 1814 with the Congress of Vienna for a new chef-lieu in the Mediterranean. It represented the whole Order, in 1816, in an appeal to the French King and Chambers; again in 1832 at the Congress of Verona, and if it did not accomplish all its aims, it certainly was not, as the Sacred Council admitted, the fault of the workmen. It appears to have been for so long a period, and on such important occasions, the only active representation of the Order, that there seems no doubt it was invested with full and entire powers and authority. If this was not so, the Sacred Council would itself have been to the front, as representing the Order in which they claim so high a place, and would not have sat by, whilst a subordinate body, with limited authority, was carrying on one long struggle to enter into treaties for the benefit of the Order for which it was professing to act.

(To be Continued.)

INSTALLATION OF LORD SKELMERSDALE.—At a Provincial Grand Lodge, held on Thursday, at the Town Hall, Liverpool (the use of which was kindly given by Bro. Samuelson, Mayor, P. Prov. J.G.D., Cheshire), the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale was installed with the usual impressive ceremonial as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Province of the Western Division of the County of Lancaster. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. for the Eastern Division of Lancashire, who had been nominated by the M.W.G.M., the Marquess of Ripon, to do the work. His Worship the Mayor entertained Bro.

Lord Skelmersdale, and Prov. G. Officers to breakfast at the Town Hall, after which the Craft and Provincial Grand Lodges were opened, and the important business proceeded with, and a large number of the brethren banquetted at the Adelphi Hotel in the evening. Owing to the ceremony being performed towards the end of the week, a full report of the interesting meeting is reserved till our next

THE MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.—Thanks to the zeal and excellent generalship of Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, Hon. Sec., P.M., 249, who received able help from an active Committee, no less a sum than £150 9s. 6d. has been handed over to the Treasurer of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, as the monetary result of the brilliant Masonic Ball, recently held at the Town Hall, Liverpool. With the exception of what is known as the "royal visitors' year," when the suite of rooms both at the Town Hall, and adjoining Exchange News Room, had to be used, this is the largest sum which has been handed over to the funds of this noble institution, and therefore great credit is due to all concerned, Chairman, Hon. Sec., Hon. Treasurer, and Committee, for the manner in which they worked, and the unusual success which has crowned their efforts. At a recent closing meeting of the General Committee of the Ball, hearty thanks were passed to Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M. for West Lancashire, and Lady Skelmersdale, for their presence on the occasion; and an equally cordial vote of thanks were passed to his Worship, the Mayor of Liverpool, Bro. E. Samuelson, for receiving and entertaining the noble visitors.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 7, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, March 1.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi. Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor. Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor. Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor. Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1320), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors. Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, March 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Leadenhall-street. " 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall. " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st. " 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern Aldersgate-st. " 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street. " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall. " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall. Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars. " 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st. Red Cross Conclave, Premier, Freemasons' Tavern. Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor. Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7. Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor. British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8. St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor. Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor. St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor. West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tattenham.

Tuesday, March 4.

Colonial Board, at 3. Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall. " 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall. " 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

Lodge 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 705, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.
 " 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington.
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, March 5.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge at 7.
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, March 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
 " 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.
 " 1412, Logia de la Liberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
 " 1360, Roynl Arthnr, Duke of Edinburgh, New Wimbledon.

Chapter 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday, March 7.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 Chapter 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 Chapter 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggerridge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

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Monday, March 3.

De Tabley Chapter, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Skelmersdale Lodge, Blundelsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.
 Eveston Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 West Lancashire Mark Lodge, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Tuesday, March 4.

St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, March 5.

Chapter of Fidelity, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 Royal Victoria Lodge (1013), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 West Lancashire Lodge (1413), Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (No. 1356), 140, North-hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.20.

Thursday, March 6.

Mariners' Lodge (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.
 Cestrian Lodge (425), Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, 4.
 Bridgewater Chapter, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, 6.

Friday, March 7.

Sefton Lodge (680), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, 4.30.
 Neptune Lodge (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.
 Walton Chapter, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, March 8, 1873.

Monday, March 3.

Lodge 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, March 4.

Lodge 33, St. John, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 457, Govandale, Potland Bridge, Govan.
 " 440, Robert Burns, Baillieston.

Wednesday, March 5.

Lodge 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 117, St. Mary's, Partick.
 " 128, St. John's, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, March 6.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 300, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Garngad-rd.

Friday, March 7.

Lodge 116, Royal Arch, Rutherglen.
 " 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
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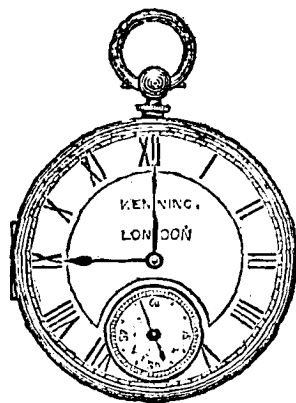
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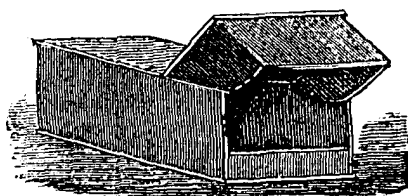
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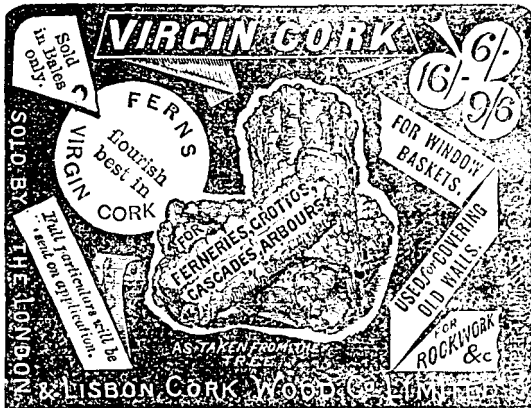
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GATESHEAD.—*Borough Lodge* (No. 424).—The brethren of the aforesaid lodge held their usual monthly meeting at their Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 17th inst., when Bro. Joseph Probert, S.W., and P. Prov. G.S., was installed in the chair of K.S., he having been regularly elected, according to ancient custom, on the previous lodge night. Amongst the large number of brethren present we noticed the following—Bros. Jonathan Cooke, P.M., 424; R. Stephenson, P.M., 424; Franklin, P.M., 424; Ridsdale, P.M.; A. Harkness, P.M., 1274; Dr. Cook, W.M., 48. The interesting ceremony was performed in a very beautiful and impressive manner by Bro. A. Harkness, P.M., 1274. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year—Bros. T. S. Waith, I.P.M.; J. Marchant, S.W.; J. C. Preece, J.W.; A. W. Giles, Sec.; F. T. Pearson, S.D.; J. Wilkin, J.D.; T. Dawson, I.G.; J. Curry, Tyler, &c. Bro. T. S. Wraith, I.P.M., presented to Bro. Jonathan Cooke, as a mark of appreciation of his exertions, by means of which the lodge has been raised to its present prosperous condition, a very beautiful P.M. jewel, manufactured by Bro. Kenning, after which the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, and partook of a sumptuous banquet; a most enjoyable evening followed.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—The Lodge of Friendship held their annual meeting at the Record room, Town Hall, on Thursday, when Bro. J. Franklin, proprietor of the Crown and Anchor Hotel, was installed Master for the ensuing year by Bro. P. M. Oswald Diver, in a most impressive manner. The lodge being resumed, and the W.M. saluted with the three degrees, the Master invested his officers, viz., Bros. Gage, S.W.; Fowler, J.W.; P. M. Wright, Sec.; Bonding, S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Golloway, I.G.; H. Campling and Batty, Stewards; Holt, Tyler. The lodge having closed in peace and harmony, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment at their lodge room, Crown and Anchor Hotel, this being the only instance in the province of the host embodying the two positions, and for which a dispensation has to be obtained from Grand Lodge. The brethren (among whom were several visitors from Norwich, Lowestoft, and Ipswich) partook of a sumptuous banquet such as host and hostess Franklin only can supply. In the course of the evening a splendid piece of plate was presented to Bro. W. Wright, for his valuable services as Secretary, for 13 years to Lodge 100. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.—*Norwich Argus*.

GIBRALTAR.—*Lodge of Friendship*.—On few occasions before have we seen the room of this well-known lodge so crowded as at the regular meeting held on Wednesday, the 5th February. The return of the Channel Fleet from a lengthened cruise to their cosy anchorage alongside the New Mole afforded an opportunity, which the naval brethren gladly seized, of passing a truly Masonic evening with their brethren of the shore. The agenda paper presented a goodly array of business to be done, including

work in each of the degrees. Punctually at the time appointed the W.M., Bro. Price, ascended the throne of K.S., being supported by Bros. Balfour Cockburn, P.M.; Henry, P.M.; Dantey, P.M.; MacLoughlin, with Bros. Marshall, S.W.; Hepper, J.W.; Bros. Evjenth, and Clavaresso, Deacons; and Bro. Gilbert as Director of Ceremonies. Amongst the visitors, who amounted to nearly sixty in number, we noticed Bros. Ponsonby and Morris, of the Flag Ship, and Bros. Burroughs, Davis, Bonlas, Alton, Campbell, Yeates, Arney, and Edmonds, &c., &c. The lodge was opened in due form, when the Secretary, Bro. C. V. de Santy, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Immediately after the confirmation of the same, Dr. Leslie Ogilby Patterson, Surgeon Major Royal Artillery, and Lieutenant Charles Brown, R.N., H.M.S. "Sultan," were admitted and initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. Bros. Sandham and Aparicio were then passed to the second degree, and, finally, the lodge having been raised to the third degree, Bro. Glassford, Jones, Wheeler, and Cavaye, received the rank of M.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment. Here, under the genial influence of the W.M., a few hours of the most pleasant and agreeable social intercourse were passed Bro. Price proposing the health of the newly initiated, and Bro. Balfour Cockburn that of the visitors—a toast responded to in a most felicitous manner by Bros. Ponsonby and Burroughs.

DOVER.—*Corinthian Lodge* (No. 1208).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel on the 17th instant. There were present Bros. Prebble, W.M. elect; Fuhr, W.M.; Popkin, P.M. and Treasurer; Adamson, P.M. and Secretary; J. Barton, S. Wiles, A. Smeeth, J. Bourdeaux, A. Wilson, P.M., E. J. P. Brown, G. Eastman, E. Todd, G. Thurlow, J. S. Fenis, F. Boulton, H. Fellows, Chas. Clayton, J. C. Rees, A. Wilson, J. W. Newman, J. Chadwick, W. J. Adcock. Visitors:—A. Prate, P.M., 22; W. Tucker, J.W., 125; J. King, 199; J. Harvey, P.M.; W. Winch, P.M., 429; H. Woolton, W.M., 1209; J. M. Goldfinch, W.M., 1273; Captain Levensen, 453; S. C. J. White, W.M., 972; B. Davis, W.M., 125; E. Tomalen, P.M., 125; G. Page, 1209; Dr. Marshall, P.M., 199; J. Canham, 199. The lodge is only a young one, but exemplifies by its progress the increase of Masonry. The minutes having been read, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with by Bro. G. Adamson, P.M., and the founder of the lodge, in his usual good working style. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. Barton, as S.W.; Wiles, J.W.; Popkins, P.M., Treasurer; Adamson, P.M., Secretary; Smeeth, S.D.; W. Adamson, J.D., who were inducted into their several offices by Bro. Rees, who also gave the working tools of the three degrees in a most able manner, and gave the address in the East. The Wardens were addressed by Bro. Wilson in the West, and the brethren by Bro. Adamson in the South. Votes of thanks to the Installing Master and to the I.P.M., Bro. Fuhr, for his services during the past year, were carried *nem con*. Hearty good wishes were proposed by the various lodges represented. Nothing for the good of F.M. being proposed, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the sumptuous banquet served by the esteemed host, Bro. Adamson. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. Upon the proposal of the health of the visitors, Bro. Pratt replied, and as is his wont, he dilated on the benevolence which should instigate every mason in the support of the Masonic Institution. He greatly feared that entrance to Masonry was too cheap or too easily acquired, and that in many instances it was joined for selfish motives and not for that true feeling of being useful to your fellow creatures, and this was to be illustrated by the number of applicants for admission to the institutions by those whose parents had not, at the time of their well-being, rendered any service to relieve others; thus, then, the degeneracy spoken of by Bro. Gray Clarke. He also strongly urged the visiting brethren to form a similar society to the one he had been the means of starting in the Corinthian Lodge, viz., sixpence

per week to a fund to make the members life subscribers to either of the institutions. When the sum amounted to £5 5s. a draw took place, and the successful member became a life subscriber—*remarking*, surely if Masons cannot or will not give this trifle—they had better retire, for their continuance as members of a lodge proved what he had stated, that such only joined from self-interested motives. He (Bro. Pratt) was granted permission in the after part of the evening to propose a toast. The toast was the health of a Mason (Bro. Wm. Foster) He was pleased to see in him an emblem of what a Mason should be. A little girl from the melancholy wreck of the Northfleet was cast upon our shore; he seized the opportunity of being useful, and took charge of her; thus he was not avoiding the responsibility thrown upon him. He concluded by desiring it might please the G.A.O.T.U. to spare his life, give him health, and bless him with the means to carry out his benevolent intentions. (Great cheers.) Bro. Forster replied in a most suitable speech, and concluded by trusting—should he from any circumstances not be enabled to carry out his present intentions—he should leave this child as a legacy to the pure and holy feelings of the Masons of Dover, resting assured that the little orphan would have every opportunity of becoming serviceable to her fellow-creatures hereafter. (Great cheers.)

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 18th ult. Present—Bros. Roger Dodgson, W.M., P.G.S.B.; T. Dodgson, S.W., P.M. 995; J. Mills, J.W., P.G. Steward; J. Meredith, Sec.; J. Dold, S.D.; J. Hudson, J.D.; J. Postlethwaite, I.G., J.W., 995 and 1393; J. Holloway, Organist; W. Croke, Steward; and several brethren. Visiting brethren—F. C. Warne, S.W., 1046, and John Hartley, J.S., 995. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock by the W.M., and minutes of last communication read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. J. R. Beck which proved unanimous in his favour. At the request of the W.M., Bro. T. Dodgson, S.W. and P.M. assumed the chair, and Bro. F. C. Warne that of S.W. The acting W.M. then initiated Mr. Beck into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Bradley having answered the usual questions in the first degree, was entrusted and retired, and upon being re-admitted was passed by the acting W.M. Bro. Bell was then examined as to his proficiency as a F.C. and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the W.M. then took the chair of K.S., and raised Bro. Bell to the sublime degree of M.M., the several degrees being rendered by the W.M. and S.W. in their usual impressive manner, the working tools in the first and second degrees being explained by the J.W. and S.W. respectively. The lodge was then closed down to the first degree, and hearty good wishes given from Lodges 995, 1046, and 1398. The lodge was finally closed at 10.15 p.m. with solemn prayer.

Royal Arch.

SUNDERLAND.—*Chapter of Strict Benevolence* (No. 97).—The annual meeting of the members of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, on the afternoon of Thursday, February 20th. The first business taken was the installation of Principals and the investiture of the officers, which were as follows, viz., Comps. M. Allison, Z.; W. Liddell, H.; W. Skelton, J.; R. Humphrey, E.; S. P. Austin, N.; J. H. Coates, P.S.; John Lindsay, Treas.; J. Thompson, Jan.; T. Twizell and R. J. Ward, Assistant Sojourners. Three brethren, viz., Bros. C. H. Bastow, W. H. Surtees, and J. Whitfield were then exalted to this degree, and after passing sundry votes in aid of charities and the transaction of other business, the chapter was closed in the usual form. The companions afterwards dined together at the Palatine Hotel, the M.E. the First Principal in the Chair, supported by H. and J. Amongst those present were E. C. Levy, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. C. W. H. Crookes, P.Z., P.G.E.; M.E.C. D. Clark, Z. 80; E. C. W. Brignal jun. H. (Durham); E. C. J. Roddam, P.Z. (South Shields), and others.

GIBRALTAR.—Calpeah Royal Arch Chapter.—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on the 12th February. A goodly attendance of the companions presented themselves, in a measure influenced no doubt by the fact that the business of the evening consisted in exalting two brothers, whose popularity throughout the garrison is generally acknowledged. The chairs were occupied by Companion MacLoughlin, as First Principal, Companion Morgan as second, and Companion Balfour Cockburn as third Principal. Companions Marshall and Browne as Scribes, and Companion Elmes, Principal Sojourner. The very excellent Companion Beal, First Principal of the Irish Chapter, was also present. The candidates for exaltation were Bro. Keilley, of Lodge 278, Lieutenant 81st Regiment, and Bro. Ponsonby, Lieutenant R.N., H.M.S. "Sultan." The ceremony was conducted by Companion MacLoughlin in his usual impressive manner, Companion Balfour Cockburn giving the explanation of the signs, and Companion Morgan the final charge. After the discussion of some matters relative to the disposal and distribution of a sum of money recently voted for local charities, the Chapter was closed in due form and the companions retired.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE OF RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.—A meeting of this conclave was held on Monday at the Freemasons' Tavern, Sir Knt. Little (in the absence of V.G. Sir Knt. George Kenning, presided. The conclave having been duly opened several candidates were duly installed as Knights of the Order. A College of Viceroys was then opened and several Sir Knights were advanced to the degree of Priest Masons. A Senate of Sovereigns was then opened, and the highest degree was conferred upon seven candidates for that high honour:—viz., V.E. Sir Knts. Kingston, Moore, Silifant, Brelte, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and two other Sir Knights. The conclave was then closed in imperial form.

BRO. HOLMES'S LECTURE ON THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

By LUPUS.

Observing in the last issue of *The Freemason* a letter signed "Sero, Sed Serio," desire to say (without any offence) that I have no knowledge whatever of its authorship. I shall have to quote the letters referred to by the writer, but I do not know what may be the source of his information, still evidently correct, nor do I join him in the hard words which his letter contains (words to which Bro. Holmes has, unhappily, been leading, as I not long since predicted) unless I could believe that Bro. Holmes had been prompted to the baseless, and therefore vindictive, assertions contained in the preface of his last communication, and of which I will in my next expose the gross untruth.

In 1788, the French Langues numbered no less than 808 Knights of the whole Order, the grand total of which in 1874 was, we learn from Clarke's book, only 1,000. and it must be obvious that so powerful a proportion would feel that their voice in the welfare of the fraternity was entitled to the greatest weight and influence, if not wholly as much as the words of Vertot would convey. That most competent historian, Sutherland, says of the commission elected by the French Knights, that "the government being declared concentrated in this commission, it was empowered to regulate all political, civil, and financial affairs connected with the Order." And from these Knights did our own Sovereign Geo. IV. accept the Cross of St. John. The French Knights were joined by those of the langues of Arragon and Castile, who had resisted the change in constitution of the Order in Spain, and thus a representation of five out of the then existing seven divisions of the Order, forming an overwhelming majority,

became allied for purposes for the general benefit, and prosecuted those evidences of entire power of action so amply demonstrated by historic facts, of which one other proof may be added in the circumstance that the official memorial of the Order to the Congress of Verona was signed by the Count Achille de Joffroy, as authorised to represent the three langues of France and those of Arragon and Castile.

In addressing my observations to the document, or protest, which has been published by Bro. Holmes, and so happily placed at his disposal by Sir George Bowyer, "a simple Knight of the Order, and nothing more" (but made the medium of this document nevertheless), I may set out with the very evident proposition, that if there had been nothing in the claims of the English langue, nothing in its revival, nor any substantial fact in its actual existence, the occasion would not have been deemed worthy of this protest, and its authors, as Colonel Porter aptly says he should have done, would have passed over the subject in silence. But no, this could not be, the ostensible authors of the protest, and the Council they represented, were too deeply committed to the English langue in honour and in truth, to render it possible that they could retreat from the alliance to which they had positively agreed, in writing, without making some show of excuse for the circumstances which led to its rupture.

This "protest" has been in print before, and is no secret, but as it may not be familiar to all your readers, I am obliged to Bro. Holmes and his new allies, much as I regret this discussion, for the opportunity to throw a little light upon its history. It will be observed that it is signed by the Count de Medici Spada, "Vice-Chancellor" (called in Bro. Holmes's very accurate documents "Deputy Knight;" O if the shade of the Vice-Chancellor could only see this!) and the Count de Gozze, "Magisterial Secretary," both officers of the body calling itself the Sacred Council.

It originated in the breach of certain negotiations which had occurred between the Council of the English langue and the Roman Council, for an alliance which it is to be regretted, for the sake of the time-honoured Order, was not effected. The negotiations were complete, and the formal ratification of the alliance alone required accomplishment.

The terms had been propounded in writing by the Count de Gozze, endorsed by the Count de Spada, approved by the Roman Council and finally accepted by the Council in London, on the 14th of July, 1858. The proposition, in general terms, was that a Roman Catholic branch of the Order should be formed in England, which should then notify "the Protestant section, as already existing," and that the latter should be acknowledged as a non-Catholic branch, separated from the ordinary jurisdiction, but appertaining to the Order in its generality; and it was to be expressly understood that no jurisdiction could be ever, in any manner, exercised over the members of the English langue in opposition to their perfect lawful allegiance to the Sovereign of Great Britain. The proposition was not, in all its details, such as the Council in England could have fairly expected, but they believed that the interests of the Order in general would be better advanced by the union of all its branches, and, after some interchange of suggestions, they assented to the terms with a condition that the Sacred Council should accept the alliance with the English langue as it then stood, "receiving our Catholics according to the ancient rules, and our Protestants on the principles enunciated by your Excellency in conformity with the precedent established in the Bailiwick of Brandenburg;" a precedent acknowledged and put forward by the Count de Gozze, but in the private opinion of Bro. Holmes's new friends, who must surely have been hoaxing him, "irregular, illegal and unrecognised."

The conditions were accepted by the Roman Council, their Secretary saying, in reference to the letter of the English Council, and the stipulations it contained, "I see in its arrangement all the characteristics of moderation, of justice, of loyalty, and of prudence, which the Council of London desires to bring to the settlement." Their Vice-Chancellor said, "with your permission, I have read all, and I must say

that in my opinion the conditions are acceptable." But it may be fairly assumed that he feared, if not anticipated, the interposition of malignants, as he strongly urged expedition in the final settlement of the alliance, and added, "thus to prevent the intrigues which might be the means of causing our plans to miscarry."

In these negotiations all the circumstances attending the revival of the English langue were discussed, and it was after the consideration of these that the terms were proposed, any objections being then cast aside as untenable after a lapse of thirty-two years (during which no objection whatever had been made to an alliance save on the ground of religious belief) and the Count de Gozze declaring that "whatever may be the opinion of the Mastery in regard to position and principle, we perfectly agree with the idea that it is now too late to discuss the origin of the establishment of the actual langue of England."

Thus then, were both Councils agreed, and, as a worthy member of the langue once wrote, "neither partly doubted that a cordial union was at hand, which was not only to raise the institution from its ashes, but to place it on a pinnacle of glory and usefulness it had never before attained, by suiting it to the spirit of the age, and constituting it a vast and extended field, on which the high-born, noble and enlightened of both religions throughout Europe might meet for generous purposes, and emulate each other for the good of mankind."

The counsel offered by the Count de Spada was an instance of strange and remarkable foresight; but the Englishmen, confident in mutual honour, did not accelerate the confirmation of the alliance with the dispatch he so sagaciously recommended, the foreshadowed intrigues worked their sinuous way, awakened the demon of discord which has cursed the Order, and frustrated the endeavours which both parties had brought to such an apparently satisfactory conclusion. The breach thus created was followed by the concoction of this "protest," in the hope, no doubt, in certain quarters, that the heretical (from the Papal point of view) langue of England would be effectually strangled. This, I am happy to know, was not, nor is at all likely to be, the case. The Order in England flourishes; it has done good deeds, I trust, and believe, will do more, and it has the sad satisfaction of being one of the only two branches of the venerable Order of St. John devoted to the work which throughout centuries has been its beneficent purpose.

(To be continued.)

GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania held its Annual Grand Communication on Friday, December 27 last, being St. John's Day. The following Grand Officers were duly installed:—Comps. Charles E. Meyer, Grand High Priest; John Wilson, Jun., Grand King; Andrew Robeno, Jun. Grand Scribe; Thomas Brown, Grand Treasurer; John Thomson, Grand Secretary. After the installation, the M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his annual address, principally a *resumé* of his official doings during the past year, after which he announced his appointments for the present Masonic year: From the 27th December, 1871, to December 1st, 1872, there were 685 candidates marked, while 763 were received and accepted Most Excellent Masters, and 732 were exalted to Royal Arch Degree in the subordinate Chapters of Pennsylvania.

Comp. Wm. James Hughan, of Truro, Cornwall, England, who furnished the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania last year with a most interesting history of the Mark Degree in England, has this year forwarded to Comp. Chas. E. Meyer, Grand High Priest, the following valuable letter on the Past Master's Degree. By kind permission, we are enabled to present it to our readers in advance of the published proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

"Truro, England, Oct. 1, 1872.

"My Dear Friend and M. E. Grand High Priest: I am anxious to write you re the Past Master's Degree, according to promise made by

me last year, and desirous of doing so before your next annual meeting. As a fact, however, I have found it a most difficult subject to write about, as so little is discoverable of its early history.

"When the degree first took its rise I know not as yet, but am continuing my researches, and may be able to elucidate the point. I might write a great deal on the subject, but *cui bono?* A great deal would be purely apochryphal, and so is better left unsaid than written.

"It seems to have been the custom (in fact was) of the 'Grand Lodge according to the old Constitutions' (called the 'Ancients') to confer the P.M. degree in a Craft Lodge to candidates for Royal Arch Masonry. No separate Chapters or warrants were required to work the Royal Arch Degree under the 'Ancients,' and it seems to me most probable that the 'Installation Ceremony' originated with that body, at least, became prominent, and a separate degree under their management. If so, it is not older than, say about 120 years. The Grand Lodge of the 'Ancients' was not actually formed, and no regular records kept, until after A.D. 1750. The minutes still exist, and commenced A.D. 1758. The Grand Lodge of England is the custodian thereof.

"Whether the regular Grand Lodge, or in other words, the Grand Lodge which was formed A.D. 1717, had a knowledge of the degree so early as 1750, I cannot yet say positively, although there does appear evidence that a ceremony of some sort was observed at the installation of a W.M. of a Lodge. In the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, published A.D. 1738, there is an engraving of the 47th Problem of Euclid, which is the Jewel of the P.M. degree. Under the 'Moderns' (so-called in the Grand Lodge of 1717) separate warrants were required to work the 'Royal Arch,' as that degree was not actually recognised until the Union of 1813. (It *virtually* was, however, as the leading members of Grand Lodge, from the Grand Master downwards, were the officers of the Grand Chapter.) Their first R. A. Constitution was published A.D. 1778, and second edition 1782, both of which I have. The use of substitutes, or any law requiring a certain number to be exalted, was unknown. Since the 'Union of A.D. 1813,' the Past Master's Degree has been conferred on the elected Master of a lodge, and so such alone. Hence all Past Masters in England, have actually served the office of Master of a Lodge for a period of twelve months. The only pre-requisite, Masonically, for R. A. Masonry, being twelve months a member of the third degree. Until recently, in Scotland, the system of Capitular Freemasonry prevailing in the United States was adopted, but at the Grand Lodge held the 5th February last, it was decided to return to the old English system, and hence the Grand Chapter of Scotland has retired from the control of the Past Master's Degree, and left it entirely in the hands of the Grand Lodge.

"The following are the terms of the agreement:

"1. That the Grand Lodge shall recognise a ceremonial or degree to be conferred on Masters of Lodges on their taking the chair at a lodge similar to that conferred in England and Ireland.

"2. That a register shall be kept by the Grand Clerk of Installed Masters, and he shall record the name of every Installed Master therein, and furnish a diploma upon certificate being sent, signed by three recorded Installed Masters, that the ceremonial or degree has been duly conferred. The fee for registration and diploma to be 2s. 6d.

"3. That this ceremonial or degree shall under no circumstances whatever be conferred on anyone except the actual Master of a lodge, or one who produces a certificate from the lodge that he has occupied a chair as duly elected Master.

"4. That with the view of carrying out these resolutions, three or more Masters of lodges or Past Masters, to be selected by the Grand Lodge, shall procure themselves duly installed by three or more English or Irish Installed Masters, and shall thereupon adjust the Ritual to be used in future.

"5. That thereafter the said Installed Masters shall duly install three or more Past Masters in the cities of Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth,

&c., and in any of the larger towns, the brethren in which may desire it.

"6. That the ceremonial or degree shall only be conferred when three or more Installed Masters are present, and any lodge having that number of Installed Masters present at a meeting may confer the ceremonial or degree upon its Master;—but in the event of any lodge not having a sufficient number of Installed Masters, it shall be competent to the Masters of that Lodge to procure himself duly installed at any lodge having three Installed Masters, provided he produce evidence to the satisfaction of these Installed Masters that he is a *bona fide* Master of a lodge.

"In Ireland, the Past Master's Degree is also confined (or supposed to be) to the Masters elect of Craft Lodges, and a ceremony of some sort is worked, as in England, and as it is to be now in Scotland. The ceremony itself is most interesting and rather lengthy. The charges to the officers are valuable, if only followed, as they should be, and altogether an installation according to the English Ritual is most imposing.

"In Ireland there is much irregularity as to the installation ceremony, but the three countries now agree in having a distinct ceremony or degree for the W.M. elect of a Craft Lodge, and more correctly speaking, it should be termed the Installation Master's Degree, rather than the Past Master's.

"With every respect and good wishes to you, M. E. G. H. P. and the G. Chapter, believe me, fraternally and faithfully yours,

"WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN."

FREEMASONRY IN EGYPT.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have much pleasure in handing you herewith particulars of the presentation of an address to the Khedive, which I have no doubt will be found interesting. The step just taken and its result cannot be looked upon with too much importance, considering the position of Freemasonry of late in this country, particularly in relation to the natives and their ruler, as it must now give more confidence both to those who are already Masons and those who have a desire to join the Fraternity. The Khedive Ismail during his reign has done wonders in improving his country and the condition of its inhabitants. The connection of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales with Freemasonry has undoubtedly given H.H. the Khedive a more favourable opinion of our order. We have now a further proof of the worth of this enlightened Prince Ismail Pasha, and we trust he and his people will continue and prosper.—

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN C. MILBOURNE,
P.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 99.

Presentation to H.H. the Khedive by the District Grand Lodge of Egypt of an Address of Congratulation on the occasion of the Marriage of H.H. the Hereditary Prince Tantik Pasha.

The address was surrounded by an illuminated border in the following style:—In the centre of the upper part the initial "I." (Ishmail) was inscribed in a medallion surmounted by a vice-regal crown. On either side of the medallion a cornucopia (emblem of plenty), from which dropped fruits and flowers of the country joined under the medallion, and were fastened by a pair of scales (justice); while a sprig of laurel and oak leaves filled the space between the medallion and cornucopias. The two sides of the address were ornamented with fruits and flowers, symbolical of joy and happiness, fastened to mahogany coloured poles, which were surrounded by ears of corn and a cotton plant, over which bees and butterflies were gathered. The centre of the poles was ornamented by large cameos, in which arts and sciences were beautifully designed. In the lower portion of the address a large landscape, in which the progress and civilization of Egypt were skilfully represented, occupied the central part, supported on either side by a statue of Isis and one of Osiris. This portion of the border was enclosed in a gilded scroll, which joined at the gilded ends, supporting the sides.

The Address was as follows:—

A Son Altesse Ismail Pasha, Khedive d'Egypte. Altesse,—

La Grande Loge Provinciale des Maçons Anciens, Libres et Acceptés d'Angleterre pour l'Egypte se permet d'offrir a votre altesse les felicitations les plus sinceres pour l'heureux mariage de Son Altesse le Prince Héritier

En felicitant votre altesse des liens qu'elle vient de reserrer en son auguste famille—liens qui raffermissent la sécurité de l'Egypte—cette Grand Loge s'empresse d'offrir en cette occasion solennelle ses plus vif rémerciments à votre altesse pour la civilisation qu'elle a répandue en Egypte, et adresse des vœux sincères au Tres Haut quil, Lui plaise d'accorder a votre altesse une vie longue, prospere et heureuse, pour qu'elle puisse accomplir l'œuvre de régénération si dignement commencée et poursuivie.

Au Caire, le 16me jour de Decembre, 1872.
(Signed.)

Le Lieut. G.M., Prov. G. M., Prov. p. int.
RALPH BORG.

Le 1er G. Surv. Prov.,

E. W. T. TINNEY,

Le G. Tres. Prov.,

E. T. ROGERS,

Le 2eme G. Surv. Prov.,

JOHN C. MILBOURNE.

Le G. Sec. Prov. p. int.

W. B. BROUGH.

Seal of the Dist. Grand Lodge for Egypt.

His Highness having received at Abdeen on the 19th of February, 1873, at 11.30 a.m., the deputation consisting of the District Grand Lodge Officers who signed the address, the address was read over by the D. and acting D.G.M., when H.H. replied, thanking in warm terms the English Freemasons for the address. His Highness expressed himself highly gratified with the expressions contained therein, and indeed appeared very well pleased. Bro. Borg then said:—

Monseigneur,

En remettant l'adresse de la Grande Loge Prov., que votre altesse me permette de lui remercier de la nouvelle preuve de progrès et de civilisation qu'elle donne au monde entier. La Maçonnerie, jusqu'ici proscrite et cachée en Egypte, par cause de sa devise progressiste se relève aujourd'hui sous les auspices de votre altesse, est fière du rang qu'elle accorde en son royaume elle peut se déclarer régénérée, grace au patronage dont votre altesse l'entouré en reconnaissant son existence légale. Au nom de cette institution constituée en Egypte, ainsi au nom de la Maçonnerie repandue sur les deux hémisphères, je remercie votre altesse de l'insigne faveur qu'elle lui accorde. Je suis certain, Monseigneur, que j'exprime aussi les sentiments de mes collègues en assurant votre altesse que nous nous sentons fiers et heureux d'avoir été choisis par le Grand Loge Prov. à remettre a votre altesse son adresse de félicitation et de remerciements.

His Highness answered that he knew Freemasonry to be a beneficent society, was glad to receive such proofs of its friendship towards the work he has so much at heart, and said if there was anything in his power he could do for the benefit of Freemasonry it would be willingly accorded and afford extreme pleasure. His Highness then entered into general conversation with the members of the deputation who, afterwards withdrew, exceedingly satisfied with the very cordial reception they had received.

The Consecration of the Campbell Lodge, No. 1415, will take place at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, this day (Saturday) at 4 p.m.

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BIRTH.

COATES.—At No. 5, Coxon Street, Sunderland on the 1st. inst., the wife of Bro. Jas. H. Coates, W. M. William-son Lodge, No. 949, of a son.

DEATH.

BUCHAN.—On 23rd ult., at 27 Renfrew-street, Glasgow Andrew Waddell, aged 18 months, youngest son of Bro. W. P. Buchan.

Answers to Correspondents.

The following communications stand over:—

"Additional Notes," by Emra Holmes; "A Point of Masonic History" by a Masonic Student; Letters from D.O.S. and Beta; Dis. G. Lodge of Bengal; Reports of Lodge 228, 478; Huyshe Chapter Rose Croix.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1873.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication to Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, the Rev. John Huyshe, Provincial Grand Master for Devon, on the throne. The Grand Master was not present, owing to his being suddenly called away to Cannes, on account of an accident having happened there last Sunday to his eldest son, the Earl De Grey. The circumstance, it will be seen below, was mentioned to Grand Lodge by the acting Grand Master, and a profound feeling of sympathy with his lordship was manifested by the brethren present. Grand Lodge was very numerous attended, and the circumstance that this was the night for the election of the Grand Master, perhaps drew more brethren together than would have otherwise been the case. Nevertheless, a heavy paper of business presented attractions which partly might account for so large a concourse, although there were not so many brethren of great distinction in the number as attended at the great festival, held last week. Lord Tenterden, who has been most assiduous in his duties as S.W., since he was appointed, occupied the chair assigned to his rank, Col. Burdett acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Col. Brownrigg as Past Grand Master. The other officers were in their places, and a large body of Past Grand Officers were on the dais.

The regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business were read by the Grand Secretary, after which the same worthy official read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication, which were put and carried unanimously.

The Acting Grand Master then said, brethren, I rise under peculiar circumstances to address you to-day. Most deeply do I regret the absence of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, but above all things I regret the cause of that absence. I regret most deeply that the son of the Most Worshipful Grand Master should have met with a very serious accident abroad, and that that requires his presence where his son now lies. I have the satisfaction of being able to tell you on the very best authority, the information of the Senior Warden of England, that a telegraphic message has been received from Cannes, which declares that the serious accident, which it was believed to be, and which I believe it is, at present, is not so serious as it was supposed to have been. The Senior Grand Warden informs me that he has good reason for supposing that the misfortune which has befallen our Grand Master, though it has deprived us of his presence, will not turn out to be what we had at first conjectured so disastrous. Having thus spoken briefly on that point, I wish to tell you that the next subject we have to consider is the election of Grand Master for the year. (Cheers.)

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, P.M. 18:—Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master, the nomination of Grand Master which has been read by the Grand Secretary, and which I had the honour to make at the Quarterly Communication in December, I now rise to follow up. I rise to

propose that the Most the Honourable Marquess of Ripon be re-elected Grand Master of our Order during the ensuing year. (Hear, hear.) The nomination which was made received the entire approval of this Grand Lodge, faithfully reflecting the sentiments of the Craft at large; and if anything were wanting to call forth an expression on the part of Grand Lodge towards the distinguished nobleman who occupies the throne of our Order, it was the reception which the announcement which your Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master has just made, and the sympathy which was elicited under the present painful circumstances which deprive Grand Lodge of the advantage of the presence of the Grand Master of England upon this occasion. (Hear, hear.) For some years now the Marquess of Ripon has presided over our Order. During the period he has so presided the progress of the Craft has been one of continued prosperity and success. At no time, I may venture to say, has the Craft stood higher in the estimation of the country, or of the public at large. At no time has it been more united in loyalty to its head, or devotion to the great principles of the Order; and in calling our Grand Master again to preside over and administer our affairs, if judged by the standard of the past, the rough standard of success, we may pronounce his administration to have been a complete one; if judged by his own conduct on the throne, all who have been present in Grand Lodge can bear witness to the fairness and impartiality with which he has borne himself on all occasions; to the unvarying courtesy and ability which he brings to the discharge of the important duties of his office, and to those qualities which have endeared the name of the Marquess of Ripon to every Mason throughout the length and breadth of the land. Therefore it is Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master, I venture to propose that the Most Honourable the Marquess of Ripon be re-elected to the throne of the Order; and I am sure that in so doing by acclamation this Grand Lodge will, as I said before, but faithfully reflect the sentiments of every Mason throughout the country; it will do itself in honour, for we are proud that the chief position in our Order should be filled by a nobleman so eminent and exalted in himself, so thorough an example of all the principles of Masonry, and I think I may venture without ostentation, to add that our Grand Master may fairly congratulate himself on the position the Craft has usurped under his most successful sway. (Cheers.)

Bro. J. A. Rucker:—In rising to second this proposition, I venture to think, with the brother who made it, that it will be received with acclamation. In the ordinary course of our business I believe it requires a seconder; but it is hardly necessary for me to use any words in expressing my approbation of the terms in which one brother has proposed this resolution to you, the members of this Grand Lodge; but I do think this, that nobody can stand up, as I am doing, to second this and sit down with satisfaction to himself and to you without expressing our deep sympathy with the Most Worshipful Grand Master at the calamity that has befallen him. I am quite sure that every one of us has received with the greatest satisfaction the intelligence that

the accident is not so great as we at first supposed. I have only to say that in proposing for re-election the Most Honourable the Marquess of Ripon the proposer, and myself, and you, who will I am quite sure all respond to it, and desire to do an honour to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and I am quite certain of this, that he, in accepting the position of Grand Master of Freemasons of England, does a great honour to them. (Cheers.) I have the greatest satisfaction, Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master, in seconding the re-election of the Marquess of Ripon.

The motion was put by the acting Grand Master and carried unanimously.

Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) then came forward and proclaimed the Marquess of Ripon, with all his titles and territorial qualifications, Grand Master of English Freemasons.

Bro. Geo. Lambert proposed the re-election of Bro. Samuel Tomkins as Grand Treasurer, which was duly seconded.

This was also carried unanimously, the acting Grand Master previously stating that Bro. Tomkins had filled the office for many years with benefit to the Craft and much honour to himself.

The Acting Grand Master, addressing Grand Treasurer, said,—Bro. Tomkins, I have to announce to you, that, for what number of years I cannot tell, you are re-elected again to hold the office of holding funds in your hands belonging to Grand Lodge. I congratulate you again on the honour conferred on you, and I congratulate Grand Lodge of England on the good sense they have shown in re-electing you to your office. (Cheers.)

Bro. S. Tomkins,—Acting Grand Master and brethren, I thank you cordially for the honour you have done me in re-electing me to this exalted office. I have had a great deal of pleasure in serving you so many years, and I have witnessed with great satisfaction the great progress and prosperity of the Craft in that time; and I trust that great progress and prosperity will not be diminished during the ensuing year. (Applause.)

The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last Quarter (in which are recommendations for the following Grants) was presented:—

A Brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London.....	£50
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Faith, No. 141, London.....	200
A Brother of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, London.....	50
A Brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 222, London.....	250

Bros. Clabon, Savage, Nunn, and Raynham Stewart moved and seconded the above grants which were carried without the slightest hesitation, and after graceful tributes had been paid to high Masonic character of the brethren named therein.

The following Report of the Board of General Purposes, was, on the motion of Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., President of the Board, taken as read:—

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to submit their Report for the last quarter as follows:—

Rent of the Tavern Premises.

At the last Quarterly Communication of Grand

Lodge upon an amendment moved by Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, to a motion of Bro. Francis Bennoch, P.M., No. 1, it was resolved "that the question of the propriety of reducing the rent of the Tavern be referred to the Board of General Purposes to consider and report thereon to Grand Lodge."

The Board find that the Freemasons' Tavern Company (Limited), hold their premises under a lease from the Trustees of the Grand Lodge property for twenty-one years, from Christmas, 1867, granted in consideration of a premium of £5000, and at reserved rents of—

For the year 1868, 1869, and 1870 ...	£1,200 per annum.
" 1871 ...	£1,300 "
" 1872 ...	£1,400 "
" 1873 } " 1874 }	£1,500 "

and thenceforward an increase of £50 per annum until the year 1880, by which time the rent would reach £1800 per annum, at which it was to remain during the residue of the term.

The payment of this premium of £5000 was equivalent to an addition of about £300 per annum to these rents.

The Board have satisfied themselves, after consulting a most experienced adviser, that at these reserved rents the Company is over rented, apart from the question of premium, and that the full rental value of the Tavern as a going concern may be taken at £1500 per annum. The agreement by which the amount of premium and the reserved rents was fixed was made in the year 1864, when somewhat exaggerated ideas prevailed as to the value of property of this description.

The Board have further satisfied themselves that the rent so reserved is a serious burthen to the lessees, and that to obtain some reduction of it is a matter of urgent importance to the financial prosperity, if not to the existence of the Company, as will be apparent from the consideration that the undertaking has not been hitherto a prosperous one, and that a difference of £300 a year in the rent is equal in round numbers to a dividend of 1 per cent. per annum on their paid-up capital.

The Board see no reason to believe that there has been anything in the conduct of the Company to deprive them of a right to consideration in this matter. They have hitherto paid their rent with fair regularity at the rate of £1200 per annum, the payment of the additional rent above that minimum having been, by consent of both parties, deferred until the settlement of the pending question as to the reduction of the rent.

The application by the Company for a reduction of the rent is placed solely on the ground that they had entered into an improvident agreement, and is an appeal to the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge. The Board are of opinion that the Company have made out a good case for some diminution of the rent, and upon the whole, and having regard to the premium originally paid, they recommend that the rent reserved by the lease should be reduced so as to stand as follows:—For the years 1868, 1869, and 1870, £1200 per annum, as originally fixed; that it should thenceforward increase by £50 per annum until in 1876 it reaches £1500; and that it should remain at that amount during the residue of the term.

But the Board further recommend that the right to this reduction should be dependent upon the Company paying up forthwith all arrears of rent due on the reduced scale, and upon the punctual payment of the reduced rent quarter by quarter.

Exclusion of Members by Lodges.

At the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge certain resolutions were moved by Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, P.G.D., for conferring certain powers upon private lodges in this respect. Upon an amendment moved by Bro. J. Havers, P.G.W., the subject was referred to the Board of General Purposes to consider and report to the Grand Lodge.

The Board having fully and carefully considered the matter, have now to report that in their opinion the present provisions of the Book of Constitutions confer adequate powers upon private lodges for the excluding of members

upon sufficient cause if so authorised by their bye-laws. The Board are of opinion that it would be desirable that lodges should be permitted to include in their bye-laws, as framed under Sec. 5 on page 63, one authorising the exclusion of members for sufficient cause on condition that every such bye-law shall provide for the member complained of receiving due notice of the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, shall give the power of exclusion only to a majority of not less than two-thirds of the brethren present, and shall state on its face the right of appeal against exclusion if illegal or without sufficient cause.

The power thus given will be in addition to the powers conferred by the Book of Constitutions, Sec. 20, pp. 67 and 68.

Irregular Dispensation.

It was brought to the notice of the Board that in a country lodge a brother has been raised to a superior degree within less interval than four weeks from the conferring of a previous degree, contrary to the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, p. 86, Sec. 7. It appeared, however, that this had been done under a dispensation granted to them for that purpose by the Provincial Grand Master of the Province, assuming to act under the power given by the Book of Constitutions at p. 56, Sec. 1, par 2, and in the full belief on the part of the lodge that such dispensation was regular, and duly authorised them to confer the degree. Upon application to the Provincial Grand Master in question the Board ascertained that the warrant of dispensation had been issued by him in error and inadvertently, at a time of great domestic affliction.

Under these circumstances the Board did not consider it necessary to do more than to call the attention of the Provincial Grand Master and the country lodge to the irregularity, and to refuse to recognise as valid the degree so conferred. The Board refer to the matter in this report solely for the purpose of making it generally known to all lodges that there is no power in a Provincial Grand Master, in whatever circumstances of emergency, to dispense with the requisite interval of four weeks at the least, and of removing an erroneous impression which they believe exists upon the subject. The special provision on p. 56, already mentioned, refers to district Grand Masters and to Masters of lodges in the colonies and foreign parts, where there is no district Grand Master, and even they have not the power unless when it is specially conferred upon them by the M.W. Grand Master.

Additional Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office.

The Board desire respectfully to represent to Grand Lodge that in consequence of the increased work requiring to be transacted in the Grand Secretary's office, the present staff is inadequate, and they recommend that an additional permanent clerk should be appointed, to be termed the fifth clerk, and to receive a salary upon the same scale and conditions in all respects as the third and fourth clerks.

The President will therefore move—

That the Report be received and entered on the minutes.

That the Board of General Purposes be authorised to enter into arrangements with the Freemasons' Tavern Company (Limited), for a reduction of the rent of the Tavern premises upon the basis of the recommendations contained in their report to Grand Lodge.

That an additional permanent clerk be appointed in the Grand Secretary's office, to be termed the fifth clerk, and to receive a salary upon the same terms and conditions as the third and fourth clerks.

(Signed) HORACE LLOYD,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
19th February, 1873.

To the Report is a subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on the 14th February, 1873, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4150 5s. 9d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75.

(To be Continued.)

GRAND CONCLAVE OF KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The annual assembly of the General Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine was held on Monday, March 3rd, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Sir Knight Colonel Burdett occupied the throne, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the Earl of Bective, M. Ill. Grand Sovereign; J. G. Marsh, P.G.S.G., and G.A., as V.E.; the Rev. C. J. Martin, G. H. Prelate; W. E. Gumbleton, G. H. Chancellor; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treasurer; Dr. W. R. Woodman, G. Recorder; James Lewis Thomas, Ill. G. Architect; H. C. Levander, G.H. Almoner; A. J. Lewis, G. Orator; J. Boyd, G. Historiographer; T. Cubitt, G. V. Chancellor; T. M. White; J. T. Moss; G. Kenning, and S. Rosenthal, G. Senators; Sir G. E. Campbell, Bart., Intendant General, Hants; Major-General G. B. Munbee, Intendant-General, Somersetshire; Dr. Holman, K.G.C.; D. M. Denar, K.G.C.; the Rev. Dr. Brelle, &c.

The agenda contained the following notices of business to be transacted:—

To receive the report of the Executive Committee in which the following resolutions are incorporated:—

That the Annual Assembly of the General Grand Conclave be held in future on the Monday preceding the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, in March.

To elect a Grand Treasurer, vice Sir Knt. Hubbard, who has resigned.

To elect Twelve Members of the Grand Senate.

"That, in the event of the Grand Sovereign convening Moveable Grand Conclaves, the travelling expenses of the Executive or other delegated Members of the Grand Council or Senate be defrayed out of the General Fund."

"That a Live Governorship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls be purchased in the name of the Grand Senior General for the time being."

"That the apron be no longer required to be worn by Officers, or Past Officers of the Council and Senate, Intendants General, or Knights of the Grand Cross."

"That a honorarium of Ten Guineas be presented to Ill. Sir Knt. Hubbard upon his retirement from the post of Grand Treasurer."

Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, P.G.R., Acting Grand Treasurer, reports that the sum of £500 Consols is now invested to the credit of the Order, an increase of £200 during the year.

The Grand Recorder read the report of the Executive Committee, which stated that since the last report was presented, 22 new Conclaves had been added, making the total number 91; of these 14 were ranged under the banner of Pennsylvania, which was originated in 1872; six were under the Grand Council of Illinois, which was originated in August last, and it said that it could but afford sincere gratification to the Grand Council of England that the Order had gained such importance in having two newly formed American Grand Conclaves. In India, Sir Percy Leith, and another Brother, were establishing Conclaves, where none previously existed, and Sir Knight Adlard was most energetic in the Punjab, and had established a new Conclave at Aden in Arabia. There was also a new Conclave at Wellington, in New Zealand, and petitions had been received for other new ones, in England and America; and the report generally congratulated the members on the great success which had attended the Order in all parts of the world.

Sir Knight Levander moved that the report be received.

Sir Knight White seconded the motion which was put and agreed to.

Sir Knight Little was elected Grand Treasurer, in the place of Sir Knight Hubbard, resigned.

The whole of the recommendations were put seriatim, and agreed to, with the exception of one which referred to the discontinuance of an apron being worn by the Officers and Past Officers of the Council and Senate, Intendants General, or Knights of the Grand Cross, which was negatived, and the regulation is to remain as heretofore.

The Grand Conclave was then closed in Imperial form, and the Sir Knights adjourned for refreshment.

The banquet was served in a first-rate style, and gave general satisfaction.

The cloth having been cleared, grace was sung by Miss Kate Maria Nott, Bro. Lester, and Bro. Frederick Penna, Sir Knight Henry Parker presiding at the pianoforte.

The M.P. Sovereign rose and said—There was no reason why they should depart from the usual custom of drinking, as the first toast, the health of the Queen; and he was sure that amongst the highest class of Freemasons that toast would be drank with the utmost enthusiasm, and therefore he would, without further preface, give "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and Christian Freemasonry." (Loud cheers.)

The National Anthem was then sung, the solo parts by Miss Kate Maria Nott, accompanied by Sir Knight Parker on the pianoforte.

The M. P. Sovereign then said he would proceed with the next toast, which he was sure would be received with the same enthusiasm as the former, as it was the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. They would, he was sure, all testify their satisfaction in drinking the toast to the health of the Prince of Wales; for having seen their Royal Brother taking the chair on Monday at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, they were gratified at his looking so well. Last year his life was but trembling in the balance, for he had then just passed through that fearful crisis in which they all had taken so deep an interest; and great was their pleasure to see him recovered to health and strength. For himself he was fearful when he took up the newspaper in the morning that it should contain the announcement of a fearful result. He had, therefore, great pleasure in proposing "The Health of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." (The toast was drunk with the utmost cordiality.)

The toast was followed by the national air "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The M.P. Sovereign said the next toast he had to propose he was sure would be well received, as it was the health of "The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, the Earl of Bective," whom he greatly regretted was not present, but there was no one more than himself who regretted his absence. The Grand Sovereign was nearly always among them, and they were always pleased to see him, but that evening he had sent an excuse, which was that he was unable to be with them on account of ill health, and that was a reason they would be sorry to hear why he was not there amongst them. He had no wish to unduly extol the Grand Sovereign, but he might say that he had been most beneficial to the Order in every way in his power, and they also regretted that through an unavoidable cause he was absent from them. He would say no more, but propose "the health of the Earl of Bective, their most illustrious Sovereign." (Drunk with loud cheers.)

Miss Kate Note sung in exquisite style "Bid me discourse."

The M.P. Sovereign then rose and said that they had not the pleasure of the presence of the individual Knight whose health he had now to propose, but his name was well known among them, and he believed his duties had prevented him from being present there on that evening to attend their Red Cross meeting. The Grand Council had also exerted themselves, for it was mainly to their exertions that the Order was indebted for the high position it then held, and to those of the Grand Council whom he saw around him. He gave them, "The most Eminent Grand Viceroy, Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P., and the Past and Present Members of the Grand Council," and he coupled with the toast the name of Sir Knight Martyn.

Sir Knight Martyn said he knew no reason why his name should have been coupled with this toast, although he had done all he could for the prosperity of the Order in any way that lay in his power, and he only repeated that he had to return thanks for the toast for those who would have done so much better than he could, and especially so, as his attendance at the meetings of the Red Cross Conclave had not been so frequent as

he wished they had been; at the same time he had a great number of Masonic duties, as well as those connected with a large parish to attend to, and living 60 miles from London, he could not come among them as often as he could wish. He was, however, at all times ready to do all he could for the advancement of Freemasonry, and as regarded the Red Cross Degree, he loved it from his heart, and in every respect adored the great principles of the Order. In the name of the Most Illustrious Grand Viceroy and the Past and Present members of the Grand Council, he thanked them for the honour conferred upon them. (Loud cheers.)

Sir Knight Martyn again rose and said he had to ask their indulgence in a few words he had to offer, in proposing the health of their Illustrious Sovereign, Colonel Burdett, who had presided over them that evening at a very short notice, and when it was known what he had done in that, as well as the other Orders of Freemasonry, he was sure they would give a heartfelt reception to the toast he was about to propose, for Colonel Burdett was respected not only in his own province, but in every part of the kingdom, as he had done his utmost to promote the interests of the Order. In the province of Middlesex the mention of his name always evoked the utmost enthusiasm, for his merits were well known and appreciated. (The toast was most enthusiastically responded to.)

The Acting M.P. Sovereign said it was most gratifying to any one to preside over an assemblage of Freemasons, and it was at all times gratifying to him to receive an expression of their feeling, but he must say he had never felt that so much as he had done that night, for the kind manner in which the Sir Knights had received that toast, and for the position he held, perhaps unworthily, in the absence of their Grand Sovereign. He had come amongst them that evening, without the slightest idea that he should be called upon to take a position he had filled so unworthily (No, no.) in the absence of the Earl of Bective, who for so long a time had given so much satisfaction to the Sir Knights of the Order. He felt extremely grateful for the manner in which they had received him, and it would stimulate him to renewed exertions for the benefit of the Order.

Bro. Lester sung Sir H. Bishop's beautiful recitative and air "The Pilgrim of Love," in a manner which called for enthusiastic applause, and there was a marked desire to have it repeated, but that was not permitted, on account of the long programme of toasts be gone through.

The M.P. Sovereign, having called upon the Sir Knights to fill their glasses in honour of the next toast he had to propose, said he said it was a pleasure to them to know that the Red Cross Order was extending far and wide in different countries throughout the world, but that could not have occurred had they not had an efficient body and able staff to carry out the regulations of the Order. They had among them a certain number of Intendant Generals, who were assiduous in carrying them out in the best way they could. The Intendant Generals were like General Officers in the Army, and each of them was responsible for the conduct of those under his command, and he believed, that one and all, they had done their duty in a manner most satisfactory, both to the Order and the Grand Council who had to receive the report of their proceedings. General Munbee was one of the oldest members of the Order, and he believed that he could not do better than call upon him to represent the Intendant Generals on this occasion. He concluded by proposing "The Illustrious Intendants General of the Order." (Cheers.)

General Munbee said—Illustrious Sovereign and Sir Knights of the Order of the Red Cross—I feel that I can hardly describe the pleasure I experience in having my name coupled with the toast of the Intendant Generals, and I congratulate you on the amount of prosperity which has attended the Order, and the rapid strides it has made, and is making, in all parts of the world, and the best principles are flowing from it. What goes on, from the Grand Council to the lowest of the Sir Knights, and induces them to carry on their duty in a proper manner, and the excellence of their Christian principles has brought with it support and success that was not only unexpected, but altogether unexampled. I had no doubt whatever that it would succeed

but I was not prepared for the rapid progress it has made in so short a time in all parts of the world. The Order is now flourishing, for it is founded on a great fundamental principle, and on the firm basis of faith, unity, and zeal, and in sitting down I beg most sincerely to thank you for the very kind manner in which you have drunk the health of the Intendants General of the Order.

The M.P. Sovereign said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Very Eminent Grand Preceptor, the Earl Ferrers, and the rest of the Grand Senate," and in doing so he had very peculiar pleasure, as he had known him ever since he was a little boy, and had the privilege, many years ago, of initiating his father into Freemasonry. He was the individual who revived a Lodge in which the Father of Earl Ferrers was initiated, and it was now in good working order, and was one of the best Lodges in Dublin. In connection with the toast of Earl Ferrers, the Grand Preceptor, he coupled with it the Grand Senate, and the names of Sir Knight Cubitt, Sir Knight Binckes, and Sir Knight Rosenthal. (Great cheering.)

Sir Knight Cubitt, Grand V. Chancellor, said he ought to feel very proud in being called upon to respond to the toast, and to have his name coupled with that of the Grand Preceptor, and the members of the Grand Senate; for, having, for fifteen years led a bachelor's life, it was something new to him to find himself coupled again (loud laughter); for he thought he should never have had another opportunity of being coupled again. He felt proud of what had fallen from their Illustrious Sovereign, and also from Major-General Munbee, as to the rapid strides which their Order had taken, not only in the provinces, but in distant parts of the world. He was one of the first who joined it after its revival, and he was indeed surprised at the rapid strides it had taken, and especially so when he found that that night six worthy Freemasons had been installed into their Order.

The next toast was that of "The Knights of the Grand Cross," to whom the Conclave was much indebted, and the toast was coupled with the name of Dr. Holman.

Sir Knight Dr. Holman said, when he came amongst them that evening, he did not expect to be called upon to respond to the toast which had just been proposed, as he had been absent from England for some time; but since then 91 had been added to the Order. He was here to-day, and gone to-morrow, for he was a bird of passage; and although the Red Cross Order was in its infancy when he went away, some of the infants had become fathers now, and their infants were growing apace. He hoped that such a state of things might continue, and he could assure them that wherever he might be, he would do his best to promote the extension of the Order.

The M.P. Sovereign said he had to bring under their notice a body, although not of so high a degree, but who had exerted themselves for a considerable time for the benefit of the Order, and who were generally selected in consequence of the exertions they had made in other Orders of Freemasonry. They were connected with, and had sprung from different grades, and although they called themselves Red Cross Knights of Constantine, they did not admit any one into their Order unless they had been initiated, passed, and raised in the three degrees of Freemasonry. He proposed "The Sovereigns and Viceroys of the several Conclaves," and coupled with the toast the name of Sir Knight Binckes. (The toast was very cordially received.)

Sir Knight Binckes said he had quite been taken by surprise in having his name associated with the toast which had just been proposed, and after a few observations as to his duties as a good Mason, the first of which was obedience, said that unfortunately no more inefficient Sovereign than himself could be found, and as he was quite alive to the importance of the toast he hoped that his career might be taken as a beacon to warn future Sovereigns to take care to do what devolved upon them well, and to exercise more especially the duties which devolved upon them. He could assure them that no one had a greater desire to do so than himself, but to use a stereotyped phrase he was prevented from doing so by circumstances over

which he had no control. He wished, however, to clear away a deal of misconception for a second or two, as he seemed to have been put up to respond to the toast, in reference to the Grand Senate, when it was supposed he had been re-elected, but since then he had been told that he had not been re-elected. He submitted with philosophic resignation, and should accept the same, and although he should not break his sword as he had seen on the stage, or tear up his apron, he should be warned by the event on a future occasion, and taking it in that spirit it would actuate him to a greater exertion in future. They too often took a higher estimate of themselves than their friends did of them, but very generally speaking their friends were right, and they were wrong. He accepted his defeat that evening, but still he must do his best to promote the prosperity of the Order, and whether he was a member of the Senate, or whether (to use another stereotyped expression) he was "left out in the cold," he should not shrink from performing any duty which might advance the interests of this the highest organisation of Freemasonry. It was true that some branches looked coldly upon them, yet he felt assured that they were most useful in the performance of their duties, and he regretted that he was not with them at an earlier period of the evening, but he was unable to be present unless he had left duties undischarged which he had been most anxious to discharge himself. He was proud of the spirit which had actuated the members of the unrecognised degrees, and grateful for "uncovenanted mercies," but he believed that they would live and flourish, and would be able to show to those who opposed them, that notwithstanding all their teaching that the members of this Order would add a chain to the three degrees, of which they had no conception whatever. They were banded together by a treaty of rights of various Orders, and closely cemented together year by year, under the great principles of Freemasonry. After some observations, he said in conclusion that he thanked them cordially for the compliment they had paid him and which he had so imperfectly and unworthily acknowledged.

Song—Bro. Fred. Penna—"Linked for ever," words by Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little.

The M.P. Sovereign gave "The Board of Stewards and Prosperity to the Order."

Sir Knt. Little, Grand Treasurer, said he had been requested to return thanks for the Board of Stewards on that occasion, and being simply connected with them as Treasurer, he felt the difficulty of adequately responding to the toast but he must say that he had exerted himself to bring this Order to its present state of prosperity. They had heard from the Grand Recorder an epitome of the proceedings, of the Order it having grown from one to 91 conclaves, and although there had been a secession from England, their American Brethren had carried the Red Cross banner along the American continent, and at the present time they had not only six petitions for new conclaves in England, but three from America and two from more distant colonies, showing the interest which was felt for the extension of the Order, and he said it was to him a subject of pride and gratitude that such great results had been achieved. They were greatly indebted to their Intendant Generals for this great extension of the Order, and he begged to render thanks on his own behalf for placing him in the proud position of Grand Treasurer, and also on behalf of the Board of Stewards, and he could assure them that as long as he was spared, he would do his best to promote the prosperity of the Order. (Cheers.)

The Sentinel's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Sir Knt. Parker, Grand Organist, and the whole gave the most unqualified satisfaction.

Microscopical investigation has proved that the substances which accumulate between the teeth contain animal and vegetable parasites, and that the tooth powders, pastes, and washes in general have no effect upon these. Messrs. Gabriel's Coralite Tooth Paste and Royal Dentrifice (sold by all chemists and perfumers at 1s. 6d. per box) completely destroy and remove these animalcules and also preserve and beautify the teeth. Prepared only by Messrs. Gabriel, the old-established dentists, 64, Ludgate-hill, and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London, where they practice their unique system of painless dentistry.

Original Correspondence.

UNAUTHORISED OFFICES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In page 126 of Feb. 22nd, No. 207 of *The Freemason*, under the heading "Unauthorised offices," "H," who would have more weight and influence if he used his own name, speaks about "Standard Bearer," "Director of Ceremonies," &c., As to the Director I see he is quite right; "a Master of Ceremonies may be added to the proper officers" (page 61, Constitutions). But "Standard Bearer," why should there not be one in every lodge where there is a standard? Who is to take care of it in lodge; who is to put it in its proper place in Provincial Grand Lodge, and see that it is not injured? Surely there can be no reason, if you allow a lodge to have standards, why a proper officer should not be appointed? In page 61 of the Constitutions no mention is made of I.P.M. and P.M.'s, yet they must be essential to the proper administration of the lodge. Again, no notice is taken of Organist still, as we have certain chaunts, they ought to be guided by a brother at the harmonium or organ. I presume, therefore, that though Bro. H. is right in the strict letter of the Constitutions, though may be some slight deviations from general laws, where no fundamental rule or practice may be interfered with.

It is much to be desired that letters appearing in your excellent paper should have appended the signature of brethren, if they are to do any real good.—Believe me, yours fraternally,

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAW.

W.M. of Phoenix St. Ann Lodge, 1235,

Prov. Grand Chaplain Derbyshire.

THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have watched with some astonishment the struggle of some of the leaders of the Order of Knights Templar to be recognised as the descendants of the glorious Knights of old, for if there be one Order more than another that has a modern origin it is this one, which cannot show a trace of evidence of its being in existence before the end of the last century. It has no more to do with the Swedish Rite than light has to do with darkness.

As Masonic Knights Templar, no one could complain very much of the vanity of the title. I think Bro. Hughan would have but little difficulty in showing how our Masonic K.T. Order grew out of the Masonic Knights of the Temple, supposed to have been established somewhere about the time of the Babylonish captivity, and prior to the Royal Arch; how it was introduced into these dominions by Dunckerley, and how he succeeded in getting this chivalric degree semi-recognised by Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

CHARITY.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The word heading this letter is seldom interpreted in its proper sense by members of our ancient Fraternity, and I feel it to be a duty incumbent upon me to call the attention of brethren to the fact, that although their hearts are expanded by benevolence, they are frequently found wanting in discriminating who are fit and proper persons to be recipients of their charity. This virtue, lovely in itself, and a bright ornament of our profession, should always be tempered with prudence; thereby teaching us to regulate our actions according to the dictates of reason, and not to be unwearily led away by the cunning and deceitful.

In pursuing my researches for Masonic lore, I have had an opportunity of witnessing the desire on the part of brethren to relieve any person who may present himself at our portals and say he is a brother, without first ascertaining that he is worthy of confidence. According to our Constitutions we should only relieve those who may be found worthy upon production of

proper credentials. Knowing this, I was surprised and annoyed to find that a so-called brother recently received relief from the individual members of a lodge of instruction, after a vote had been recorded against dispensing its funds from the inability of the so-called brother to prove satisfactorily that he was allied to the brotherhood. He made three different statements to as many brethren regarding his certificate, and he was recognised by a member as having solicited alms of brethren for the past twelve months. With such facts before me, I can arrive at no other conclusion than that the individual in question is a cowan, a professional beggar, and one against whom our Fraternity should be warned.

I know, Sir, that every human being has an undoubted claim to our kind offices; yet I cannot help remarking "while we continue to relieve unworthy persons, our sin is equal to theirs, for we are the primary cause of their practising upon us that deception which induces our charity." If our brethren were more careful both in public and at the banquet table we should not be so frequently greeted by strangers to our mystic art. I have known brethren who have only been initiated, or passed, almost led away by those who have attempted certain things which they acknowledged to have seen Masons do. Therefore, Sir, I say to the noble Fraternity at large, "be as diffusive in your charity as circumstances will permit, but at the same time remember that you are to be discreet and prudent."

I am Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
COSMOPOLITAN.

MUSIC IN LODGES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As an old subscriber to "*The Freemason*," I trust you will allow me to thank "Orpheus" very cordially for his interesting letter to day, respecting lodge music. It is a most charming and desirable adjunct to our beautiful ceremonies; no one can possibly deny that after experiencing the difference when the music is absent. I just happen to have completed my year of office as W.M., and have had several years of experience in Greta Lodge. For a year of two we had no music, but after I had visited other lodges, I was so impressed with the desirability of having an instrument, that I joined with two other members, in purchasing a very nice harmonium, on the three years' system. A few older members looked upon this at first as an innovation, but we persevered and got up some nice music, and the brethren were at last so well pleased with the service, that eventually, before eighteen months had expired they passed a resolution that the instrument should be purchased and become the property of the lodge, and we each were returned the money we had advanced. With respect to what "Orpheus" states about the difficulty in securing an Organist, I can only say that even in this small town of Keswick, we have two organists belonging to the lodge; but if any lodge has not an Organist, surely there will be more than one enthusiastic brother who will immediately proceed to take lessons, and fit himself for this pleasing duty. The idea of procuring a barrel organ for Masonic music seems to me to be very infra dig, as it would be too mechanical, and, I fear, very monotonous, as the piano and forte movements could not be expressed, and the beautiful feeling of sympathy, which a true Mason would naturally infuse, would be entirely lost.

Can any of your readers inform me which is the most popular lodge music for the Craft and the Mark Lodge. We do not sing in unison here, having a sufficient number of voices to sing in parts; but I think the idea of having a service to be sung in unison occasionally is good, but I cannot agree with "Orpheus," that all our singing should be in unison. Hoping you will kindly insert this letter, and trusting to hear more discussion on this very interesting subject.

I am dear Sir and Bro.

Yours very fraternally,
JOHN WOOD, P.M., 1073.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The following circular, which we have much pleasure in publishing, has been forwarded to the Registrars of all Preceptories in the Kingdom.

15, Portugal-street, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.,
21st February, 1873.

Dear Sir Knight,—

I have the honour to inform you that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Grand Master elect, will notify to the Arch-Registrar, three weeks previously to his installation, the day His Royal Highness may fix for that purpose.

I am directed to make this announcement thus early to afford ample time in the Provinces to make arrangements for attending the installation and subsequent banquet, at which His Royal Highness intends to preside.

It will be necessary that those intending to be present at the installation should notify their intention to head-quarters at least for days previously, in order that suitable arrangements may be made. Admission to the banquet will be by ticket, for which application must be made seven days previously.

The present edition of the "Statutes of the Convent-General" being exhausted, a reprint has been ordered, which may be obtained upon application to the Vice-Chancellor, at the above address, enclosing a remittance of one shilling.

Members of the Order who may wish to procure the new jewels are recommended to abstain from doing so until after the installation of His Royal Highness, when accurate drawings will be published for their guidance.

Preceptors are requested to give this information the greatest publicity among the members.

I remain,

Dear Sir Knight,

Yours fraternally,

W. M. FINKLER.

G.V.C.

MASONIC BALL AT EDINBURGH.—The annual assembly in connection with the Lodge Edinburgh, Defensive Band, No. 151, was held on Wednesday evening, 26th February, in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. The ball was opened at ten o'clock by the Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas H. Douglas. Under his directorship, aided by the Stewards and other office-bearers of the lodge, the ball proved one of the most successful of the season. The attendance of the brethren was large, and included the Masters of most of the sister lodges of the province, and many visiting brethren, amongst whom were some old familiar faces, Bros. T. Douglas, R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, No. 48; J. Ford, R.W.M., No. 468; C. I. Paton, P.M., Lodge St. David, No. 393, English Constitution; J. M. Laurie, J. Murray, No. 97, T. McNeil, No. 60, J. Henderson, No. 2. A good sprinkling of the brethren appeared in the dress of the Chivalric Degrees, and gave a very fine appearance to the ball, which was illuminated in all its splendour. Mr. John Gunn, Milne Square, was purveyor on the occasion. There was an excellent orchestra, and the duties of master of the ceremonies were efficiently discharged by Bro. R. Archman.

The Emperor of Germany has been graciously pleased to confer upon Captain Charles John Burgess the Gold Cross of the Royal Order of the Crown, in recognition of his services in aid of the sick and wounded during the recent war.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 14, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, March 8.

Consecration of the Campbell Lodge No. 1415, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, at 4 p.m.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.

Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters First Surrey Volunteers, Brunswick-rd. Camberwell.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.

Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, March 10.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Cornerstone, Freemasons Hall.

" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

" 90, St. John's, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 36, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 879, Peckham, Malsmore Arms Tavern, Park-road, Peckham.

" 1366, Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.

Chapter 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottlieb, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tattenham.

Tuesday, March 11.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st

" 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.

" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

" 235, Nine Muses, Clarendon Hotel, Bond-st.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 1383, Friends in Council, Golden Square.

Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 857, St. Mark's, Half-moon Tavern Herne-hill.

Mount Calvary, K.T. Encampment, Freemasons' Tavern.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, March 12.

Festival of Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Committee of Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3 o'clock.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union of Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

Lodge 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-rd., Lime-house.
 " 820, Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
 " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st. Wapping.
 Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-chap.
 Chap. 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Wallham Green.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, March 13.

Lodge 19, Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West Ham.
 " 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sister's road, N.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.
 Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday, March 14.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggerridge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Falloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, March 15, 1873.

Monday, March 10.

Mersey Lodge (No. 477), 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 Lodge of Unity (No. 613), Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
 Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250), Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chapter of Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, March 11.

Merchants' Lodge (No. 241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 Bridson Chapter, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Grosvenor Chapter (No. 721), Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Lodge of Loyalty (No. 897), Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 Hesketh Lodge (No. 986), Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, March 12.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86), Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
 Lodge of Harmony (No. 580), Wheat Sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 St. John's Chapter, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758), Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, March 13.

Harmonic Lodge (No. 216), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 Croxeth United Service (No. 786), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
 Chapter of Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, at 5 p.m.

Friday, March 14.

Mariners' Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Rock Lodge No. 1289, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, March 15, 1873.

Monday, March 10.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 362, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-st.

Tuesday, March 11.

" 415, Athol, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-st.
 Chapter 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, March 12.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 510, Maryhill, Maryhill.

Thursday, March 13.

Friday, March 14.

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The imposing Masonic ceremonial which took place at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday the 27th ult., was not only a striking evidence of the vitality and progress of Freemasonry in the Province, but also proved that the respect for Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, who was then installed R.W.P.G.M. for the Western Division of the County of Lancaster, was both deep-seated and universal. Not only was the gathering the most numerous which has ever been held in the Provinces, and about twice the numerical strength of any ever seen in W. Lancashire; but the attendance of the "purpled" of this and neighbouring provinces, and the representation of leaders in the Craft Lodges were such as to lean additional importance to a meeting which must long be remembered in Liverpool. The appointment by the M.W.G.M. of Lord Skelmersdale to this important office was singularly wise, and certainly the most popular which could have been made, because his lordship has not only done much for the Order throughout the province, but he has done all in a manner which reflected the highest honour upon him as a nobleman and a Mason. To give an additional *clat* to the imposing ceremonial, his Worship the Mayor, Bro. C. Edward Samuelson, P.P.J.G.D., Cheshire, in the most handsome and fraternal spirit, placed the magnificent suite of reception, entertaining, and ball rooms at the disposal of the Prov. Grand Lodge for the transaction of their interesting business, thereby investing the meeting with a thoroughly town's importance. Bro. Major Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. for the Eastern Division of the County of Lancaster, was chosen by the Marquis of Ripon to perform the ceremony of installation, and the wisdom of the selection was abundantly proved by the really admirable manner in which the work was done. The larger ball room was utilised for the purpose of holding the lodge, and it is due to Bro. Samuelson, who was assisted by the Ex-Mayor, Bro. J. Pearson, S.D., 680, to say that the arrangements were as complete and satisfactory as could have been expected under the circumstances. There were upwards of 700 brethren present, and amongst these there were representatives from every lodge in the province—numbering upwards of 60—visitors from the neighbouring provinces of Cheshire, East Lancashire, Staffordshire, &c., and several from London, as well as more distant parts of the kingdom. The rapid strides made by the Order in this province of late years has been something extraordinary; but the meeting of last Thursday, accompanied as it was by a ceremonial which must have impressed even the oldest Mason, will doubtless give an impetus and freshened vigour to the progress of Masonry throughout the whole province.

THE MAYOR'S BREAKFAST.

Preparatory to the day's business, his worship the Mayor, Bro. Samuelson, entertained about 70 of the Provincial Grand Officers and other brethren to a *recherche* breakfast in the Banqueting Hall. Amongst those who sat down to breakfast, as well as others who afterwards appeared in lodge, were the following:—

Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M.; Lord

de Tabley, P.G.M. of Cheshire; Hon. Frederick Stanley, M.P., Prov. D.G.M.; Lord Lindsay, Prov. S.G.W. and P.G.M. Aberdeen; Major Wilson Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. J. F. Goggin, rector of Rufford; Prov. G.C.; T. Armstrong, Prov. G. Treas.; T. Wylie, Prov. G.R.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G.S.; James Pickering, Prov. J.G.D.; Rowson, Prov. G. Sup. Works; George Broadbridge, Prov. G. Dir. Cer.; J. M. Johnston, P.G.C.S.; W. Doyle, P.G.S.; Robert Sharrock, Prov. G.S.B.; J. Skeaf, Prov. G.O.; J. Baxendale, P.G. Purs.; C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. of Eng.; J. G. Hess, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Mawdesley, P.P.G. Registrar; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; Lieut-Col. Thomas Birchall, P.P.G.J.W.; Captain Mott, S.G.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; Samuel Brabner, P.P.S.G.W., West Lancashire; Major Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire and P.G.M. of England; W. Bulley, P.P.J.G.D., Cheshire; W. Romaine Callendar, D.P.G.M., East Lanc. and P.G.D., England; Edward Samuelson, P.P.J.G.D., Cheshire; Rev. Henry George Vernon, M.A., P.P.G.C., Cheshire and West Lancashire; Gilbert Greenall, P.G.W. Eng.; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. Works of West Lanc.; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S. of Works; Henry Bulley, P.P.J.G.W., Cheshire; John Crossley, P.P.G.D., West Yorkshire; J. H. Johnston, P.P.G.S., Cheshire; G. P. Brockbank, Prov. S.G.D., East Lanc.; W. Howells, P.G.S.W. and P.G. Treasurer of Staffordshire; Rev. Thomas Henry, P.P.G. Chaplain, Staffordshire; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G.S.D., East Lanc.; Austin Shellard, P.P.G.D.C., East Lanc.; J. T. Rea, P.P.G. Sup. Works, West Cheshire; T. G. Gibbon, P.P.G.W., East Lanc.; Geo. Mellor, P.G.S.W., East Lanc.; John Bowes, P. Prov. G. Reg., Cumberland and Westmoreland; Edwd. Friend, P.J.G.D., Cheshire; Cornelius Sherlock, P.P.G.R. of West Lancashire; Samuel White, P.P.G.P., West Lancashire; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chaplain, Cheshire and Oxford; Frederick Binckes, P.M. Grand Steward's Lodge, and Oxfordshire, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S. Middlesex, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; George Kenning, P.G.D., Middlesex; J. Pearson (ex-mayor), S.D. 680; R. Young, W.M. 1384; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec., Cheshire; H. R. Edwards, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Platt, P.P.J.G.D., Cheshire; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W., Cheshire; J. Peters, P.S. G.D., North Wales; J. T. Bourne, &c.

His Worship the Mayor presided, supported on the right by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and on the left by Bro. Lord de Tabley. After Breakfast, which was provided by Mr. Eberle, of the Alexandra Hotel, Dale-street.

The Mayor said, my Lords and brethren, you will at once understand that a large number of brethren are anxiously awaiting us in another room, and, therefore, I will not now ask you to listen to any set speeches, in proposing the few toasts to which it will be my duty, privilege, and pleasure to call your attention. As loyal men and good Masons we must first drink the health of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." (Cheers.) Brethren, I give you "The Queen and the Craft," and in coupling the Craft with the toast you will appreciate my intentions when you recollect the position which our royal brother, the Prince of Wales, holds in the Order, and the interest he has from time to time taken in its progress and welfare. (Loud cheers.)

The Mayor said, I have now to propose the health of a distinguished brother, without whom we could not have well proceeded with the business of the day, I

allude to the R.W.P.G.M. for East Lancashire. (Cheers.) Major Starkie's father, I believe, was connected with this province since the year 1827, and therefore you can readily understand that his son will take all the greater interest in perpetuating the work which was so ably begun by his father. (Hear, hear.) It is a very high compliment indeed, that has been paid to Major Starkie, which he doubtless fully appreciates, to be appointed by the M.W. G.M. of England to act as his deputy on this occasion. (Loud cheers.) We are at all times very glad to see our brethren from the adjoining provinces; and I must ask you to unite with me in now drinking the health of the R.W.P.G.M. for East Lancashire, Major Starkie. (Cheers.)

Bro. Major Starkie, after thanking the Mayor and brethren, for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to, said, it was his chief desire to do all he could to be of any service to the Craft in any capacity in which he felt he could serve his brethren. (Hear.) It was a great pleasure to come amongst them, and all the more so because West Lancashire was his mother province, and he was a member of the lodge from which the P.G.M. rose into office. (Cheers.) He hoped that the commission entrusted to him (that of installing Lord Skelmersdale) would be carried out successfully and satisfactorily, because his lordship, he (Bro. Starkie) was certain, would prove an admirable and worthy successor to the late P.G.M., and because he felt that the present appointment was in entire accordance with the feelings of the whole of the brethren in that important province. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The Mayor: I have now to propose a toast which I am certain has only to be named to meet with a most cordial reception. We are assembled to-day by command of the R.W.P.G.M.-designate of West Lancashire, and we are here to do him honour to the fullest extent. (Cheers.) I believe we find to-day that upon no previous occasion has such a number of Masons assembled together than we will see in the great room of this Town Hall. (Cheers.) It affords me the greatest pleasure as an old Mason, to contribute in any degree to the success of this meeting. I now give you the "Health of the Rt. Hon. and Rt. Worshipful Lord Skelmersdale." (Loud cheers.) I am sure that the Marquess of Ripon, in selecting this distinguished nobleman to fill the office of his representative in this division of the county has given satisfaction to every one who has had the honour of knowing him. In giving you the health and long life of Lord Skelmersdale, I must express the hope, in which you will cordially join, that he may continue to reign over this province in the manner in which he has already done during the few months he has already held the position into which he will be formally installed to-day. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

Lord Skelmersdale said, he must thank the Mayor most heartily for the kind manner and flattering terms in which he had proposed his health, and he would also express his obligations to the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. He earnestly hoped that he would be able to fill the station to which he had been appointed by Lord Ripon, in a manner as satisfactory as that in which the duties had been performed by his predecessor.

The Mayor said, it now gave great pleasure, having first seen the light in Cheshire,

to have sitting on his left the P.G.M. for that Province. (Cheers.) Their lamented friend and distinguished brother, the late Viscount Combermere, did all in his power to promote Masonry, not only in his own province, but throughout the length and breadth of the land. (Hear, hear.) A more worthy successor to that nobleman could not have been appointed than Lord de Tabley. (Cheers.) The Freemasons of Cheshire had proved this clearly by the manner in which the business of their lodges had been conducted, and by the admirable way in which his lordship had presided over and directed them in the proper conduct of their affairs. (Hear.) Very much depended upon the head of a department in the conduct of business in Freemasonry, as in other matters, and the Cheshire Masons in this respect recognized Lord de Tabley as one of the first Masons in the country. (Cheers.) He gave them "The Health of the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. of Cheshire." (Cheers.)

Lord de Tabley, in reply said, he should always do his best to serve the interests of Masonry in the district over which he presided, and it would always be his endeavour to promote a reciprocal good feeling between his own and the brethren of the adjoining provinces. It gave him great pleasure to respond to the invitation to assist at the installation of Lord Skelmersdale, because he wished to do honour to his noble brother, to the Mayor of this ancient borough, to whose hospitality they were greatly indebted for some measure of the success which was attending that meeting; and because he wished to testify by his presence how earnestly he desired the harmonious working of Masonry in both provinces. (Loud cheers.)

Lord de Tabley, in proposing health, long life, and happiness, to Bro. Samuelson, Mayor of Liverpool, referred in special terms of praise to his great kindness in having placed the fine suite of rooms of the Town Hall at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and for his munificent hospitality that morning.

The Mayor, in response, said that with the exception of his worthy predecessor (Bro. J. Pearson) it was many years since a Mason occupied that chair, and since the hospitality of that board had been extended to the Masonic Fraternity. He had had great pleasure in issuing invitations to as many brethren as could conveniently assemble in that room to join him in that little festivity.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers then retired to clothe for the Ceremony of Installation.

Shortly after eleven o'clock the Craft lodges began to assemble in the large ball-room of the Town Hall, and about twelve o'clock every available seat was occupied. The W.M.'s chair was occupied by Bro. A. Fletcher, W.M. 32; the P.M.'s chair being filled by Bro. J. Fowler, W.M. 86; the S.W.'s by Bro. W. Sumner, W.M. 113; the J.W.'s by Bro. W. Sharp, W.M. 148. Amongst the other principals of the lodges present were Bros. J. Beesley, W.M. 216; G. Rigby Smith, S.W. 216; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; G. Turner, P.M. 86; J. K. Smith, P.M. 249; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155 and 843; J. Sellars, W.M. 1299; J. Clegg, S.W. 1299; T. May, W.M. 1393; T. Berry, S.D. 1393; W. Jones, W.M. 220; J. T. Callow, W.M. 673; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724; S. Forrest, P.M. 241; Rev. P. Haines, C. 249; P. Macmudrow, J.W. 1299; R. Bennett, Sec. 1299; R. Wilson, P.M. 241; S. Haynes, P.M. 823; J. Holland, W.M. 823; Wyld, W.M. 1403; J. Sharpe,

J. W. 823; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; R. Danson, W.M. 1094; P. B. Gee, W.M. 1264; E. Hughes, W.M. 249; T. Ashmore, P.M. 249; R. Radcliffe, P.M. 346; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; J. Parsons, W.M. 203; H. James, I.P.M. 203; C. Bromley, P.M. 203; W. Boulton, S.W. 823; D. Campbell, 216; J. Ball, Sec. 673, J. Lloyd, J. W. 249; W. Worrall, jun. 477; H. Williams, P.M. 249; J. Corbett, W.M. 1032; H. Tattersall, W.M. 730; W. Wood, W.M. 1250; W. Wither, P.M. 667; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; M. Jones, P.M. 249; W. Jones, W.M. 220; J. Worthington, S.W. 220; G. Owen, W.M. 706; W. J. Newman, J.W. 786; A. Winkup, P.M. 667; J. Porter, P.M. 667; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; C. Humphries, J.W. 1013; J. Thornton, P.M. 673; F. J. Jeffrey, I.G. 1094; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; R. Cain, P.M. 724; J. W. Ballard, J.W. 724; W. B. Tellett, Sec. 220; A. Hart, S. 724; J. Blood, J.W. 673; T. Clark, P.M. 673; M. Hart, 724; J. Jackson, P.M. 148; J. Banning, P.M. 823; T. Shaw, S.D. 823; S. Cookson, P.M. 1182; T. Nevett, I.P.M. 113; J. Halton, S.W. 241; W. Harrison, P.M. 897; W. Richardson, P.M. 148; W. Pugh, W.M. 1182; W. Williams, S.W. 1182; J. Edgington, J.W. 1182; J. B. Forshaw, Treas. 1403; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; W. Archer, P.M. 1086; W. J. Morris, I.G. 1350; R. Washington, S.D. 1094; J. Fryer, P.M. 292; J. Dodd, P.M. 600; J. Prescott, W.M. 580; G. Ladmore, P.M. 673; E. Pierpoint, P.M. 680; T. Milligan, P.M. 178; J. T. Birchall, P.M. 86; S. Morris, P.M. 86; J. Lofthouse, W.M. 930; S. Topham, Chap. 1350; T. G. Blain, P.M. 32; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. Lamb, P.M. 178; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; G. Peet, I.G. 241; G. G. Walmsley, 192; E. Kyle, S.W. 673; R. Pearson, P.M. 995; J. Case, P.M. 995; W. M. Clindley, J.W. 241; J. Healing, P.M. 1264; J. Matthews, W.M. 995; W. A. Wilson, P.M. 203; G. Hutchin, 241; I. de Frece, 594; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; G. F. Robinson, W.M. 1375; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; G. Sculthorpe, W.M. 1035; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035; J. P. Bunting, P.M. 1035; J. R. Cook, W.M. 178; E. Ramson, 249; C. Leighton, S.W. 1325; R. Ing, W.M. 594; W. Woods, P.M. 1182; R. Abram, P.M. 1086; R. Collings, Sec. 249; J. Sillitoe, P.M. 605; J. Horbury, P.M. 1325; J. Rigby, W.M. 1070; J. Cobham, P.M. 241; J. P. McArthur, W.M. 1086; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; F. P. Poole, W.M. 343; T. Chesworth, P.M., and Treas. 724; P. B. Forshaw, S.D. 1403; &c., &c.

The Craft Lodge having been opened in the third degree, the arrival of the P.G. Lodge was announced about half-past twelve o'clock, and the whole of the brethren standing, received the imposing assembly of officers in due form with solemn music. After the salutation with the royal sign, Bro. Major Starkie, Prov. G.M., East Lancashire, then ascended the throne, and having appointed Bro. E. Samuelson, P.P.J.G.D., as P.G. Senior Warden, *pro tem.*, and Bro. Major Wilson, as P.G. Junior Warden, he proceeded to open the Prov. Grand Lodge according to ancient form, solemn prayer being offered by Bro. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C. Bro. J. Skeaf's anthem, "Behold how good," was then sung with striking effect by Bros. Haswell, Evans, Yeatman, Busfield, T. J. Hughes, D. Saunders, W. Smith, and H. Ashmore, Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., presiding at the harmonium. The roll of the lodges was read by the Prov. G. Secretary, when it appeared that every one within the province was represented, more than one by upwards of fifty brethren.

Bro. Starkie, P.G.M., addressing the brethren, said they were all aware that they were assembled that day to inaugurate a new reign; but while they were gathered to welcome their new Master, they ought to remember with gratitude the kindness, fraternal love and affection which had been displayed by their deceased P.G.M., Sir Thomas G. Fermor-Hesketh—(hear, hear)—who had been an active ruler in that large and influential province, and who was known to many of them as an excellent Mason. Under his rule, the province flourished very greatly, and Masonry had made rapid strides. He was courteous, kind, and affable, and ready at all times to use his best efforts to promote the interests of the Craft. Turning to the business of the day, Bro. Starkie said that every one must feel genuine satisfaction at the appointment of Lord Skelmersdale, whose selection had elicited the loudest acclamations from all the brethren in the province; and a feeling of gratitude must be cherished by every one that such an appointment had been made in one of the greatest provinces in the country. Lord Skelmersdale's connection with the Craft had already borne its fruit, and there was no doubt that that fruit would ripen more and more bountifully, and that his rule would tend to the increase of Masonry in this province. Bro. Starkie concluded by saying he thought the brethren fortunate in having such an election and selection of a brother made to rule over so wealthy, intelligent, and influential a province as that of West Lancashire.

The P.G. Secretary then read the patent of the appointment by the M.W.G.M., after which Lord Skelmersdale was presented for installation by Bros. Colonel Birchall, and Captain A. C. Mott; the former congratulating the brethren of the province in having an excellent nobleman and able Mason as his lordship appointed to rule over them.

Before proceeding with the ceremony, Bro. Starkie, P.G.M., congratulated Lord Skelmersdale in having received the appointment, said the position he was about to assume was one either for good or for evil, and the Order in this province would either prosper or retrograde, according to the activity or lukewarmness shown by him in connection with his office. Freemasonry, like all other social institutions, could not stand still, and he had no doubt that under his (Lord Skelmersdale's) rule the Craft would greatly prosper, as it had done under other auspices in the past.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale—the ancient charges usually given to W.M.'s of Craft Lodges having previously been read to him by the Prov. Grand Secretary—then advanced to the pedestal and took the solemn obligations, after which he was installed with acclamation in the chair of the Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire.

The newly-installed P.G.M., addressing the large assembly, said he could honestly assure the brethren that it was with the most solemn feelings that he had taken his place in that chair, and he could only say that it was his wish and intention to act up to the obligations he had taken, and endeavour to rule over that province in a way which would prove satisfactory to every brother under his control. Bro. the Right Hon. Frederick Stanley was then duly installed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, according to ancient form, by Bro. Starkie.

After the minutes of the previous P.G.

Lodge meetings had been read and confirmed, Bro. Wylie, P.G. Reg., moved that the following vote of condolence with the family of the late R.W.P.G.M. should be passed:—"The Prov. Grand Lodge cannot meet without recording upon their minutes how deeply they deplore the loss which T.G.A.O.T.U. in His wisdom has permitted them to sustain by the decease of the late R.W.P.G.M., Sir T. G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart, of Rufford, and they earnestly desire to sympathise and to condole with his sorrowing mother and orphan family in their painful and sudden bereavement, and resolve that a copy of this resolution be sent to them." The motion was seconded by Bro. Mawdsley, P.P.G.R., and unanimously agreed to.

The P.G. Treasurer read the financial statement, from which it appeared that the amount in the bank was £1,228 2s. 9d., and in hand £50 5s. 11d. On the motion of Bro. Sherlock, P.P.G.S. of W., seconded by Bro. Mott, P.G.S.W., Bro. T. Armstrong was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

The Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Lord Lindsay, P.S. G.W.; Major T. Wilson, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C.; T. Wylie, P.G. Reg.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; R. Wylie, P.S.G.D. (by proxy); Pickering, P.J.G.D.; Rowson, P.G. Sup. of Works; G. Broadbridge, P.G.D.C.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Baxendale, P.G. Pur.; Dr. J. Mercer Johnson, P.G.C.S.; Doyle, Robinson, G. de la Perelle, J. W. Baker, and Landless, P.G.S.; and Sharrock, P.G.S.B. Bro. Ball was re-appointed P.G. Tyler, and Bro. Ball, jun., P.G.A. Tyler.

Bro. Alpass, P.G.S., announced that Lord Skelmersdale had consented to preside at the annual festival, to be held in London in May next, in connection with the Royal Masonic Girls' School, and he moved that the sum of 50 guineas be given by the province to the Girls' School Fund, in commemoration of his lordship's installation.

Bro. Armstrong, P.G.T., seconded the motion.

Bro. Captain Mott, P.S.G.W., moved as an amendment that the sum be 100 guineas, and Bro. Broadbridge, P.G.D. of C. seconded the amendment, which was carried unanimously; Bro. Alpass withdrawing his resolution in its favour. It was also resolved that the sum of £15, being the balance of the ten percent. fund, be devoted to the same purpose.

Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, in eloquent terms, for the munificence displayed towards the institution which he represented.

Bro. Thomas Wylie, P.G.R., said it was his very pleasing duty to ask the P.G.M. to present to Bro. Hamer a P.G. Treasurer's Jewel, and also an address, expressive of the Lodge's high sense of the valuable services rendered by him as P.G. Treasurer.

The P.G.M. then made the presentation in suitable terms, referring to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Hamer. The Jewel, which was a very handsome one, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. James Hamer, P.M., 220, 249, 580, P.Z. 220, 249, 580, 1094, on his retiring from the office of P.G.T., which he has filled for eleven years. Provincial Grand Lodge, Western Division of Lancashire, Town Hall, Liverpool, 27th January, 1873." The following are the terms of the address:—

Presented, together with a P.P.G. Treasurer's Jewel, to Bro. James Hamer, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Treasurer of West Lancashire, &c., at a meeting of

the P. Grand Lodge, held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 27th February, 1873, on his retirement from the office of P.G.T. of West Lancashire, which he had filled for a period of eleven years; in token of the respect and esteem with which he is regarded by his brethren, and to record the founding in his honour of the Hamer Benevolent Annuity Fund for the assistance of decayed Freemasons; the money for which was subscribed by the various lodges and brethren in the province, to show their appreciation of the very great services rendered by him to Masonry for many years past.

(Signed on behalf of the brethren),
SKELMERSDALE, P.G.M., W.L.

The address is bordered by the Craft and Royal Arch Emblems, and surmounted by Bro. Hamer's Crest and Coat of Arms, the whole being enclosed in a massive frame. Mr. J. O. Marples, of Liverpool, who was entrusted with the execution of the address, performed his work in a highly artistic manner.

The presentation was acknowledged by Bro. Hamer in suitable terms.

The P.G.M. then said he had been called upon to perform a pleasing duty, as he had been asked by the brethren of Liverpool to present to his worship, the Mayor, the chair in which he (the P.G.M.) then sat, as a memorial of the greatest Masonic event which had ever taken place in the Town Hall. The brethren thought that there ought to be some remembrance of the Mayor's kindness in granting the use of the Town Hall, and in that spirit they asked his worship to accept the presentation.

Bro. Samuelson, in acknowledging the gift, said he little thought, when he offered the use of the Town Hall for that P.G.L. meeting—he little dreamt that the brethren of Liverpool would have thought so much of the offer as to recognise it in the way in which they had done. He felt that that hall could not have been appropriated to a higher purpose than that to which it had been devoted that day. As the hall which was now being erected in Hope-street, could not be used for that purpose, he felt the Town Hall could not be more worthily occupied. In accepting the civic chair he felt as if the duties were very similar to those he fulfilled in passing through the chair of a Masonic Lodge; and when he occupied the chair which had now been presented he would feel a still greater obligation resting upon him to perform his duties to the best of his abilities. He hoped that future mayors, when they sat in it, would feel it an honour as he now personally did. He concluded by saying that he considered that as one of the "red letter days" of his mayoralty, and would do all in his power to further the interests of the Craft.

The chair, which is a splendid work of art in the Gothic style, was manufactured by Bro. Chuck, Redcross-street, and designed by Messrs. Danson and Davies, Architects of the new Masonic Hall now approaching completion. The carving of the chair, which is made of Spanish mahogany, ebony, and sandalwood, was executed by Mr. Shairett, Slater-street. The medalion ornaments, consisting of the Freemason's Arms and the Emblems of Office of the P.G.M. of West Lancashire were richly engraved on metal by Bro. George Kenning, Monument Place. The following inscription is engraved on a plate at the back:—"This chair was presented to the Worshipful the Mayor of Liverpool (Bro. Edward Samuelson), Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, Cheshire, by the Freemasons of Liverpool, to commemorate the installation of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of

the county of Lancaster, in the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 27th day of February, A.D. 1873; A.L. 5873."

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

THE BANQUET.

As a fitting close to the highly interesting and brilliant day's proceedings, upwards of 200 brethren dined in the evening at the Adelphi Hotel, under the presidency of Lord Skelmersdale, who was supported by Bros. Lord de Tabley, Lord Lindsay, the Hon. F. Stanley, Major Starkie, the Mayor and ex-Mayor, W. Romaine-Callender, &c. After an excellently served dinner, the Provincial Grand Master gave the toast of "The Queen," remarking that the brethren knew how thoroughly she appreciated every effort to extend the works of charity and benevolence in this country. (Cheers.) He knew personally that Her Majesty took a great interest in Freemasonry, as being the most benevolent institution in her kingdom. (Cheers.) The Prov. Grand Master in giving the toast of "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. P.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," said that any brother who had the good fortune to be in London on the previous Monday, and he believed there were two or three now present who had been there, would bear him out in saying that the Prince of Wales was a thorough Freemason. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Any one who heard his speeches on that occasion; as well as on other Masonic occasions, must have felt deeply impressed with the conviction that the Prince had Freemasonry at heart. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

Bro. Le Gendre Starkie next proposed "The Earl de Grey and Ripon, M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.D.G.M., and the other officers of the Grand Lodge." He said their G.M. would have been present that day had not imperative engagements detained him in London. The M.W.G.M. took a very deep interest in the Craft, and would appear amongst the brethren more frequently did not his high vocations and duties as one of Her Majesty's Ministers render it impossible for him to do so. (Hear, hear.) The D.G.M. had also requested him (Bro. Starkie) to say that he would have been present on that occasion had he not sailed on the previous day for the Mediterranean, which the brethren would doubtless think a good reason for his absence. (Laughter.) He (Bro. Starkie) thought that no better evidence of the fraternal spirit and principles of the Craft could be found than to see two noblemen politically opposed, joining in the most harmonious manner in the good and noble work of Freemasonry. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Starkie said he had now the greatest pleasure in giving the health of "Our newly-installed R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale." He used the word "our," because he (Bro. Starkie) considered himself as belonging to that province. If they regarded their newly-appointed chief either socially or Masonically, they only found qualities which they could admire, and which they would all do well to imitate. (Cheers.) In the responsible position he occupied as one of her Majesty's Ministers, he had exhibited high qualities in the performance of the duties of his office, and he was quite sure that in the manner he would fill the office to which he was now called he would endear himself to every member of the Order, not only in the province but in the whole country. (Cheers.) Freemasonry in England tabooed all questions of political, polemical, or religious scruples—in that respect drawing its principles from purer and more sacred fountains than was in other countries unhappily the case. (Cheers.) This province had done nothing more than its right and proper Masonic duty in paying honour to its new chief, who would, he had no doubt, in the discharge of the duties of his office, exhibit those many qualities which had distinguished him from boyhood. (Loud applause.) The newly-installed Provincial Grand Master had been invested with the clothing presented to their late lamented Provincial Grand Master, Sir Thomas G. Fermor-Hesketh, and he trusted

and believed that that might be taken as an augury that he would prove a worthy successor to the late P.G.M. (Cheers.)

The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm and full Masonic honours, led by Bro. G. Broadbridge, D.C.

Lord Skelmersdale, in rising to respond, was most enthusiastically received. He said it was extremely difficult for him to respond to the toast which they had drunk in such a hearty manner, and which had been proposed in far too flattering terms by Bro. Starkie. (No, no.) He only hoped that he might live to show that he would at least endeavour to fulfil their expectations; but he assured them that when he walked into the large room of the Town Hall, and saw there assembled the crowded mass of brethren, he, for the first time, felt the heavy responsibility which he had taken upon himself—felt how much would devolve upon him to advance Freemasonry in that province. (Hear, hear.) He felt what different elements existed in the body throughout the province, and how much would rest upon him in the endeavour to fuse those elements into thorough and complete Fraternity. (Cheers.) As far as lay in his power, he intended to do his duty; and though in this large province he might not be able to visit the lodges as regularly as he might wish, he hoped in a short time to enter upon a course of visits to every lodge in the province. (Cheers.) He intended to go through them one by one, find out their working, and look for brethren who would be most able to support him in his high office. (Loud applause.) He hoped his election of officers would give satisfaction, and concluded by thanking the brethren most heartily for the kind reception they had given to him, assuring them that he had been deeply moved by it, and that he should always look back upon that day as one of the most trying and touching he had ever passed through. (Cheers.)

Bro. Capt. Mott, in giving "The Health of the D.P.G.M. (the Hon. F. Stanley,) and the P.G. Wardens (Lord Lindsay and Major Wilson)," said, they could not be surprised that in the county of Lancashire the name of Stanley should be received with honour, because it had everywhere attained a high place in public estimation. In Lord Lindsay they had also one of the Crawfords of Balcarres—a name long known in Masonry—and known for years in Scotland. (Loud cheers.)

The Hon. F. Stanley and Lord Lindsay replied, the latter remarking that it was always their desire in Scotland to be in the most hearty fellowship with their English brethren, and he was certain that at some future time there would be a grand fusion of the Masonic bodies in the three countries. (Loud cheers.)

Lord Skelmersdale proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M., East Lancashire," observing that it would be many long years before the name of Starkie died out from Masonry, or from the remembrance of its connection with many other good works in this country. (Cheers.)

Bro. Starkie in responding, said his father was installed P.G.M. of East Lancashire in 1827, and continued to reign until 1865. (Cheers.) Having referred to his own Masonic training in West Lancashire, and to the fact that Lodge 32 had the proud distinction of having given three Provincial Grand Masters to the Craft, he concluded by thanking them for the manner in which they had received the toast.

The P.G.M. next gave "The Health of Lord de Tabley, P.G.M., Cheshire," to which his lordship replied, enlarging upon the charitable nature of the Order.

Bro. Starkie proposed the health of "His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool, Bro. Edward Samuelson, P. Prov. J.G.D., Cheshire," eulogising the manner in which his worship had dispensed his hospitality to them on this occasion in his capacity as the highest civic Magistrate of that great and wealthy town. This, he continued, had been a very auspicious day, and the quadruple "S" which formed part of the device on the chains which the Grand Masters wore round their necks was a happy augury of success. There were Bros. Samuelson, Skelmersdale,

P.G.M. for West Lancashire; Stanley, D.G.M.; and Starkie, P.G.M. of Cheshire. He looked upon this as an auspicious combination and as being propitious for the manner in which the duties of the office of P.G.M. would be performed by the newly-installed brother. (Cheers.)

The toast was received with Masonic honours.

The Mayor, said he considered that no one was more fitted to occupy the honourable position of chief magistrate than a Free and Accepted Mason. He did not say this in a spirit of egotism, but he was satisfied that through the tenets of Freemasonry, if carried out to the fullest extent, the Mayor of Liverpool ought to be a good man. He was not aware whether it was by accident or design that the Grand Lodge had been held in Liverpool that day, but it had been called to his remembrance that that was the anniversary of that great day when England poured out its thanksgiving to Almighty God for restoring to health the Past Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales. (Cheers.) Such being the case, he felt that it was the duty of the Chief Magistrate of Liverpool to offer every facility in his power in order that these proceedings might be conducted in a spirit worthy of the occasion, because it was his duty not to appear in them as a brother Mason, but as representing the entire community of Liverpool. (Cheers.)

Bro. Pearson (ex-Mayor of Liverpool), in answer to repeated calls, expressed the pleasure he had in being present on that occasion, and complimented the Mayor for his thoughtfulness in giving his assistance towards making the installation of the P.G.M. successful.

Bro. W. Romaine Callender proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers, past and present," which was acknowledged by Bro. Alpess, P.G. Sec.

Bro. the Rev. H. Vernon, P.P.G.C. gave "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," which was coupled with the name of Bro. R. Wilson, the treasurer, who stated that the actual value of the institution was now about £9,700.

Bro. Captain Mott said, he did not intend to say anything in connection with that toast, but he felt bound to acknowledge the spontaneous generosity of the two brethren from London. Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' Institution, had just handed him the sum of five guineas to constitute himself a Life Governor; and Bro. George Kenning, proprietor of *The Freemason*, had now subscribed ten guineas for the same purpose. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. J. Beesley, W.M. 216, replied to the toast of the W.M.'s of the "Lodges in the Province," and Bro. Cooke proposed "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. S. White. During the evening an admirable selection of music was given by Mrs. Skeaf, Miss Barret, Bros. Busfield, T. J. Hughes, Haswell, and D. Jones, under the direction of Bro. Skeaf, who presided at the pianoforte.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GLASGOW THISTLE AND ROSE LODGE, (No. 73.)

This lodge celebrated its one hundredth and seventeenth anniversary on Thursday, February the 27th, at the Waverly Hotel, the large Hall of which was tastefully decorated with flags and banners, kindly lent by several Masonic bodies. At 8 o'clock about fifty brethren, most of them accompanied by their wives or sweethearts, sat down to an excellent and substantial repast. Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M. presiding, and Bro. W. Walton, Treasurer, in the absence of the S.W., acting as Croupier. After the cloth had been cleared, the Chairman gave "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Army, Navy and Volunteers." Bro. J. Stewart, P.M. replied in a humorous speech descriptive of the hardships endured by the Volunteers when reviewed in Edinburgh by the Queen, and in their camping expedition at Palloch, at the same time expressing his conviction that if ever called on they would be as ready for real service. The Chairman then gave "The Three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland," and called on Bro. J. Johnson, of 738, E.C., who thanked the brethren for the kind wishes expressed towards the three Grand Bodies,

and to him as a very humble member of the English Constitution, by honouring him by intrusting him with the privilege of replying on behalf of what he would characterize as the three greatest bodies in the world. The Chairman then gave a brief address on the present position of the lodge, and expressed the great pleasure it had been to him, a comparatively young Mason, to have had the honour for the third time to be elected to preside over so old and influential a Lodge as No. 73, and to preside at this its one hundred and seventeenth anniversary, he then called on Bro. G. W. Wheeler to give some lines he had composed expressly for the occasion.

Bro. J. Bannerman gave the next toast, "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow," highly eulogising its officers for their attention to their duties, and their efforts in the cause of benevolence.

Bro. J. Balfour 332, P.G.D.C. replied, thanking the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and the flattering way in which they had also received him as the representative of the P.G.L., it was true they had done something to uphold the honour of Masonry in the province, and had also laboured in the cause of benevolence, but he hoped to see a deal more done in this way, he hoped to see their charities placed on a firm basis like those of their sister kingdoms, England and Ireland, and in that object he knew he should have the sympathies and support of Lodge 73.

Bro. A. H. Mackay, D.M., then in a very humorous speech proposed "The Health of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Glasgow."

The Croupier gave "Absent Brethren and Freemasons all over the World."

The Chairman "Deputations from Sister Lodges."

Bro. Sinclair, R.W.M. of St. Mungo, 27, replied, expressing the pleasure it had given them as visitors to be present at the one hundred and seventeenth anniversary of the "Thistle and Rose," his conviction of the good accruing to Masonry in general from the keeping up of this fraternal spirit amongst the lodges, and his hope that all present would visit St. Mungo, and partake of their hospitality in return for this kind reception of him.

The next toast, that of "The Ladies," was given by Bro. J. S. Ampleford, who had taken it at a few minutes' notice in consequence of the absence of the brother to whom it had been entrusted, but he proved quite equal to the occasion. While Bro. J. F. Hanbridge, the Secretary, in replying on behalf of the ladies, proved that he had been deeply imbued with their spirit, as his speech throughout was witty and eloquent.

Bro. T. Stewart, P.M., gave what might be considered the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73." In so doing, he briefly sketched the history of the lodge, stating that it first obtained a charter as the St. Paul's Lodge, but in 1761 they obtained permission to call it by its present name, since then it had had a course of almost unexampled prosperity, and still exhibited no symptoms of old age or decay.

Bro. Walton, Croupier, in replying said, that he as Treasurer could at any rate speak of its success financially since the funds had come into his possession, and if any one doubted its present prosperity let them look at its members with their happy faces, in their fine new clothing, and he must say that they should return their thanks to Bro. Kenning for making them all look so fine. He had sent their clothing not only up to the sample but even handsomer, and in order that the ladies may properly admire their new clothing, the material proof of their prosperity by looking at it during the ball, he would close his speech and then get to the ball.

The Chairman gave the "Strangers present," coupling with it Mr. Liskard, a gentleman, who that evening had contributed so much to their amusement, through the kind permissions of Bros. Owens and Adamson, at whose music hall he was engaged. Mr. J. Liskard in reply said, he had only one regret and that was that he could not address them as brothers, and in return for their friendly greeting give them back the Masonic grip, but this was a loss that he meant to remedy, he had often thought of joining the body, and his reception that night had determined him to delay no longer he then concluded with one of his favourite songs that he had sung before the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House.

The Final Toast was then given from the Chair and concluded this part of the programme which had been interspersed with songs from Bro. Pratt and Adamson, a Poem by G. W. Wheeler, and a Musical entertainment by the celebrated J. Liskard, the *Musical Mammoth*.

The Hall was then prepared for the dancers, about forty couple entered in the Grand March, the rich crimson aprons and sashes of the brethren contrasting finely with their black coats and afterwards in the mazes of the dances, blending finely with the lighter dresses of their fair partners. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent by the brethren and friends of "old 73."

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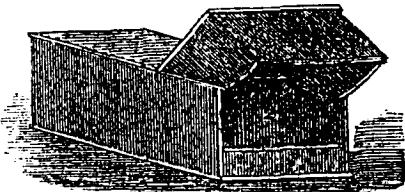
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The last regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street on Thursday, the 6th inst., presided over by Bro. F. Trott, W.M., the officers present being:—Bros. Geo. Abbott, S.W.; Geo. Newman, J.W.; W. Goodyear, P.M., Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Secretary; Thos. Cohe, S.D.; Chas. Arkell, J.D.; E. Jones, I.G.; G. Parker, D.C. The remaining Past Masters present were Bros. J. J. Harris, E. King and G. Kenning. Bro. Henry Jarvis was raised to the degree of M.M., and the following gentlemen were initiated into the Order, viz., Messrs. Barclay, Perkins, J. G. Marsh, jun., W. Alfatt and E. Hunter. The ceremonies were worked by the W.M. in a perfect and satisfactory manner. Sundry business before the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The brethren, numbering about seventy, then retired to a sumptuous banquet, served in the Pillar Room, in Bro. Spencer's well-known excellent style, and was presided over by Bro. Trott the W.M., who presented to the brethren the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, to which ample justice was done, the last toast of the evening bringing a most agreeable evening to a close. Amongst the members present were:—Bros. W. Figs, C. Cann, A. G. Marks, F. Fellowes, F. Baker, W. R. Baker, A. E. Bright, S. Haynes, T. Fisher, E. Taylor, Geo. Taylor, S. T. Lucas, W. Smale, S. Edwards, D. McVicar, J. Curle, T. Perom, W. Ramsey, J. Hyde, J. Kent, J. Elliott, A. C. Payne, W. F. Bates, C. Grainger, J. D. Fawcett, A. Lewis, R. G. Putnam, Chas. Selby, T. Layborn, H. Davis, B. Marsland, J. Cook, A. J. Garnet, W. Donne and H. Jarvis. The visitors present were:—Bros. David Evans, 28; W. Donald, 712; B. B. Brayshaw, W.M., 1076; W. Kindon, S.W., 1297; Chas. Jardine, J.W., 140; J. Cooper, 733; C. G. Hill, I.G., 1366; H. C. Soper, 704; J. A. Brading, 781; W. Hobbs, 1155; E. W. Garden, 949; Chas. Woodman, 157; Henry Dyne, 396; and Bro. Sidney Spencer, Belvedere Lodge and City Terminus Hotel.

TORQUAY—St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, March the 3rd, when there was a good attendance of upwards of 30, including four visitors, among whom were Bros. Higgins, an old and distinguished Provincial Officer for West Yorkshire, and Dr. Hopkins, P. Prov. G.S.W. for Warwickshire. At the urgent request of the W.M. and officers, the last named brother took the chair and opened the lodge in the first degree. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and there being no ceremonies to perform, was closed down to the first degree. There was however an important duty mentioned on the circular of summons, no less than the presentation of a handsome P.M.'s, jewel to

Bro. Watson, I.P.M. It was intended that this should be performed by the Rev. Bro. Bowden, P.M. and Chaplain, who, however, was prevented from attending by illness. Bro. Harland, P.M., therefore took the chair of W.M. and addressing Bro. Watson, paid a just tribute to his merits as a ruler in the Craft, in regard to his efficient working, his courtesy to the brethren, and specially his tact and judgment in guiding the lodge through times of trouble and difficulty, but still securing to himself the respect and good-will of the members by his impartiality and kindness. Though on previous occasions jewels had been presented to brethren who had rendered services, on their removal from the district, this was the first instance of such a presentation at the close of a year of office, but on all hands it was considered to have been most honourably merited. Bro. Watson replied with much effect but still with great emotion, owing to the heartiness with which the gift had been bestowed and the encomiums and marks of approval which had been so worthily expressed by Bro. Harland. A plan was propounded by Bro. Carkeek with a view to the presentation of a Masonic Surgical bed to the Torquay Infirmary. He proposed that a course of ten lectures on Freemasonry should be given by members of the Craft, in the hope that sufficient money would be raised by the sale of tickets for the course and by single admission fees. Some discussion ensued, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The lodge was finally closed soon after 8 o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by Bro. Richardson, W.M.

OXFORD.—Churchill Lodge (No. 478).—On the 3rd inst., the brethren of this lodge met at Alfred-street Masonic Hall. The chair was filled by the W.M., Bro. Lord Burleigh, (P. Prov. G. Sec. Oxon.) S.W., and Bro. E. M. Wakeman, as J.W. The meeting was well attended. Amongst others, Bro. Rev. A. B. Frazer the Grand Chaplain of England; Bro. R. J. Spiers, D.P.G.M.; Bro. Reginald Bird, (Prov. S.G.W. Oxon) W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, and Bro. Nicolas Tindal, of the Argenta Lodge, Salt Lake City. The business was of a purely formal nature. The election of officers took place, when Bro. Rev. A. B. Frazer, Grand Chaplain, was elected to succeed Bro. Lord Burleigh as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. F. P. Morrell, (P. Prov. G. Sec. Oxon) was elected to fill the office of Treasurer, in the room of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, and the proceedings were of a very festive nature, as Bros. Plowman, G. Gumbleton and Neville delighted the company with a variety of songs, and the Grand Chaplain was in his usual vein of eloquence.

FILEY.—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—The regular monthly meeting of the Royal Lodge, 643, was held at Ford's Hotel, Filey, on the 10th of February. After the general business of the lodge had been disposed of, Bro. Walter Fisher, P.S.W., was installed W.M. for the current year by P.M. Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, P.P.G.S.W. Old Globe, 200, who kindly attended for that purpose, and performed the interesting ceremony in his usual efficient manner. The newly installed Master then proceeded to invest his officers as under:—Bros. S. Rimmington, S.W.; R. Simpson, J.W.; H. Blanc, P.M., Chaplain; W. Hanks, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Darby, Sec.; C. Beck, S.D.; H. Simpson, J.D.; J. Cocks-worth, C. Reynolds, Stewards; W. Budd, I.G.; W. Jefferson, O.G. After the ceremony had been performed, the lodge was closed in the usual form, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent banquet, provided by Bro. H. Kilby in his usual profuse and liberal manner. The newly installed W.M., Bro. Fisher, presided, and the lately invested S.W., Bro. Rimmington, occupied the vice-chair. After the cloth was drawn, the W.M. gave in succession the Queen and the Craft, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family. The most noble the Marquess of Ripon, Grand Master of England; the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., and Bro. I. P. Bell, D.P.G.M. Bro. Fisher then proposed, in a speech of great

eloquence and Masonic feeling, the health of the Past Masters, alluding in terms of the warmest approbation to the praiseworthy manner in which they had severally performed their arduous duties when in office, and pointing them out as examples to be followed by those younger members of the lodge who might aspire to occupy that chair which they in turn had filled so gracefully. The next toast was that of the newly invested S.W., Bro. Rimmington, who replied in a very brilliant speech, pledging himself to use every exertion to promote the interests and well-being of the lodge, and he followed up his able reply by singing an excellent song in first-rate style, and which was greatly applauded. Bro. Long, I.P.M. and P.G.S.B., then proposed in his well-known witty and humorous style the health of the outgoing officers, thanking them for their very efficient support during his occupation of the Master's chair, and hoping that the newly invested officers would exert themselves to the utmost to uphold and sustain his successor. Bro. Hanks, Treasurer, returned thanks pithily but briefly. Bro. P.M. the Rev. J. Witford Taylor, gave the S.W. and Officers of the lodge, which was most ably replied to by the S.W., Bro. Rimmington, Bro. P.M. Dobson, in a most masterly speech, gave the Visiting Brethren, which called up Bros. Walshaw, Pencoek, Mervyn, and Smiles, all of the Old Globe, 200, who severally responded, making many pertinent remarks and observations on the great benefits arising from Freemasonry, and wishing every success and much prosperity to the Royal Lodge. Bro. Blane, the highly esteemed Chaplain of the lodge, was, to the great regret of the brethren, unavoidably absent, but his health having been most enthusiastically drunk, Bro. P.M. Taylor, eloquently and feelingly returned thanks for him, justly praising the worthy Chaplain for the warm interest which he took in Masonry, and for his untiring exertions to promote its general interests. Several other toasts having been given and duly responded to, the Secretary, Bro. H. Darby, rose and proposed that the health of Bro. Hanks, the respected Treasurer of the lodge, be drunk with all the honours, as the most useful member of the Royal Lodge, and as a brother who spared neither time nor trouble in giving the most efficient aid and valuable advice to every brother who required it. It is almost superfluous to add that Bro. Hanks, in responding, spoke most fluently and earnestly, giving much sound and reliable advice to the members of the lodge, and more especially to those who had but recently joined it. Bro. Mervyn, 200, in quaint and appropriate terms, gave the health of Bro. Cocks-worth, pointing him out as a genuine specimen of the true British farmer. Bro. Cocks-worth replied with much weight and feeling. Bro. Walshaw, 200, with a just appreciation of the good things that had been placed upon the table, proposed the health of Bro. Kilby, the worthy host, and that of his wife, the much esteemed hostess. Bro. Kilby made a very suitable and sensible reply on behalf of himself and wife, regretting that the weather had been so unpropitious as to deter many brethren from other lodges from putting in an appearance. The health of the Secretary having been drunk and duly responded to the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a most delightful and enjoyable evening, which had been much enhanced by some first-rate songs by Bros. Beck, Mervyn, Walshaw, Pencoek, and others, the gem of the whole being a splendid song by Bro. P.M. Dobson, who was in fine voice, and whose performance was loudly applauded. The brethren then separated without requiring the services of the local P.C. to point out the legal hour at which conviviality should cease.

BOSTON.—Franklin Lodge (No. 838).— Present:—Bros. Thomas Shaboe, W.M.; W. Pooles, S.W.; G. Jackson, J.W.; Ferguson, S.D.; Pearson, as J.D.; Dr. W. Wood, as I.G.; Radley, Treasurer; Allen, Secretary; Johnson, Tyler; and Past Masters Radley, Belton, Bland, Crowden, Bratley, Palmer, G. Young, C. Jackson, and E. J. Smith. The minutes were read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Mr. John R. Sator, brother of the W.M., and Mr. W. Challaus, and being unanimous, those two gentlemen were admitted into the lodge and initiated into Freemasonry in the eloquent and

careful manner of the W.M., who afterwards briefly explained to the newly initiated brethren the tracing board in that degree. Bro. Radley then introduced the subject of the Boys' School, informing the brethren that a resolution was about to be adopted by the committee appointed to revise the laws of the two schools, which moved for the future reduce the number of votes procured by donations to half the quantity so obtainable. After explanation by Bro. Radley, and discussion by the brethren, it was proposed by Bro. Poole, S.W., and seconded by Bro. Bland, P.M., that this lodge do give £10 10s. out of its funds to make the W.M. a Vice-President of the Boys' School, providing that the remaining amount, together with £26 5s., already subscribed, be subscribed by the brethren. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards sat down to the usual monthly banquet, spending a most pleasant and instructive evening.

ALTRINCHAM.—*Hanford Lodge* (No. 1045).—The annual meeting of this young and flourishing lodge, numbering now seventy members, was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Monday the 3rd inst., there was a large assemblage of Past Masters present, and visitors, to witness the installation of the W.M. The lodge was opened at 2.30, and Bro. Frank A. Church was passed to the degree of a F.C., after which the ceremony of the installation took place Bro. James, A. Birch, P.M., took the chair, as Installing Master. The W.M., elect, Bro. John Siddeley, was presented by Bro. Kirk W.M. The Secretary having read the usual obligation and the W.M. elect having assented thereto the brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired. Bro. Siddeley received the obligation and retired with due tests of merit. The Board of Installed Masters was then opened, there being twenty-four present, and Bro. Siddeley having been admitted in due form was installed into the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters was closed. The W.M. then appointed, and Bro. Birch invested, the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year. Bros. J. H. Kirk, I.P.M.; H. Kenyon, S.W.; Robt. Fergusson, J.W.; The Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.C. Chaplain; Mort, P.M., Treasurer; R. Newhouse, P.M., Secretary; R. Baker, S.D.; J. Burgess, J.D.; E. Simpson, P.M.O.; J. S. Owen, I.G.; and Bro. Worthington, Tyler. The entire ceremony was listened to by more than seventy brethren with the greatest amount of pleasure, as it was rendered by Bro. Birch in a manner seldom heard, being a comparatively young Mason (initiated 1865) he can render the ritual in a manner rarely equalled and seldom surpassed. After the after the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Harvey, the newly Installed W.M. in the chair. Justice being done to the dinner, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and in proposing the health of the Queen expressed the great pleasure they all felt that this year they had not, as on the occasion of their last festival, to sympathise with the Sovereign in moments of domestic anxiety, and trusted it would be long before sickness again invaded the Royal household. The health of the newly Installed W.M. was proposed by Bro. Kirk, P.M., in a happy and pleasant manner, he referred in warm terms to the way Bro. Siddeley had filled every office in the lodge, and did not doubt his year of office would be prosperous. Bro. Birch proposed the Masonic Charities in a very eloquent speech, which was responded to by Bro. Forshaw, who said he could not speak, but could give, and offered Bro. Birch £25 for the Boy's School. All the other toasts were duly drunk and replied to, and the brethren separated, well pleased with each other and everything, at 11 o'clock.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Marquess, Canonbury, on Tuesday, the 4th instant. Present: Bro. Ballantyne, P.M. 754, W.M., in the chair; Bros. Woodman, S.W.; Dudden, J.W.; Rutterford, Treas.; R. Shackell, P.M. 30, P. Prov. G.P. Hants, Hon. Sec.; Cattlin, S.D.; Rafter, J.D.; Dupont, I.G.; Dickinson, Org.; Wright and Jameson, Stewards, and about 40 other brethren; among the visitors we observed:—Bros. Younghusband, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W. West Lancashire; J. Terry, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B. Herts; J. Shackell,

W.M. 193; Bellaby, P.M. 65; Batchelor and Preston, 1365; H. Lyon, J.D. Tranquility; C. E. Thompson, 1158; George, 742; J. Woodman, 813; Godson, 1385; Badtrin, Taylor, Bass, &c. The lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. Bro. Rodwell was raised to the degree of M.M., Bro. C. H. Webb was passed to the degree of Fellow-Craft, and Messrs. W. A. Mott, A. J. P. Stevens, and A. Le Grand, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry,—all of which was done in Bro. Ballantyne's usual masterly manner. The W.M. then resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Younghusband, the two Warden's chairs being ably filled by Bros. Terry and R. Shackell. Bro. Ballantyne having presented Bro. W. J. Woodman, Bro. Younghusband, in a very able and fluent manner, installed him into the chair of K.S. Bro. Woodman then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Dudden, S.W.; Cattlin, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Rutterford, Treas.; R. Shackell, P.M. 30, P. Prov. G.P. Hants, Hon. Sec.; Rafter, S.D.; Dupont, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; Dickinson, Org.; Woodman, D.C.; and Jameson and Cohen, Stewards. Bro. Terry gave the several addresses as the officers were invested in a very pleasing manner. The newly-installed Master then presented the I.P.M., Bro. Ballantyne, with a handsome Gold Past Master's Jewel, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, to Bro. Hugh Ballantyne, P.M. 754, to mark their appreciation of his truly Masonic conduct, firmness and urbanity of manners, and zeal evinced for the prosperity of the lodge, 4th March, 1873." Votes of thanks to Bros. Younghusband and Terry were passed, and the brethren adjourned to a first class banquet, provided in excellent style by Bro. Tullett, to which some 50 sat down and did ample justice. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, those of the I.P.M., Bro. Ballantyne, "The Visitors," responded by Bro. Bellaby, "The Masonic Charities," by Bro. Terry, and the officers, with which was coupled the name of Bro. R. Shackell, were all particularly well received. The brethren separated at an early hour, much pleased with what they had seen and heard that day.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on the 6th inst. The chair of K.S. was occupied by the W.M., Captain Richardson, R.E., who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. C. Carnegie, P.M., P. Prov. G. Purst. Hants, as I.P.M.; A. McKenzie, S.W.; R. Bennett, J.W.; U. Lucas, Secretary; J. Osmond, P.M. as S.D.; F. Anderson, J.D.; J. Smith, as I.G.; J. Marversly, O. G. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, and several visitors. The lodge was opened in form in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Smith, 3, I.C. as a joining member, and for Sergeant Olphert, R.E. a candidate for initiation, which proved satisfactory in each case. Bros. O'Leary and Brown, candidates for the F.C. degree, were then examined respecting their proficiency in the former degree, which proving satisfactory, they were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. O'Leary and Brown were passed to that degree; Bro. Carnegie giving the charge, and the W.M. putting round the questions for the information of the newly passed brethren, and also explaining the tracing board of the second degree. The lodge was closed to the first degree, and Sergeant Olphert was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. On the proposition of Bro. C. Carnegie, five guineas were voted from the Charity Fund of the lodge for the list of Bro. R. Eve, P.P.G.S.W., Hants, who is one of the Stewards for the Annual Festival of the Boys' School on the 12th inst. Two pounds were voted to the widow of a deceased brother, on the proposition of the Worshipful Master. Some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love, about nine p.m.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Half Moon, Herne Hill, on Thursday, 20th February, 1873.

There were present:—Bros. Wm. Worrell, W.M.; C. Pain, S.W.; Brighter, J.W.; Klirck, J.D.; Francis, P.M., Sec.; also Bros. Benham, Bowyer, Coe, Hinksman, Basnett, Webbe, R., and J. Knibbs. Visitors:—Bros. N. H. Turner, P.P.G.S. Norfolk; Dann, W.M., 72; Garwood, P.M. 769; Webb, 890; Nunn, P.M., 72; Hart, 975; Ringwell, Stanhope, Lodge; Durkin, J.D., 72; Lasky, P.M., 72; Dodson, P.M., 72. The occasion of the meeting was to install Bro. Brighter, J.W., the Master for the ensuing year, the present S.W., having wished to retain his office for a further term. Bro. Brighter had been unanimously elected to that important office. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Worrell, the outgoing Master, the addresses being impressively given and the brethren who were aware it was a maiden effort on the part of the worthy P.M., appeared much gratified with the ceremony. Bro. Brighter appointed his officers for the year viz. Bros. Pain, S.W.; Benham, S.D.; Klirek, J.W.; Basnett, J.D.; and Francis, Sec. Bro. Worrell was then presented with a jewel for past services, and the W.M., as is the custom in this lodge, presented the lodge with a handsome silk banner of his arms and mottoe "clariore tenebris." After some further business the lodge was closed and the brethren sat down to a banquet in a most chaste and elegant repast that reflected much credit on the host, Bro. Coles. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the worthy P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." paying a deserved tribute to his capabilities. The W.M. returned thanks in feeling terms, and eloquently expressed his thanks to the brethren of the lodge for the honour they had done him. The toast of "The Initiates" was given and duly responded to by Bro. Mills, who was initiated at a previous emergency meeting. The W.M. gave "The Health of the Visitors," expressing his thanks for the compliment they had paid him in being present at his initiation, he was particularly grateful for the attendance of his friend, Bro. Fraser, P.P.G.S. whom he had known and whose friendship he had enjoyed for many years, he, the W.M., being quite a boy when he first made the acquaintance of Bro. Fraser, and now Bro. Fraser had specially journeyed many miles to be present at the installation. He was sure that the brethren of the Stockwell Lodge gave him a hearty and cordial welcome. Bro. Fraser returned thanks in happy terms, and the toast was also replied to by the other visitors. "The toast of the Installing Master" was received with acclamation and duly responded to by Bro. Worrell, Bro. Francis also replied to the toast of the Secretary and P.M. "The Officers" was then given and responded to, and the Tyler's toast was the finale to a most happy evening, which had been enlivened by the musical abilities of the W.M., Bro. Worrell and others.

EARL DE GREY.—The last telegram from Cannes, dated March 11, says: "A good night. Symptoms continue favourable." The Marquis of Ripon, writing to Sir Bruce Seaton on the 10th, reports that Lord de Grey was going on very well, but three weeks must pass on before he can be considered out of danger. Consequently, until that period has elapsed, the Marquis of Ripon cannot leave Cannes for London.

"I cannot express to you my gratitude for the cure your Pain Killer has wrought on me. I had rheumatism all over my body, accompanied with headache, so severe that I could get no sleep. As my doctor seemed to do me no good, my friends induced me, as a last resort, to try the Vegetable Pain Killer, and I am thankful to say that I am now in perfect health, and again at business.—JAMES ALSTON, Goosnagarh, September, 1871.—To Perry, Davis & Son, London, W.C."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The World is a hard place enough to make one's way through without illness, yet somewhere or other disease is ever rife, and everywhere its surest opponent, this purifying medicine is to be found and should always be handy to parry and turn the first attack of the enemy. When symptoms of sickness first set in, they may be easily subdued by this grand remedy, which gives great and prompt relief to every oppressed organ or disordered function, these pills regulate and strengthen digestion, more readily, more efficiently and with more certainty than any other combination of drugs, be it ever so scientifically prescribed. Nothing can exceed the ability of Holloway's medicine to secure natural functional action.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The 75th anniversary festival of this Institution was celebrated on Wednesday evening at the Freemasons' Tavern. The chairman of the day was His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, who was supported on his right by the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and on his left by Col. F. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. There were also present a great number of Grand Officers and of Provincial Grand Officers.

The brethren who attended from Provincial and London Lodges numbered about 300, and many ladies also graced the festival with their presence. It had been announced that an endeavour would be made to wipe off the debt of £6,000 hanging over the school, and it will be seen from the list of subscriptions announced below that the stewards' lists more than justified the desire entertained. But it must be remembered that brethren should not relax their exertions to obtain subscriptions because the current year's expenses, which are very large to maintain 120 boys, have to be met, in addition to the clearing of the debt.

The dinner was admirably served by Bro. Francatelli, and a general opinion was expressed that the improvement in this particular was a marked one. When the repast had been freely partaken of, grace was sung by the vocalists engaged, and the speeches in honour of the many Masonic notabilities who are never forgotten on these occasions, were delivered. In giving the first toast, "The Queen,"

The Chairman said: We had it on the high authority of the representative of the United States last August that our Queen is looked upon on both sides of the Atlantic as the embodiment in her example of all those virtues which make our homes dear. I would only say that in any assembly of Englishmen the toast at this time will be welcome, but in an assembly of Masons the toast of their Queen, the daughter of a Mason, the mother of a Mason, in our Royal brother the Prince of Wales (hear, hear), the mother-in-law of a Mason, in our illustrious brother, Frederick, Prince of Prussia, would be equally well received, but she has this further claim on this occasion to our respect, our loyalty, and our devotion, that she has, ever since her reign commenced, been the ardent patroness and supporter of this Institution. Under these circumstances, I can scarcely suppose any further words will be required from me to make you receive with that enthusiasm which I believe thoroughly in all parts of this city pervades the community, her name. Love and loyalty towards the throne would always make it acceptable, and believing that that sentiment fills your breasts, I give you "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." (Cheers.)

The toast having been drunk, was followed by the rendering by the vocalists of the National Anthem.

The Chairman: It is my privilege to give you now the toast of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the President of the Institution, Lord Ripon." I believe that everyone in this room must regret his absence from among us to-night. I greatly regret it myself, and I believe you all regret it, the more from the know-

ledge of the cause of it—the illness, and the unhappy accident that led to it, of his only son, in the South of France. I feel that I am expressing the feeling of every brother in this room when I say that throughout the Masonic Craft in England there has gone forth but one voice, and that a voice of deep sympathy with our popular Grand Master, in the sad distress which has come upon him at this very critical time. Brethren, I give you "The Health of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lord Ripon, President of this Institution."

The Chairman: I have now to give you "The Health of the Earl of Zetland," who was so long our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and who did such admirable service in the past. I have at the same time to propose to you "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master." I feel that this toast requires no words from me to render it acceptable to this assemblage.

The toast was drunk with the usual loyal enthusiasm.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick—My Lord Duke, my lords, and brethren, I have the honour to ask this assemblage to drink "The Health of our Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past." In the Earl of Carnarvon we have a Deputy under our Most Worshipful Grand Master of whom the Craft is justly proud; and in the Grand Officers who have graced this festival with their presence we have a number of brethren whose support and countenance are of the utmost value to our Institution. To see brethren in those distinguished positions rallying round one of the great charities of our order—a charity which everyone who bears the name of Mason may be justly proud, is an advancement of the charity itself and an example to all who hold any position among us. And, therefore, my lord, I venture to propose that which I am sure this assemblage will accept with enthusiasm—"The Health of the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Col. Burdett: My Lord Duke and brethren, I assure you I feel under peculiar difficulties in attempting to respond to the toast which has just been so ably given by our Brother Philbrick, and so kindly responded to by every brother of the order now present. I feel that I am attempting to respond to a toast which comprises an immense body, comprehending all those who influence the great Craft of which we are so proud to be members. I have, first of all, to return you my very sincere thanks for the Earl of Carnarvon, for the warmth with which his health has been received. We all, I know, regret that he has not been able to be with us, but we do not forget him, although he is absent. We know that though he is absent his heart is with us, and I believe that all the Grand Officers under his control, and those who are associated with him, are equally with us in heart. We all are associated together in the firm desire to do our duty, and whether we are present or absent, we always have the same wish to benefit the Craft. You are all aware of the duties the Grand Officers have to perform, whether on these occasions, in Grand Lodge, or in the provinces over which they preside. I believe they are all appreciated, and they feel very much indeed the kind feelings that are exhibited towards them by all the brethren. In their name, therefore, and in

my own, I return you their warmest thanks.

Bro. F. Binckes then came forward and said, my Lord Duke, there are two prizes which are annually presented at this festival. I need hardly add that the great mass of the prizes are presented at the Institution itself on the 8th of July; but there are two particular prizes which are always presented at our anniversary festival by the chairman, one is the silver medal awarded by the Institution to that boy who has manifested the greatest amount of good conduct, and the other prize given by our most worthy and revered Bro. Edward Cox, called the Canonbury Prize, given to the boy who is elected by the unbiassed votes of his school-fellows. I think those two prizes speak for themselves. I will not occupy your time in expatiating upon them. I shall, therefore, content myself by merely introducing the two recipients to your Grace, William L. Crampton, the recipient of the Institution's silver medal for good conduct, and Frederick Cottmann the recipient of the Canonbury medal. I can no longer regard those two youths as inmates of the school because they have just left us, having made their first successful attempt towards their future progress in life. (Cheers.)

The Chairman then presented the prizes to the two recipients.

Bro. J. W. Luft, Steward for the Province of Devon, said, it is immensely gratifying to me to see a boy belonging to my province the successful competitor for one of these prizes. I had the pleasure to use very great exertions to get him into the school, and as he has so honoured my province I shall be most pleased to present him with a guinea. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: Brethren, when I look at the list of illustrious brethren who have previously filled this chair, I can scarcely feel otherwise than nervous in approaching the toast of the evening. I may say that I am almost unknown to London Masonry.—(No, no,)—though perhaps only as presiding over a distant province. Yet I would ask you to regard not the man, but the manner of my words, to look to what we all have at heart, the prosperity and the future success of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (Hear, hear.) Ladies and brethren, I am afraid I must detain you a certain time, as I think it is good for the Institution to place before you certain, what may seem dry, statistics; but I promise you I shall be as short as I can, to enable you afterwards more to enjoy the most excellent music which the Stewards of this evening are providing for us. Brethren, it was 1798 that this spark was first lighted which has since illuminated the Masonic world. In the first instance, in 1798, it had twenty-five boys who were clothed and educated by our brethren. It was at the jubilee in the reign of George the Third, this number was increased to fifty. By gradual progress to 1851 there were seventy boys; and I may here observe that up to 1855 these boys were educated in schools adjacent to the homes of their parents. All the expenses of their education were defrayed by the Brotherhood; but there was no Masonic Boys' School at that time. In the same year, 1855, a house was purchased at Wood Green, and in 1856 the first experiment was made of giving a local home for the Masonic Boys' School. (Hear, hear.) At that time twenty-five boys were admitted, which left forty-five boys still to be educated under the former principle—namely, that they received the money payment, and not the education. This experiment proved so successful and the encouragement was so great that the existing building was com-

menced, and all of the seventy boys were brought under one management. It was in 1863 that it was determined to provide fuller accommodation, not only for those who were educated by the Institution; but for an increased number, seeing that the applications were greatly on the increase. The foundation-stone of the new building was laid in that year, viz., in 1863, and in 1865 the structure was completed. In years of later date the boys who were educated, clothed, and maintained, were increased in number from seventy to 115, and at the last Quarterly Court in January of the present year, the number was further increased to 125. (Cheers.) In addition to this number there were three boys in the Institution under purchase by perpetual rights, and sixteen boys were also admitted by payment of one hundred and fifty guineas. So that there are at present 144 boys enjoying the benefit of education at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. I may mention that since the infant efforts of our brethren in 1798 the large number up to the present time, of 1198 boys have enjoyed the blessings of education at the hands of this Institution (cheers). At the election in April next there are 69 candidates of whom 19 will be elected. The school enjoys great popularity among the Craft, as is evidenced by the numerous applications there are for admittance. During the last eleven years, I may inform the brethren, the Craft has subscribed £90,000 towards this Institution, which, I need not say from a position of great obscurity and want of means has been raised to one of the best educational institutions that we have. I understand that a most admirable and suitable building has been erected, that the general convenience of the boys in every way has been studied; and it is important that I should state that at the age at which boys are usually admitted is eight years, and that they receive the advantages of the Institution up to fifteen-and-a-half. It is to be extended to sixteen. I mentioned to the Secretary the question of scholarships, and I cannot, but, from my own experience at the University, equally impress upon those present, and who take an interest in these schools foresee the greatest advantage which would be bestowed upon the scholars if it were in any way possible to allow boys when they leave these schools to gain certain distinctions in money which would enable them to continue their education in the higher educational institutions—the Universities—(hear, hear)—without being obliged to break it off and to take to everyday life, and mingle in commercial affairs. The money that is required for the demyships at Cambridge, in the Universities under the present system is not very large and if you were enabled to offer to the cleverest boy at these schools the means to go to the University, I think you would be conferring the greatest benefit upon him; and we should reap our reward by seeing the crowning efforts of education which was begun years ago, and at the same time be conferring a national benefit. It is well also that I should bring before this meeting that this Institution differs from the other Masonic Institutions, viz., the Girl's, and the Aged Freemasons, in this, that it possesses no funded property, but is entirely, with the exception of the grant which it receives from Grand Lodge, dependent upon the individual efforts of the brethren every year. I need not say that this Institution enjoys the confidence of the Craft; most of those present know its working better than I do. We all know the energy of the Secretary, and the care

and attention which the Board bestow on it. We have seen this evening two admirable examples of the result of that assistance which we have been enabled to afford to deserving cases, in extending to them that which fits them to commence and continue the struggle of life. Brethren, I feel that I may have but imperfectly preferred the claim of the Institution, but I feel that you know the benefit which this Institution generally is giving to the Craft, not only in the metropolis but in the provinces. I speak for the province to which I belong—Lincolnshire—from which there are many brethren I see sitting round me (hear, hear). I have received the greatest kindness from the Officers of that province. We have sent up many boys, and I believe we have on every occasion been most satisfied with the care and attention which have been paid them, and with the education they have received. Brethren, I will not detain you any longer, but will give you from the very bottom of my heart my good wishes for the prosperity of the Boys' School, and I have to couple with the toast the name of our brother, George Plucknett, the Treasurer. (cheers).

The toast having been drunk, Lord Leigh called for "one cheer more for the two lads who had won prizes," which was duly given.

Bro. G. Plucknett: My Lord Duke and brethren, I beg on the part of the Institution to thank you for the cordial manner in which you, my lord have proposed, and you, brethren, have responded to the toast of "Prosperity to the Institution," and for the honour that you have done me in associating my name with that toast. I regret very much that the brother who would have responded to this is no longer with us. He was so intimately connected with this Institution and others of a similar character, he was so well-known to the Craft in general, that his loss cannot but be sincerely felt. However, brethren, it is my duty to express to you gratitude of the Institution for your good wishes. The Institution is doing its work effectively and well; it has the most careful superintendence; but I may add that it is capable of doing more good than it has; and the Craft I am sure will never be satisfied until they have filled those beds which are vacant at the present time. There is no reason to think it can be otherwise, because you have a most able Committee, an indefatigable and enthusiastic Secretary, and they all do their utmost to make the Institution, as I believe it will be, one of the most perfect of its kind. I assure you as far as my humble services go they will be devoted to render all the assistance in my power to make the Institution perfect.

Bro. Binckes here read the Stewards' lists.

	£	s.	d.
Antiquity	10	10	0
The Queen	10	10	0
B. B. Cabbell (47 donations) ...	10	10	0
Grand Stewards	120	15	0
Fidelity	18	18	0
No. 4	32	6	0
5	64	1	0
6	21	0	0
7	54	12	0
8	15	15	0
9	50	8	0
11	25	14	6
12	54	12	0
14	12	12	0
18	63	0	0
21	56	14	0
21	21	0	0
22	19	19	0

25	54	1	6
—	10	10	0
28	50	7	0
29	27	6	0
33	52	10	0
34	10	10	0
55	70	7	0
60	69	6	0
65	44	7	0
66	15	15	0
73	80	18	0
145	21	0	0
162	18	18	0
179	33	10	0
180	58	16	0
181	47	15	6
197	36	11	0
198	10	10	0
222	74	17	0
231	43	11	0
259	70	7	0
435	225	0	0
524	24	3	0
548	31	10	0
657	203	14	0
715	42	0	0
766	33	12	0
871	17	17	0
907	36	15	0
957	32	11	0
1185	65	2	0
1288	23	2	0
1381	87	3	0
1383	114	17	0
Berks and Bucks	26	5	0
Dr. Clark	65	10	0
Cheshire	52	10	0
Williams and Brown	279	0	0
Cornwall	100	5	0
Whitehaven	52	10	0
Derbyshire	42	0	0
Do.	37	5	0
Do.	48	16	6
Durham, Bro. Humphrey	315	0	0
Dorset, Bro. Luff	146	4	0
Channel Islands	42	0	0
Hampshire and I. of Wight	63	0	0
2nd Std., J. R. Stebbing, £10 10s. ...	70	7	0
Hampshire	80	17	0
Hertfordshire	96	7	0
East Lancashire, T. Burton	536	0	0
W. Lancashire	23	12	6
Lincolnshire	52	10	0
Steward... ..	85	1	0
Grimsby	48	15	10
Sutcliffe, Lincolnshire	63	0	0
Leicestershire	56	13	0
182 Middlesex	70	7	0
Octavius Pearson	15	15	0
Oxon	52	10	0
Do.	32	3	0
Do.	21	0	0
Somersetshire	126	0	0
Do.	43	1	0
Warwickshire	600	0	0
Surrey	11	11	0
Do.	78	15	0
Do.	10	10	0
Do.	10	10	0
Do.	52	9	6
West Yorkshire	236	6	0
Do.	700	0	0
Burmah... ..	21	10	0
1372	66	17	0

Bro. Binckes continued, there are a large number of lists not yet to hand, on many of which I know there are sums of money of considerable amount. The announcement of the totals will be as follows; but before I give you them I may be allowed to say, some of the lists may not quite realize the expectations of our good friends who have we hope a very successful festival to take place in May. We meet this evening with a great success, and I feel confident that this is the turning point in the fortunes

of this Institution. It is a happy coincidence that your Grace presides over us. I remember the Duke's motto, "I am here," and when I look at your Grace's motto, I consider it a most happy omen. Your Grace's motto is *auspicium melioris avi*, and I think we have now better things in store for the Boys' School. I will now announce the result of the Stewards' lists.

London Brethren	...	£
Provincial	...	...
Total		£6,316 11 0

Nineteen lists not yet received.

The announcement was received with loud cheers.

Lord Leigh: Right Worshipful Sir and brethren, it is with very great pleasure that I rise to propose the next toast which has been entrusted to my care, and I am quite sure that it is a toast that will be most warmly received by every brother present. A brother early in the evening said most justly, that we brethren of the Craft were proud of our Masonic Institutions. I think, indeed, that we have every reason to be proud of those Institutions, as I believe most sincerely that there are no better schools in the kingdom than we can boast of. But it must be borne in mind that those schools cannot be kept up without very great expense, and we have to depend very much indeed on the support we receive at these annual meetings. The Boys' Institution especially requires, as my noble brother in the chair stated, support from the individual members of the Craft, inasmuch as it has only or mainly to depend upon the individual exertions of the brethren. I think then that you have done most wisely in selecting so popular a member of the Craft to preside over your annual festival this day as the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire. My noble brother stated that he was not known in the Craft in London, but he very modestly said he was only known in his own province. My noble brother did not do himself justice. I believe there are few members of the Craft more widely known than the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire; and I can only say I congratulate you here on securing his services to-day, and I congratulate him on his able presidentship. I ask you therefore to drink to the "Health of his Grace the Duke of St. Alban's."

The Chairman: I have to thank my kind brother on my right, and you, for the very kind way in which the toast has been proposed and accepted. I shall leave this chair with the greatest satisfaction, feeling that we have reversed the old proverb of the *straw breaking the camel's back*, and that our exertions have now and for ever cleared the Masonic Institution for Boys from debt, unless, indeed, another wing at some future time shall be built, for which a new debt will be incurred, and I suppose the coming race will clear it off with greater expedition than we have. But, joking apart, I think it is always a pleasure when one leaves an assembly of friends and brethren who have received him in the kindest possible way, and goes home with the satisfaction that whatever anxieties one has had they have been crowned with success. I can only say that I shall look back on this evening with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. I return you, brethren, my cordial thanks for the honour you have done me. I came among you without for a moment hesitating, determined to do my best for the Institution. I thank you, my noble brother; I thank

you all heartily for the way in which those endeavours have been met, and I have no doubt that the exertions of our worthy Secretary will soon bring a deserved success.

Bro. J. R. Stebbing: Brethren, perhaps this is the only Institution in England following the example of what has been done to-night, and recently was done, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and will be in a few weeks, in reference to the Girls' School, repeated. There is no other instance in our country where every year there is collected very nearly, as there will be to-night, £20,000 in the year in the cause of charity. It is one of the brightest instances in connection with our Institution that however the world may condemn our secrecy, and however unkindly they may speak of the Freemasons, at all events, there is no person with a right hearted disposition but will gladly give the palm of superiority to the exertions we make in the cause of charity, the care we take of our old men and our old women, and how we educate our young. Your Grace, this cannot be done without the assistance of many active members of the Craft—the Vice-Presidents, who can only reach that honour by paying fifty guineas a-piece, the Trustees who take care of the money, and the Committee, who give not only their money, but their time, to help these Institutions, are all mixed up with the success of these proud monuments of Masonic benevolence, and it is the health of those liberal, public, charitably-disposed people that I have to propose to the meeting to-night. In so doing, your Grace, I must pay a passing tribute to the peculiar excellence of the charity of the Boys' School, and with that remark I should not at this late hour detain you longer. We provide for the old Mason in his distress and old age; we provide for his widow when she has no brother to protect her; we provide for the girls, and educate them, and give them the means of earning their subsistence; but, with regard to the boys' school, we give these poor children maintenance and education, and we enable them, as I say with great pride and satisfaction, as has often been the case, we give them an education and a position by which they are enabled to provide for their own advancement as they grow into manhood—to take a position in society, to help on their helpless brothers, and their sisters, to support their widowed mothers in their decline of life, and by this charity, the Boys' School, they realise again the position that their fallen fathers once held, and raise their heads again in society as brothers and Masons. It was not, your Grace, upon my list, but I see included under the Vice-Patrons of this Institution every Vice-Patron—and they are very numerous—brethren who must have given one hundred guineas to the charity—many have given more—and when you are drinking in your enthusiasm the men that pay and the men that work for this Institution, do not forget the Vice-Patrons, and when in preparation for the next year's meeting you have to consider your duty and your obligations, recollect that by every pound you give to the Boys' School you are enabling some boy to recover the position in life held by his father, and you will be doing a good service to your own heart, pleasing to yourself and blessed by the brethren. Your Grace, I omitted to say that the brother who will return thanks for this toast is a brother who has in love and ardour devoted his whole life to Masonry, and that brother is

John Hervey, our Grand Secretary. (Cheers.)

Bro. Hervey—My Lord Chairman and brethren, my name has been proposed in connection with the last toast, and I do not hesitate for one moment to attempt to return thanks for the Vice-Presidents, the Trustees, and the Committees of this society. After the eloquent speech which you have heard, I am sure you will not expect me to detain you for any length of time to return thanks for the toast which has been proposed by Bro. Stebbing in terms which you would be only too glad if they could be repeated. I can only say, in responding to his toast, that I believe sincerely that the Vice-Presidents and the other brethren who have been associated in this toast do their utmost to promote the welfare of the school, to forward its interest, and to ensure its prosperity, as far as lies in their power. Brethren, the Vice-Presidents have given their money, the Trustees give not only their money but their trust, and if I may venture to recur to one name which has been mentioned this evening, I think you will say that the Trustees of this charity have done their duty to it most religiously and most generously. (Cheers.) I refer to Bro. Cabbell, who for a long series of years has been at the service of this school. He has this evening given his forty-seventh donation of fifty guineas, in furtherance of its objects. Bro. Stebbing has alluded to the manner in which the Committees of this Institution give not only their time but their money; and I may more readily allude to the services of the House Committee, and the manner in which they devote themselves to the benefit of this school. The House Committee meet every month; they go down to the school; they see everything that is carried on, and take care not only that it is done effectively, but in the most remunerative manner. They do their utmost to see that everything is carried out to the best advantage. It is very easy for brethren to give their money to a charity, but it is not so easy to give their time. I am sure you will all appreciate the services the House Committee renders when you consider that for twelve times in the year they go down a whole day to the schools of this Institution, not to mention the other days they sit on other committees. I will not detain you longer, but return you my best thanks for your kindness in drinking this toast. (Cheers.)

Bro. H. Browse: Brethren, it has been entrusted to my care, to propose the next toast "The sister Charities." In doing so it is not necessary I should trespass long upon your time, because the subject is equally well-known with those we have been speaking of. Bro. Hervey told you that these charities are equally well-supported as the Boys' School. It is only necessary that I should tell you the facts about this. We had during the last year, occasion to change the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, which was founded in 1840. Bro. Farnfield, who discharged most effectively and energetically the duties of Secretary, for 30 years and upwards, by affliction was obliged to retire; and his place has been filled up by a brother who I feel confident will merit all your approbation.

Bro Terry: The festival of that Institution, was held in this hall a fortnight ago, and we witnessed the beneficial effects of our Institution under the presidentship of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by the large amount of £7,000, which was collected. The Girls' School, unfortunately, in the

same year had its Secretary afflicted to so great an extent, that it was necessary he should resign. He had filled the office of Secretary for 11 years, having succeeded Bro. Crews, and that success of the Institution was greatly enhanced by their administration. The Girls' School we see in a very flourishing condition, under the wise and just administration of the Officers, and particularly their Secretary. I therefore have much pleasure in stating to you that these charities are now progressing most favourably and with great and good results, equal to that which has preceded; and I entertain no doubt whatever that under the present administration they will succeed. I am a member of both Institutions, and am on the Committees of both, and I am perfectly satisfied that they are progressing favourably. All do their duty most righteously and religiously; they administer the funds of the Institution with justice while they do it with liberality, and are anxious still to extend their benefits to those outside the pale of the Institution. There are still many knocking at our doors and wishing to be admitted. We have unfortunately, many on the list who cannot be admitted, at the next election in April. And, therefore, while they are thankful for the support already given, they yet hope to receive from the Craft future support. I cannot sit down sir, without saying how deeply we are indebted to your Grace in the Boys' School. I hope this Institution will not long be behind the sister Institution. I hope it will share the prosperity of the other, and have something in the funds; but when fifty candidates are knocking at the door—we have sixty-nine in April and only nineteen can be admitted—we do sincerely trust that the Craft will help us, so that we shall be able to open our doors and admit many more of those who are clamouring for the privileges of the Boys' School.

With these remarks at this late hour, I shall content myself by proposing "The sister Institutions," and I will couple with that, the name of the newly-elected Secretary of the Girls' School, Bro. Little.

Bro. Little: It is to me a very gratifying thing to have to return thanks for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. I do so with heartfelt pleasure, and the more so, because I have the satisfaction of offering my humble congratulations to His Grace upon the magnificent success which has attended this festival of the Boys' School. I am sure every brother in this room will re-echo with me the idea that among the charities, we have nothing but a generous rivalry, and we are all pleased to find the cloud of debt that has hitherto hung over the Boys' School, is now about to be entirely extinguished by the liberality of the brethren. I am sure, brethren, it is no wish of ours that the Boys' School should have to labour under a load of debt, on the contrary we are willing that the charities should go hand in hand together, and uphold the prestige of the Craft. My Lord Duke, I have to thank you for coupling my name with the toast. I have to thank your Grace on behalf of the Girls' School, and I have to thank you on behalf of Bro. Terry, and I have now simply to bespeak, brethren, your continued support for the Girls' School. Its festival is on the 14th of May when Lord Skelmersdale will take the chair, and from the number of Stewards we have on that occasion, I think we shall shew to the world at large that charity is the great characteristic of Freemasons.

The Chairman: I have to propose to you "The Board of Stewards, and the President

of the Board of Stewards, our Bro. Lord Leigh." You will all agree with me that they have done their work well and that their arrangements have been crowned with thorough success. Before we part we cannot but return them our best thanks for the exertions they have made on our behalf. In drinking their health will be best shewn the very grateful feelings we have towards them. The high office they have undertaken involves, I think, great labour and we should be thankful to them for it, especially to Lord Leigh who has undertaken another duty that of President. I give you "The Health of the Board of Stewards, and the President, Lord Leigh.

Lord Leigh: I feel that in rising to respond to this toast, I ought not to be placed in that position, for that office ought to have devolved upon the excellent acting President who has done all the work—I allude to our excellent brother Alexander J. Duff Filer. When I was asked to accept the office of President, I said that that office must be an honorary one. Living as I do one hundred miles from town it was perfectly impossible that I could fulfil the arduous duties that my noble brother has alluded to. When I was told that the Acting President would be Bro. Alex. Filer, I felt assured that the duties of President could not be in better hands, and that I might rest assured they would be carried out in the best possible manner. I have now only to ask the brethren whether my expectations have not been fully justified, when we have had this evening a most successful festival—not only have the creature comforts been well attended to by Bro. Filer for the brethren, but our wives and daughters, who I see gracing the gallery, have been well looked after by Bro. Filer. That function of Bro. Filer, I envy him. I only wished when I came in this evening that Bro. Filer had deputed to me the duty of looking after the ladies in the gallery; but he took very good care not to do so, and late in the evening Bro. Filer asked me if he had done his duty (laughter). Brethren, most sincerely I thank you, and I congratulate you all on the successful festival we have had this day.

Bro. Filer: My Lord, it has been suggested to me that I ought to say something after the very kind expressions you have made. Allow me to say, in the whole course of my life I never performed a more agreeable duty than of acting for your Lordship, a nobleman so highly esteemed and respected throughout the Masonic world. Allow me to say, that the Stewards in entering upon their duties determined to do their best, and to feel that they have done it to your Lordship's satisfaction is the greatest reward you can give them. The Stewards beg to thank you again and the whole company assembled here this evening to support the undertaking. The ladies also we thank for the unvarying support they have given the Boys' School. We believe their co-operation has been a great incentive to the brethren getting subscriptions to the Institution. I shall be very happy on all occasions my Lord to do my best to assist in the good work of Freemasonry, and I beg to thank you most sincerely for being so kind as to mention my name.

Bro. R. J. Spiers: May it please your Grace, I think we should not part with satisfaction to ourselves if we did not thank the ladies, who have graced this festival with their company. I believe if it were not for the ladies we should not have so high an incentive to be here. Their coming among us is always a very great feather in

our cap. Bro. Filer has taken the words out of my mouth, but at all events this I may say, as the ladies have left us, we had better join them in the other portion of our building. Before doing so, we thank them for their attendance.

The company then adjourned to the Temple, where a concert was given under the direction of Bro. W. Ganz, and in which that accomplished professor, and Mdle. Carola, Miss Banks, Miss Cullenford, and Miss Julia Elton, assisted by Bros. Geo. Perren, J. E. Patey, Carl Stepan, and Pague, took part.

The dinner was well served by Bro. Francatelli, and Bro. Goodchild was an excellent toastmaster.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Pray oblige me by giving prominent notice of the correction of the amount as announced by me at the Festival last night. I felt sure there was an error in the addition, and on examination this morning I find the following to be the correct total of the various lists.

London	...	...	2,723	1	6
Provincial	...	...	4,386	5	4
			£7,109 6 10		

Fifteen Lists not received.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours faithfully,
FREDK. BINCKES,
Secretary.

LINES COMPOSED BY G. W. WHEELER FOR THE 117TH
ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF LODGE 73, GLASGOW,
"THISTLE AND ROSE."

A pleasant theme is mine to-night,
With rapturous thoughts my bosom glows;
To praise, amongst the Sons of Light,
Our Lodge, the THISTLE and the ROSE.

For they are both *Masonic* flowers,
With *Guards* to keep intruders back:
The Thistle bath its prickly powers,
The Rose its thorns doth never lack.

The Thistle is a stalwart flower,
Of Scotland's sons it's still the boast;
Her foemen oft' have felt its power,
When landing hostile on her coast.

The legend runs, that the god Mars
First planted it upon her soil;
Invaders since have shewn its scars,
Instead of their expected spoil.

Her warlike Sons, in many a land,
Have made their swords like it to bristle;
And many a gallant foreign band
Have felt the force of Scotland's Thistle.

But we are peacefully inclined—
As each *Masonic* Brother knows—
So with the Thistle we have twined
The bonnie blooming British Rose.

Few flowers can with the Rose compare,
It scatters fragrance all around,
Its odours scent the very air,
Its leaves perfume the ground.

Fit emblem of a Mason true,
Whose actions should a fragrance shed;
While he life's pathway doth pursue,
And still smell sweetly when he's dead.

Then let us like the Thistle stand,
Proudly erect against all foes;
While our good deeds, throughout the land,
Shall blossom sweetly like the Rose.

Since Seventeen Fifty-Six we've stood,
The pride of friends, unhurt by foes;
Then still be faithful, firm and good,
To *Seventy-Three*, the Thistle and the Rose.

And Oh, may each succeeding year,
Some latent virtue still disclose,
'Mongst all that are assembled here;
As Sons of Thistle and the Rose.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE
UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEM-
PLE AND HOSPITAL.

BY BRO. ENRA HOLMES, 31°.

In *The Freemason* of Jan. 11th, "Lupus" says, Grand Conclave in 1853 having no faith in its claims abandoned the Order of Malta, but in 1862 revived the title, "set up a new Order and invented a new Ritual," which Bro. Lupus is pleased to call *preposterous*. I am sorry to have to contradict Bro. Lupus, but this statement requires correction.

Grand Conclave did not invent a new order nor a new ritual. The ritual was brought from Malta where it is in use, and has been for years; but in essentials and especially so far as the Mediterranean Pass is concerned it is precisely the same as given in the old Encampments for a considerable period. The learned brother speaks also of Grand Conclave *appropriating* the jewel of the Ordre du Temple of France, and all that I can say is the very fact of that jewel's existence shows that the members of Grand Conclave considered that they had a right to wear it as legitimate Templars or they would not have done so. Besides, the jewel itself symbolizes the union of the two Orders, and perhaps Bro. Lupus will explain that fact, if there was no connection between them. The Baldwin Charter of Compact, of 1780, speaks of the "Royal Encampment of the Order of Knights Templars, of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitallers and Knights of Malta, &c." It asserts the existence of a chivalric body under that name in England at that date and without the prefix *Masonic*. One of the highest members of the Baldwin writing to me touching this controversy says, "It is curious that the private cross worn by the Knights of that Preceptory is a Maltese Cross with a *fleur-de-lis* between the four greater divisions of the cross, in fact, such a cross as a Knight of Malta of the French *langues* would have worn. It is no new invention but has been long used by that Preceptory."

I might here state that the old mantle of the Baldwin Knights was black and not white at all. My correspondent adds, "I have seen at various times several papers relative to the society over which the Duke of Manchester presides. Although I believe that the Society was started through some undoubted Knights of Malta of the French *langues*, I cannot see that they had any authority to revive a *langue*, nor that such a revival has ever been acknowledged by the authorities of the Order. I allow that they are engaged in promoting many worthy charitable objects and I trust that our only rivalry with them will be a rivalry in promoting good works. If the Order of the Temple does not enter on some path of extended usefulness, I think the increased activity under the Grand Mastership of the Prince will be worth little.

These sentiments of my esteemed correspondent I fully and heartily endorse, and Bro. Civis is greatly mistaken if he supposes I wish to injure the branch of the Order under the Duke of Manchester. When however its members seek to crush the Masonic Order of Malta it is necessary to point out that their position is not above cavil, that their legitimacy is not unquestioned. I did not expect Lupus would admire my translation of the Roman document—it was hardly likely he would—but most of your readers will be able to detect any little defects in rendering the idioms which are somewhat involved.

Bro. Lupus speaks of the Order of Malta as only enrolling entrants possessing certain qualifications fixed by the Statutes, and into which hundreds of persons of high personal position have sought admission in vain. This may be, and I do not dispute the aristocratic exclusiveness of the old Order, but I have yet

to learn that in the Masonic Order we have an equal number of men of rank and family with those gentlemen who have joined the Manchester branch, and I hope the day will come when we shall be as exclusive in the admission of members as they. Bro. Lupus disputes the connection of the Stuarts with High Grade Masonry and the Masonic Templars. Perhaps he will tell us what was the degree in the old French Rite, alluded to I think by Oliver and Mackey (I cannot find the reference at this moment), as having reference to the Sacred Vault of James VII?

Touching the disputed election of the Emperor Paul I now publish the document I promised, and which is copied from Porter's Work,* and I note with wonder Lupus' statement that *no single langue* took any action in the election of either of the Emperors. In his last article anent my Notes he wishes to lead your readers to infer that the election of the Emperor Paul was the act of a *few refugees*. Yet Bro. Woolf says † that "a considerable number of Knights proceeded to Russia and elected the Emperor," and his distinguished friend Col. Porter in his work § says, "the great body of the Knighthood proceeded at once to Russia on their expulsion from Malta and elected Paul." There's a trimming of sails here on the part of somebody I don't pretend to understand; but when Civis kindly speaks of my Notes as being nothing but *speculative, romance, and absurdity*, whilst the comments of Lupus abound in *fact, history and common sense*. I am much obliged for the comparison, and point to the above as an illustration the of *facts, history, and common sense*. I beg to add for the benefit of "Civis" and all concerned, that I have no other object than the elimination of truth and the acquisition of knowledge in writing these Notes; that I am the "tool" of no body and the "useful man" of no party in Grand Conclave. Touching the letter of "Sero sed serio," I have only to say that it is a stale device when you have no case to abuse the plaintiff's attorney. Probably the gentleman with the motto is one of the *nobiles* who think that to be at once abusive and anonymous is chivalric and gentlemanly, when he states that he feels almost inclined to say that I am a fool, I might easily respond *tu quoque* but I decline to follow the example of your gallant correspondent, and am sorry for the Order which boasts of him as its latest champion. It is to be hoped that "Sero sed serio" is not a member of the Manchester branch ("Brummagen" might seem more appropriate for him) as the gentlemanlike, not to say Masonic tone of his letter would reflect great credit upon his distinguished fratres and friends.

Proclamation appointing the Emperor Paul as Grand Master of the Order of St. John.

"We, the Bailiffs, Grand Crosses, Commanders, Knights of the Grand Priory of Russia, and all other Members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, present in this Imperial City of St. Petersburg, reflecting on the disastrous situation of our Order; its total want of resources, the loss of its sovereignty and chief place of residence, the dispersion of its Members, wandering through the world without a chief or any fixed spot of rendezvous, the increasing dangers by which it is threatened, and the plans formed by usurpers to invade its property and ruin it entirely; being desirous and in duty bound to employ all possible methods to prevent the destruction of an Order equally ancient and illustrious, which has ever been composed of the most select nobility, and which has rendered such important service to the Christian world; whose institutions were founded on such excellent principles as must not only be the firmest support to all legitimate authority, but tend to its sure preservation and future existence; animated by gratitude towards his Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of all the Russias, for the favours bestowed on our Order, penetrated with veneration for his virtues, and confidently relying on his sacred word "that he will not only support us in our institutions, privileges, and honours; but that he will employ every possible means to re-establish our Order in its original in-

* Vol. 2, Page 49. † Page 125, *Freemason*.
‡ Sketch of the Templars, Page 41. § Vol 2, Page 460.

dependent situation where it contributed to the advantage of Christendom in general, and of every different state in particular." Knowing the impossibility in our present circumstances, the Members of our Order being generally dispersed of preserving all the forms and customs prescribed in our constitution and statutes; but being nevertheless desirous to secure the dignity and the power inherent to the sovereignty of our Order, by making a proper choice of a successor to D'Aubusson L'Isle Adam, and La Valette: We, the Bailiffs and Grand Crosses, the Commanders, and Knights of the Grand Priory of Russia, and all other Members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, assembled at St. Petersburg, the chief place of residence of our Order, not only in our names, but in those of the other languages, Grand Priorities in general, and all their Members in particular, who shall unite themselves to us by a firm adhesion to our principles, proclaim His Imperial Majesty the Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias, Paul I., as Grand Master of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

"In virtue of the present proclamation, we promise, according to our laws and statutes, and that by a sacred and solemn engagement, obedience, submission, and fidelity, to His Imperial Majesty the Most Eminent Grand Master.

"Given at St. Petersburg, the residence of our Order, this present Wednesday, the 27th October, 1798."

Acceptation of the Emperor Paul of the post of Grand Master, in answer to the above proclamation.

"We, by the grace of God, Paul I., Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias, &c.

"In consideration of the wish expressed to us by the Bailiffs, Grand Crosses, Commanders, Knights of the Illustrious Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of the Grand Priory of Russia, and other Members assembled together in our capital, in the name of all the well-disposed part of their fraternity, we accept the title of Grand Master of this Order, and renew on this occasion, the solemn promises we have already made in quality of Protector, not only to preserve all the institutions and privileges of this Illustrious Order for ever unchanged in regard to the free exercises of its religion with everything relating to the Knights of the Roman Catholic faith, and the jurisdiction of the Order, the seat of which we have fixed in this our Imperial residence: but also we declare that we will unceasingly employ for the future all our care and attention for the augmentation of the Order, for its re-establishment in the independent position which is requisite for the salutary end of its institution, for assuring its solidity, and confirming its utility. We likewise declare, that in taking thus upon us the supreme government of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and considering it our duty to make use of every possible means to obtain the restoration of the property of which it has been so unjustly deprived, we do not intend in any degree, as Emperor of all the Russias to the smallest right or advantage which may strike at, or prejudice any of the powers, our allies; on the contrary, we shall always have a peculiar satisfaction in contributing at all times, everything in our power towards strengthening our alliance with the said powers. Our grace and Imperial favour towards the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in general, and each of its Members in particular, shall ever remain invariably the same.

"Given at St. Petersburg, the 13th November, in the year 1798, in the third year of our reign.

"(Signed) PAUL,

"(Countersigned) PRINCE BESHORODKO."

Will Bro. Lupus explain why Prince Albert joined the Catholic and not the Manchester body?

The Masonic Knights of Malta existed in England fifty years before the English *Langue* was revived, and wore the costume and jewel of Knights of Malta in 1780 if not before, which is the new Order?

Next week I propose to publish the Proclamation of the Emperor Alexander, and the decree of the Sacred Council.

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THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

The Joint Committee for amending and assimilating the laws of these two Institutions would have inflicted lasting injury upon them if it had been permitted to work its will. By depriving duly qualified Lodges and Chapters of the right of voting at General Committees, an important section of supporters would have been alienated in the future; and by putting the Secretaryships up to auction, as it were, an element of discord and unfairness would have been infallibly introduced. Bro. John Symonds, as the spokesman of the Joint Committee, contended that the General Committee is already an "unwieldy" body, and that the disfranchisement of lodges would be useful, inasmuch as it would reduce the numbers of those entitled to join in the management of affairs. But, as was pointed out by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, who once more led a successful opposition, the fault of the body which really governs the Charities is not that it is unwieldy, but that it is too compact. To speak plainly, an opinion has been long abroad that the Masonic Schools are too exclusively in the hands of a clique; and this opinion has been considerably strengthened by the events of the last few months. The proposition to place "the

appointment and dismissal" (there was the rub!) of Secretary in the hands of voters by proxy followed too closely upon the warm discussions arising out of Bro. Little's candidature and election not to look like a counter demonstration, and though we are aware, from the assurances of the Joint Committee, that nothing was further from its thoughts, it will be useful to call attention to a few salient points, which almost justified the belief. First, however, let it be remembered, that the dismissal of a Secretary by proxy-papers would make it possible for that functionary to be discharged by people who never saw him, who knew nothing of his character or work, and who would be liable to be influenced by hearsay, or by the representations of any third person who took the trouble to canvas for and collect their votes. This was a sufficiently radical change; and, as it was slipped into the proposed Laws after Bro. Little's appointment as Secretary, his friends may be pardoned if they considered it aimed at him. If it be asked why the Joint Committee should be credited with any such predilections or dislikes? the answer is, that such Committee was largely leavened by those brethren whose public acts and utterances were popularly supposed to be against Bro. Little, rather than in his favour.

It would not be difficult to particularise these, or to give each man a distinctive label from his own speeches or acts; but it is perhaps wiser to let bygones be bygones, and to explain to the brethren in the provinces that it was from no unwillingness to make concessions to them that the rejection of the proxy proposition was moved and carried. Let concessions come in the shape of an alteration in the constitution of the House Committees, and no difficulties will be raised, unless it is by those who regard their own election thereto a matter of indefeasible and prescriptive right.

There are, at present, brethren who sit upon the House Committees of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Why did not the Joint Committee introduce a short law to disestablish these pluralists and what were Bro. J. C. Parkinson and Bro. the Earl of Limerick about to overlook such an obvious mode of crowning the useful work of amending the Committee's "amendments?"

The answer to the first question is, that Bro. Browse, the Chairman of the meeting at which the laws were submitted, is himself on the House Committees of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and that there has not yet been an instance recorded in history of a pluralist bringing in a measure to abolish himself. Why the opposition did not repair the omission is not so clear; and it is left to the Life Governors of the Charities to declare, by their votes at the next election of the House Committees, if they approve of any one brother being on both, and whether it will not be well to infuse some new blood into each. If brethren from the provinces can be found who can guarantee a regular attendance, we should be heartily glad to know that the "concession" had been made of electing them to the Committees. If there be any other reasonable way of bringing provincial brethren more prominently to the front in matters of administration, we should rejoice to welcome and endorse it. But votes by proxy, save for the election of boys and girls, are clearly inadmis-

sible; and those who are not willing to make the sacrifice involved in a personal attendance at the Committees, must be satisfied to entrust practical details to those who are able to give time, thought, and energy, as well as money, to the good cause.

The Joint Committee have discovered by this time that they made a mistake in supposing that by putting up the Secretaries as whipping boys they were making a "concession" which would be either useful or popular. Bro. J. C. Parkinson's anecdote of Artemus Ward was strictly to the point, and may be meditated over with advantage by these guileless advocates of vicarious sacrifice. It was in the height of the American war, that the humourist declared publicly that every true patriot must be prepared to make sacrifices for the State, and that he, for his part, was ready to offer up all his wife's relations on the altar of his country. A Joint Committee composed of House Committeemen which carefully preserved the constitutions of the House Committees intact, and even exempted the Collectorships from the conditions to which they had no hesitation in submitting the Secretaries, furnishes too complete an analogy to the American story to be readily forgotten. The anecdote exactly hit the temper of the meeting, and the next time any select Masonic Committee submits propositions for protecting itself, and for jeopardising the interests of other people, it will be met (as Bro. John Symonds was at the meeting, when he explained with much ability and good humour how necessary it was to make some "concession," and how utterly impracticable it would be to have provincial brethren on the House Committees), with pleasant laughter and jocose cries of "Artemus Ward!" "Artemus Ward!"

THE FESTIVAL OF THE MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Masonic Benevolent Festival was held on Friday, the 7th inst., when Bro. Major Creaton, P.G.D., the Chairman, presided. The accounts were submitted and passed; and a debate followed upon the confusion which prevailed on the night of the festival with respect to the hats and coats of the brethren present. Explanations were tendered, but considerable dissatisfaction was expressed; and it seemed clear, from the statements made, that the arrangements had been far from perfect. After votes of thanks had been passed to Bro. Major Creaton, as Chairman, and Bro. Joshua Nunn, as Treasurer of the Board, Bro. J. C. Parkinson rose to propose a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Thomas Fenn for the excellent and careful manner in which they had superintended and carried out the arrangements for the reception of the Prince of Wales and the other distinguished visitors, on the night of the festival. After expressing warm acknowledgments to those brethren, and his satisfaction at having so pleasant a duty entrusted to him, Bro. Parkinson added that it was with deep regret he had an announcement to make to his brother Stewards, which he felt sure would fall upon them as disagreeably as it had done on him. It appeared that, in addition to these legitimate Directors of Ceremonies, there had been another and self-appointed Director, who had comported himself with so much rudeness to a distinguished brother at the Prince of Wales's table, that his conduct had been, in Bro. Parkinson's hearing, made the subject of in dignant complaint. This particular Steward had peremptorily, and in the rudest way, ordered the brother in question out of his seat; and had

conducted himself with so much obtrusive fussiness as to make his behaviour a reflection upon the whole Board of Stewards. Bro. Parkinson added that as he had not the aggrieved brother's permission to mention the matter officially, he did not feel justified in giving his name to the meeting, but would be willing to communicate it privately to the Chairman. He might add, however, that the brother who had been subjected to this indignity (and it was the offensive and hectoring manner which had been complained of far more than the specific act, was one honoured by the personal friendship of the Prince of Wales, and that an insult to him was in effect an insult to his Royal Highness, at whose table he sat. Bro. Parkinson concluded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Thomas Fenn for their invaluable assistance and unflinching courtesy, and with an expression of his personal annoyance that their efforts should have been supplemented so unworthily by some brother who had by his unseemly officiousness brought discredit upon the whole Board of Stewards. After the vote had been carried unanimously, several brethren spoke upon the unpleasant incident brought to their knowledge by Bro. Parkinson, and an earnest desire was expressed to discover the offender. Eventually it was agreed to leave the investigation of the matter in the hands of the Chairman, Bro. Major Creaton, with power to take such steps as he should think fit, after conferring with Bro. Parkinson.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

(Continued.)

Bro. Horace Lloyd moved that this report be received and entered on the minutes. After pre-facing his motion by observing that this form was more convenient than the old one—"that this report be adopted"—he said that at the former meeting he congratulated the brethren on the brevity of the report. The present one, however, was long, but it dealt with four subjects of great importance. The rent of the Tavern was a subject on which he intended to found a substantive motion, and therefore he would not say anything on that. The matter of "irregular dispensation" had been sufficiently explained on the face of the report, but the subject of "the exclusion of members by lodges was of such great importance that he trusted he might be allowed to explain in a few words what the result of the Board's deliberations had been. It would be in the remembrance of Grand Lodge that their question had been referred to the Board of General Purposes; and he would venture to remind Grand Lodge that the word "exclusion" was a technical phrase, which was prescribed for Freemasons by the Book of Constitutions. That book drew a distinction between "the expulsion of a member from Masonry," which rested wholly in the power of Grand Lodge, so that not even the Grand Master could do anything upon it, and the exclusion of member by his own lodge. It was suggested that at present the power of exclusion was not sufficiently extensive, that some alteration was desired on the subject, and the whole matter was, without any selection, left to the consideration of the Board. He begged his hon. friend who had brought forward the subject (Bro. Stebbing) to believe him when he said that the Board approached the question with feelings of grave responsibility, and deliberated on it with the greatest attention, and with an earnest desire to do what was right. It must be obvious to that brother what a difficult duty they had to perform, and the members of the Board who were now present would bear him out when he said that on two different occasions it was under their consideration, and that the conclusion at which they arrived was an unanimous one. That unanimity was not the unanimity of a flock of sheep following a leader, but, whereas, there was at first a difference of opinion, careful consideration of the matter produced the conclusion they had now come to. Their first duty had been to see how the matter stood, and what the Book of Constitutions provided on the subject. On one point they found it made special provisions, and this was to be found in clause 20, at pp. 67 and 68, which dealt with an express charge—contumely in open lodge. A

brother who will not obey the Master in calling to order a second and a third time at last is to be dealt with for that persistent disobedience. Upon all that the Book of Constitutions was clear; but he, (Bro. Lloyd), agreed with Bro. Stebbing, that if that were all the Book of Constitutions provided it would leave untouched many cases. With all possible care that was exercised the Board found some one was occasionally introduced into lodges who was not worthy to be a member. In the first instance, such member was worthy, but being capable of sliding back from a better position to a worse, if he did so that would not be sufficient to cause his expulsion. The Board had come to the conclusion that there was nothing to prevent a lodge taking power by its bye-laws to exclude him; but, further than that, they did not see that the Book of Constitutions authorised anyone to go. There was an express provision, and he would call particular attention to this, as it had a very important bearing on what they were going to consider. On page 32 it was said that if the Grand Master should be satisfied that any brother be illegally or without sufficient cause,—those were the words,—excluded from any of his Masonic functions or privileges by a private lodge or other authority, he may order him to be reinstated, and may also suspend till the next Quarterly Communication the lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with his order. And a similar power was given to a Provincial Grand Master. Now, whatever power was intended to be so given, it was not intended that a private lodge should have the power of excluding a brother without sufficient cause. The Constitution gave an injured brother an appeal to the Grand Master, and the Grand Master in such a case has power to reinstate him in his Masonic position. Now, between those two points the Board had had to consider how the matter stood, and the conclusion they had come to was that in their opinion the present provisions of the Book of Constitutions conferred adequate powers on private lodges for excluding members upon sufficient cause, and so thoroughly by their bye-laws that the Board considered the present state of the law was satisfactory.

Then, how did the matter stand as to bye-laws; what provision could a lodge make by its bye-laws for dealing with this matter? Then, again, the Book of Constitutions was perfectly clear. Every lodge had the power of framing bye-laws for its government, provided they were not inconsistent with the laws of Grand Lodge. On this the Board had come to the conclusion that there was no doubt at all that a lodge had the power of framing bye-laws under which it should exclude a member. Was that a satisfactory solution, or would it be better that some general law should be framed attempting to define what was "sufficient cause?" The Board had thought it better to leave the matter elastic. It was rather for the lodge itself to determine how it would deal with the question of exclusion, and therefore the members of the Board were disposed so to leave it. But upon the other hand, they thought it would only open the door to private piques and quarrels if the bye-laws in this respect were not hedged round with some safeguards to prevent too great laxity in this matter. The Board therefore recommended that it would be desirable that lodges should be permitted to include in their bye-laws, as framed under Sec. 5 on page 63, one authorising the exclusion of members for sufficient cause on condition that every such bye-law shall provide for the member complained of receiving due notice of the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, shall give the power of exclusion only to a majority of not less than two-thirds of the brethren present, and shall state on its face the right of appeal against exclusion if illegal or without sufficient cause.

As to giving notice, that was already provided for in page 68. It was only necessary that it should be on the bye-laws that a brother should know what his position was. As to the majority of two-thirds, that was the exact majority Bro. Stebbing had proposed. As to the right of appeal, it existed already, and was given by the Book of Constitutions, but it was well known that all the provisions of that book were not within the knowledge of all the members of

lodges at the time it was necessary to recall them by those who were enforcing them. But the brother against whom action might be taken should know where he might go for redress, and that should be brought prominently before him. He hoped that this easy solution of the question would be satisfactory to Bro. Stebbing. It was true it would not permit a lodge to exclude a member for a fanciful reason; it would not permit a lodge to exclude a member for some of the faults suggested last meeting, because he eat with his knife instead of his fork, or spilt his soup, or was overstrict in enforcing the exact Masonic law on most inopportune occasions; but he ventured to say that that was a grievance for which they must go to the Book of Constitutions to find out what was a sufficient cause. "Sufficient cause" was used in that book, and it meant a cause which was a substantial grievance to a lodge. Still, the right of appeal existed in any case; but, depend upon it, no man who felt himself in the wrong would ever exercise the right of appeal, and no one would succeed in such an appeal unless he could show that his exclusion was frivolous or fanciful. He hoped this would settle the question, and that he would satisfy Bro. Stebbing, who, in his reply on the last occasion, thought that he was treated with somewhat of discourtesy. This he (Bro. Lloyd) did not intend; but he had a duty to perform as President of the Board of General Purposes, and he had done it. He did not speak for the other members, but only for himself. He was, however, sure that Bro. Stebbing could not have thought he meant personal discourtesy to him, who was an old and distinguished and energetic Freemason, and also was a brother to whom they were all deeply indebted for that splendid building in which they were then assembled—a most active and valuable member of the Building Committee. (Cheers.)

The Acting Grand Master having put the motion for the entry of the report of the Board on the minutes,

Bro. Stebbing said it was not his intention to raise a discussion on this matter then; it would be better, as it had been raised at former Grand Lodge, and had been considered by the Board, not to deal with it now. He might venture to bring it forward again in some way or other when the brethren were educated up to the point from their own and their friends' sufferings in lodges, and they were anxious that they should be remedied. He thanked the President of the Board for his courtesy and acknowledged it with gratitude; and although he had certainly felt hurt at the time the observations of Bro. Lloyd were made, he assured him that the irritation had passed away before he went to bed. There was this advantage in the discussion that had taken place—it had taught the brethren that they had no more power in their bye-laws than they had supposed they possessed, and he hoped the brethren would feel they could now take a wide range as to the treatment of disagreeable brethren by making bye-laws more applicable than it had been thought they had power to do before. The circumstance of the words "sufficient cause" having been dwelt on so especially by the President of the Board was significant in removing a difficulty they had all felt. They knew they must specify a particular law that had been broken, and this removed much of the difficulty that existed previously; but with regard to the special report, he must remind the President of the Board that what they proposed to do was a restriction on the previous condition of the law rather than an extension of the power he (Bro. Stebbing) had proposed should be given to private lodges. He had proposed that two-thirds majority of members should be necessary to exclude; but he did this as a counteracting power to prevent the exclusion of a member without giving a reason for doing so. When they took this ingredient out, they took out that which was against him, but they gave nothing which was in his favour, which reminded him of the old saying, "thank you for nothing." However, as he had said it was not his intention to proceed with the matter that night, he hoped to approach the President at some other time with a solution of the difficulty, and he would have an opportunity in the meantime of ascertaining the feelings of brethren by visiting

lodges. He had in his pocket a host of letters all clamouring for the change he had proposed, and when he should press upon the Board the matter, the President would perhaps see how desirable it was to deal with the matter.

In answer to Bro. John Symonds, Bro. Horace Lloyd said he thought the Book of Constitutions might advantageously contain some clause showing what the powers of lodges were, and he would be glad to take the duty of bringing the subject before the Board.

After a few words from Bro. Brackstone Baker, the Acting Grand Master put the motion, and it was carried *nem con.*

Bro. Horace Lloyd then moved the adoption of that part of the Board's report which recommended a reduction of the Tavern Company's rent.

Bro. Brackstone Baker moved an amendment "that the report of the Board be referred back to the Board to consider whether the rent should not be continued at £1200 a year until the shareholders of the Tavern Company receive 5 per cent. interest on their shares." (The amendment was received with roars of laughter.) Bro. Baker thought the laughter proved the reasonableness of his proposition, because it evinced the general belief of how long it would be before there was a dividend.

Bro. Bridges seconded the amendment, and was followed by a few words from Bro. James Mason; but the amendment was lost, and the original motion carried.

Bro. Horace Lloyd moved the "Additional Clerk" clause of the report, and said that the extra work entailed on Grand Secretary's office, by the great increase in the number of lodges, all of which seemed very fond of consuming paper and stationery, was enormous. The office was overworked now even with extra clerks, which it was not desirable to have, and an additional permanent clerk at £100 a year was wanted. As the Craft was thriving and prosperous, and the work of Grand Secretary's office was very well done, he hoped the recommendation would be carried.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., seconded the motion, and took occasion to remark that having seen a great deal of the working of the office he could say with confidence that the zeal, industry, and ability therein displayed were not to be surpassed. The staff of officers were not sufficient to carry it out properly, and he had much pleasure in seconding the recommendation of the Board.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The report of Bro. R. P. Harding, auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements, during the year 1872, was then read by Grand Secretary, and on Bro. McIntyre's motion it was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

In compliance with the report of a special meeting of the governors and subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 7th day of January, 1873, the rules of that Institution were unanimously altered by providing that male pensioners should have their annuities increased to £36 instead of £26, and female pensioners should have an increase to £28 instead of £25.

Bro. Matthew Cooke had the following motion on the agenda paper, but he not being present, it was not brought on:—

"To add to Section 6 of the Board of General Purposes," Book of Constitutions, page 109, small edition, after the words "by the authority of the President," "every meeting of the Board is open to the Craft, and any brother may, on the production of his Grand Lodge certificate, attend, but shall take no part whatever in the matters under discussion or adjudication."

Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D., moved—

"That the sum of £40 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the remainder of the winter season, the sum previously granted having been expended, owing to the increased price of coals."

He said that the price of coals had so much

increased this season that the usual sum which was granted by Grand Lodge for the purpose of purchasing them for the Benevolent Institution was exhausted. Last year they were paying sums of £6 4s., £6 8s., and £6 13s., where they were now paying £9 15s. 5d., £9 16s., £9 12s. 3d., £9 4s. 10d., £13 4s., which swallowed up the whole £50 granted. He therefore came to ask for another £40, and he did not think he would have to ask in vain.

The motion was seconded and immediately carried.

Bro. William Smith, P.G. Steward and P.M. No. 26. moved, that it be an instruction from the Grand Lodge to the Board of General Purposes to consider the following alteration with respect to the subscription payable by members of private lodges, and as to the registry of their names as continuing subscribing Members in the books of Grand Lodge; to make the necessary alterations in the Book of "Constitutions," to give effect to such alterations, and that the President of the Board of General Purposes do report to the next regular Quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge what the Board has done here anent:—viz., That any Member of a Private Lodge on his removal from the neighbourhood in which the lodge is held, or when, in the opinion of the lodge, for any other good and sufficient cause he is unable to attend its meetings, but being desirous to continue a Member thereof, such Member may, upon a Vote duly carried in open lodge, compound for his being continued as a Member upon the Books of the lodge for life, and be returned to Grand Lodge as a Life Member on his paying the sum of £ to the funds of the said lodge, the interest whereof shall, at the rate of five per centum per annum, be more than sufficient to pay the Quarterage to the Fund of Benevolence of Grand Lodge (as also to the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund when in a Province), and leave a marginal sum beyond to represent a beneficial interest therein for the Private Lodge.

The sum to be paid under this clause for such Life Membership to be not less than £10, but such larger sum as the Board of General Purposes may agree upon and fix.

The motion met with a great deal of support and several brethren spoke on it, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, R. T. Spiers, Reginald Bird, (W.M. Appolo University Lodge, Oxford); and Colonel Whitwell, being among the number.

In conclusion it was referred to the Board of General Purposes to report upon it next Quarterly Communication.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

A quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on Friday, December 27th, 1872.

The District Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman, occupied the throne, and was represented by Bro. David Locke as Dist. Deputy Grand Master, and a goodly attendance of his District Grand Officers and representatives from nearly every lodge in the district.

The District Grand Lodge having been opened, and apologies read from several District Grand Officers and other absent members of District Grand Lodge, the minutes of the previous communication were read and confirmed.

The District Grand Master then delivered a lengthened address, in which he referred to numerous important topics, amongst others the backwardness of certain lodges paying their dues; the lukewarm support accorded by the brethren to the efforts of literary brethren in their efforts at the diffusion of Masonic knowledge, hoping, however, that want of financial success would not lead to a separation of the "Bengal Masonic Diary." He was prompted to say a word in advocacy of the local Masonic publication, "The Bombay Masonic Magazine." This is at present edited every month by a brother who labours nearly single-handed at his task. It is a matter of great importance that they should have a periodical in this large district as a means of communication on Masonic matters, to the

general improvement of those who are interested in their advancement; and he would be glad to hear that lodges and brethren came forward more readily with subscriptions in money and contributions in writing to support the editor, whose great anxiety is to establish on a permanent footing and a larger scale what he has so energetically taken in hand. He would, therefore, commend the periodical to the favourable notice of the brethren. The important legacy was the Bengal Masonic Association, which had prospered beyond his first expectations. After an existence of only three and a half years, it was supporting and educating four children, and had an invested capital of £2000.

He would take this opportunity, which might probably be his last, of offering an acknowledgment of his heartfelt thanks to those Masonic officers who have shared his labours in the District Grand Lodge. In the second place, he wished to address a word to those brethren who may feel that has in any way injured them by word or by deed during my long tenure of office. He put aside any hypocritical pretension of supposing that there can be none such, for it would be impossible to hold so high an office for any length of time without aggrieving somebody. To such, however, he would like to say with conscientious assurance that he had never wilfully or intentionally grieved any one, his sole and earnest desire having been to work fairly, fearlessly, and impartially for the good of the brotherhood, and that in every action he has endeavoured to put aside everything approaching to personal feeling. He could conscientiously say that there was not a brother in the Craft in India towards whom he was not kindly and affectionately disposed, and he should be grieved to think that this feeling is not, as he felt convinced it would be reciprocated.

Although leaving India, he freely might still be permitted to keep up an active interest in Masonry, and so long as it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to continue to him the blessings of health and strength they might depend upon him as an earnest advocate in every matter connected with the advancement of our Great Order in the East.

He would not yet bid farewell, because he hoped to be frequently among them before he left India; but he thought it proper to address them in the terms of a farewell, as in all probability he might have left India before the District Grand Lodge next meets in March, and in so doing he would ask them ever to be firm and true in their allegiance to Freemasonry; she has conferred upon us all great privileges, and it is our bounden duty, in conformity with our obligations, to endeavour to the best of our ability to make a return for those privileges by supporting the Institution, obeying her laws, and observing her precepts.

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes was read and approved.

It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the thanks of the District Grand Lodge be given to those brethren and lodges who had subscribed to replace the money recently lost to the Fund of Benevolence by the death of the Treasurer.

The Report of the Fund of Benevolence was presented. The Committee recommended an increased payment by lodges to the fund.

The Report of the Bengal Masonic Association was presented, which showed a falling off in the income.

An address and jewel were presented to Bro. Capt. Murray, District Grand Secretary, from the W.M. and brethren of Lodge Chute Nagpore, No. 1352, as a token of esteem and gratitude for the assistance he had rendered in the establishment of the lodge.

Bro. Compton, Dist. G. Organist, gave notice that at the next meeting of District Grand Lodge he should move that a Select Committee be appointed to meet and confer on the best scheme to be adopted for obtaining premises, either by building, on a joint-stock principle, or otherwise, a temple or lodge for Masonic purposes in Calcutta.

Bro. J. H. Turner addressed the District Grand Master, and begged to be informed whether in the case of a Hindoo becoming a Mason, he should be obligated on the Volume of the Sacred

Law, or merely on his conscience. He added that one of the brethren present had merely been obligated on his conscience, and that as he considered this a departure from the landmarks of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry, he begged to be informed as to the precise nature of the landmark in point.

The District Grand Master replied that if Bro. Turner had any cause of complaint against any brother for a departure from the established landmarks, he should submit such complaint through a proper channel, and promised that it should be duly investigated, and orders passed thereon.

A collection was then made for the "Fund of Benevolence," and the amount announced by the District Grand Secretary to be Rs. 153-4.

There being no further business to be brought forward, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 8.45 p.m.

BRO. HOLMES' LECTURE ON THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

By LUPUS.

Bro. Holmes has experienced the great honour of retaining in his possession the original of this "protest," this documentary scare-crow, written in questionable French, instead of pure Italian, from an indefinite date until a recent period, and this great enjoyment appears to have so far encouraged and emboldened our brother's wrathful mind as to induce his betrayal into statements (as unsupported as ever) which I think may reasonably excuse the expression of some amount of controversial indignation on my part. Bro. Holmes has unblushingly asserted that the great and good Prince Albert, in honouring the Roman Council by accepting their Grand Cross, repudiated the *Langue* of England, and this statement I deliberately characterize as an untrue, unworthy, and utterly unwarrantable assertion. Albert the Good did the council at Rome the honour to accept their Cross *before* England had the great happiness to receive him on her shores, before he ever heard of the revived *langue*, and nearly twenty years before the date of this insidious and tricky "document from Rome." The English *langue* was brought under the distinct notice of Prince Albert in the year 1861, and received from him an amount of consideration which was perfectly satisfactory to its members, who have full reason to love and revere his memory. When Bro. Holmes, to repay borrowed aid, thus ventures on statements which neither he, or any of his allies, can substantiate, his zeal betrays him into gratuitous and gross injustice, and he adopts a position which his best friends will hardly say is not one of unmitigated folly.

Bro. Holmes takes upon himself to say that the late Prince "was particularly anxious to be admitted into this Order, and applied to the Pope, since being a Protestant (technically a heretic) he was *dehors* the regular of the Order." What does this mean? What does Bro. Holmes know about the particular desires of our lamented Prince at the period before his marriage with our gracious Queen? or since? I know that when the Grand Bailli Ferretti was occupied in negotiations with the Council in London, for an alliance then proposed, he expressed high satisfaction that Prince Albert held the Cross of the Order, treated the circumstance as a matter of congratulation to the Roman Council, and with much delight exhibited the original letters of the Prince, and his elder brother, acknowledging and accepting the decoration. Does Brother Holmes know more of the private circumstances than did this chosen representative of the Roman Council upwards of thirty years since?

I much regret that Bro. Holmes has imported these questions of religious influence into the subject, but I conclude he was so far driven to extremity that this was the sole argument left upon which he could make a last faint struggle. And yet it is a singular resource for a zealous Freemason, whose historic knowledge must tell

him of the fulminations against his own charitable Craft contained in Papal bulls, extending over a considerable period. I had no intention to refer to the religious question, and, although forced upon me, I hope I may be able to avoid offending the convictions of those who differ from myself.

Your readers must not be led away by the attempt which has been made to induce an inference that the Pope's dispensation is necessary to every transaction of the Order of St. John which involves the infusion of a faith, deemed from the Papal point of view to be "heretic." No such dispensation was implored by the Knights in Russia who elected the Emperor Paul; no such sanction was thought indispensable by the Knights of Catania, Ferrara and Rome, the sole fountain whence springs the Council now, apparently, so willing to deliver up the trust they claim to hold.

That the Knights of St. John, originally, and when guided by the Constitution of the brotherhood of St. Augustine, were under the control of the Pope is fully true, but we know that the holy and enlightened Paschall II. "soon freed them from all ecclesiastical jurisdiction and left them *entirely to their own*:" he was a "Vicar of Christ," and infallible, and how shall his decree be set at naught by "true sons of the Church?" That extravagant pretensions to intermeddle in the affairs of the Order of St. John, and most eager and longing restlessness to steal a march on its independence and bring its sovereignty under the Papal thumb, has been longingly exhibited by successive Pontiffs is quite true, but it is as true that these efforts, though meeting with some amount of success, were constantly opposed by the Knights; and an early writer on Malta, tells us that "when the Grand Master dies they suffer no vessel to go out of the island 'till another is chosen, lest the Pope should interfere in their election." Do we not know that the virtuous and inspired Pius VI., "approved the association of the Russian Knights of the Greek Church with the Order of Malta?" and is it not a plain and well known fact that numbers of Englishmen, Germans, Russians and others, all schismatics, according to Papal estimate, received the Cross of the Order at Malta? Was any dispensation *then* asked for?

The Pope has the privilege, by convention with the Order, of appointing the Prior of Rome; but even those who most strongly favour the influence of the Pontiff, and who have made themselves acquainted with the history of the Order, will say that the Papal brief is required only to enable the Roman Catholic branches to dispense with certain things which were originally confirmed by Papal bull.

If the modern Roman Council has abandoned (for themselves and their own local action) the independent principles and position maintained by the totality of the Order in its original integrity, (freed by Paschal II. from all ecclesiastical jurisdiction) as proved by its pulic acts, and the writings of de Boisgelin and Taafe, and chooses to lay their share of the Order at the feet of the Pope, this cannot, and will not destroy the facts of history; nor render the other branches who adhere to old principles, less legal when they pursue their own course, and follow the brighter example of leaders who had the wide experience of the whole Order, and who were certainly not less wise in their generation. The Roman Council must accept the responsibility of setting at naught the edict of Paschal the second, and of defying the decree of the inspired Pius the sixth, whose opinion was based on the religion of love and toleration; but the Roman Council is not "the Order of St. John," its acts are not the statutes of the fraternity, nor does its sacrifice of independent principles require a similar departure from ancient landmarks by other branches of the Order as lawful as their own.

Brother Holmes takes upon himself to say that certified copies (certified be it observed by "the simple Knight of the Order and nothing more") of the scare-crow, "were sent to Prince Albert and the Lord Chamberlain so that the persons against whom it was directed (the body under the Duke of Manchester)"—observe the

pleasing solicitude with which this parenthesis is inserted—"should not wear spurious decorations at Court;" and Bro. Holmes tells us that "they each and all acknowledged the receipt." Astounding circumstance! What a misfortune they did no *more*; and what a fact that they could not do *less*. Bro. Holmes set out with a light heart, bold pen, and glib tongue too, but he has experienced fatal reverses in this small fight, as is not unfrequently the fate of reckless assailants, and must have been blind (when he talks of "spurious decorations") to the gross impropriety of a statement which is superlatively untrue, and which courtesy and good taste should have prevented his importing into a discussion unprovoked on my part, and unwarrantable on his.

The badge of the Order of St. John is as honourable, and far from spurious as any distinction ever possessed by the Chivalry of Europe; it marks not only the knightly character of the patriarchs of these aristocratic fraternities, but tells of the beneficent deeds to which was devoted one of the most remarkable associations in the annals of all time. If we could believe that Bro. Holmes's wild assertion was founded on fact, how much should we admire the tender, ay, touching solicitude of the signatories of the scare-crow, that the ceremonial observances of the British Court should be shielded from the insidious encroachments of "heretics," who dared, then, alas even as now, not only to claim, but to occupy place, as members of the Order in England; but unhappily this feeble fiction is utterly extinguished by the stronger fact, that the decoration of the Order could *not* be worn at Court by Englishmen who had not received permission for the purpose, and that as a consequence no such anxious interference was necessary. There were then, and are now, certain troublesome regulations of the Foreign Office, with which perhaps our brother is unacquainted, prohibiting the wearing, by a British subject, of *any* decoration not received under Royal licence. The English advisers of M.M. de Gozze and Spada were better up to these facts than Bro. Holmes, so that these gentlemen cannot be accorded credit for the solicitude with which Bro. Holmes would invest them.

The badge of the Order of St. John in England has ever stood in the same position as a foreign decoration, inasmuch as it is not conferred by the Crown, and it may suffice to inform Bro. Holmes that neither the Duke of Manchester nor Sir George Bowyer, can without special licence wear, in the presence of the Sovereign, either the decoration of any foreign Power, or the badge of an Order, which, although unbroken in its succession and autonomous, has not, since its attempted suppression in England by Henry VIII and Elizabeth, been, as yet, officially recognised within these realms.

Every document must be tested by its analyzed contents, and if Bro. Holmes is instructed to put this scare-crow forward in the hope that it will be accepted as proof of the invalidity of the English *langue*, his friends, and himself, will be greatly mistaken. Your readers will be unable to discover in its most cautious wording *one single syllable* which can impeach the lawful position of the Order in England. It is a declaration that the "honourable" (and self-elected) "society," styling itself "the Sacred Council," had nothing to do *originally* with the English *langue*, has taken no part since in its construction and composition; has no share in its objects, and that all persons called Knights of St. John, who do not pay obedience to the honourable and self-elected body at Rome are "legally ignored." This is what the document *does* contain, and *nothing more*; but I have imparted to your readers a few facts which it does *not* contain (and shall probably offer them a few others), which are as great facts as that every kingdom in Europe *recognizes the present* Order of St. John as valid branches of its venerable chivalry in States which are *not* enumerated in the protest, and where, consequently, its existence should come within the boastful, weak, and feeble ban by which they are all "legally ignored." Let your readers judge of the gross presumption of the concoctors of this protest who, after a

smiling acceptance of the Emperor Paul as Grand Master, humbly swallowing all the circumstances of his election, and parading his portrait in official engravings of the Grand Masters, whilst they omit that of the unfortunate, but last lawful, Grand Master Hompesch, turn upon the memory of Paul, dead and gone, and with unparalleled ingratitude "legally ignore" the Priorities he founded and endowed. And this is the precious "document from Rome," by which we are now asked to gauge the truth of the English *langue*, the lawful Sixth *langue* of the Order of St. John: which has not been suppressed by English law, since its revival on the 2nd of April, 1557: which has always been treated at the chéfen as existent, and the revival of which to a state of activity in its own nation was deemed imperative when that chéfen no longer existed, and was accordingly effected by a representation of the great majority of five out of the seven other *langues*, at the very first moment after the arch enemy of the Order had met his doom and the Knights of France could once more freely breathe. With this revival the honorable society at Rome had no "organic" connection, but the honorable society did not think it necessary to advance the fact by way of objection when informed in due course that the revival had occurred, and it must therefore be the natural inference that the predecessors of the present Roman Council had no objection to make, and knew full well that the action of this great majority of the Order was perfectly lawful. Throughout years of correspondence with the French *langue*, as well as with the Order in England the Roman Council has had full opportunity to dispute the legality of the latter branch. It has *never* done so, nor is there one paragraph in this most cautious "protest" which impeaches the English *langue* any more than the branch of the Order in Austria, with which the honorable society at Rome can with equal truth say that it "has no organic connection."

(To be continued.)

Obituary.

MASONIC FUNERAL of BRO. SAMUEL WITTEY, D.P.G.M. of WILTSHIRE.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., the D.P.G.M. for Wiltshire, Bro. Samuel Wittey, who was a Solicitor, fell dead in the Assize Courts, at Devizes, whilst in the active exercise of his profession. He had been suffering for some time from weak action of the heart, and had been under medical treatment for the complaint, but did not seem worse than he had done for some time previously, except that he complained of his breath failing him somewhat if he took more than usually active exertion; but he had, we understand, on the morning of his sudden death, walked up from his residence at Rowde, and had been actively engaged in the personal superintendence of those cases in which he was concerned.

Happening to leave the Court at a period when he supposed his presence would not be required for some time, a case in which he was concerned was unexpectedly called on in his absence, and he was sent for by direction of Mr. Justice Grove. Of course he at once hurried back to the Court, and proceeded to put his case in train for hearing, but it was noticed by those present, who saw him enter the Court, that he seemed completely "done" and hardly able to articulate. After a few moments he was seen to put his hand to his heart and rise from his seat, and, turning to some one near he requested him to get a glass of water. It was sent for immediately, but almost before the words left his mouth he staggered back and fell into the arms of Mr. Norris, the barrister whom he had instructed, who supported his head upon his knee for the very few minutes he survived, and then assisted in conveying his remains to one of the waiting

rooms. Mr. Langdon, *M.R.C.S.*, was sent for, and lost no time in attending, but deceased must have been dead, or at his last gasp, before he arrived, as he was not able to get him to swallow the brandy and water which he administered. Of course the Court was in confusion, and everybody in a state of excitement, but fortunately Bro. the Rev. W. S. Oake, vicar of Rowde, happened to be present, in fact was the last person who met Mr. Wittey's eye as he fell backwards, and he immediately hastened to break the painful shock to Mrs. Wittey, and arrived in time to prevent its being abruptly communicated to her.

An inquest was held before Mr. H. K. Norris, the borough coroner, in the Nisi Prius Court, the same evening at 6 p.m., when after hearing the evidence of Mr. Norris, the barrister, and Mr. Langdon, and after a few moments consultation, the jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes," which the coroner interpreted as "Death from apoplexy by the visitation of God."

The deceased was not only D.P.G.M. of the Province of Wiltshire, but he also held the distinguished office of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for the same province.

He was one of the founders of the Devizes Lodge of Freemasons (the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663), and one of its earliest Masters.

Bro. J. H. Chandler, the present W.M. of that Lodge, of which the deceased had continued a member to his death, on hearing of the sad event and finding that Bro. Wittey had frequently expressed a wish that he might be lowered to his last resting place with due Masonic ceremonial, at once applied for a dispensation for that purpose, and invited the whole of the lodges of Wiltshire to unite with his own in complying with the expressed wishes of Bro. Wittey, and paying the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit.

The esteem and regard with which the deceased had inspired the brethren, were such that, notwithstanding the very short notice and the very unpromising state of the weather, the invitation was promptly responded to by nearly 70, including amongst them some of the most distinguished members of the fraternity. Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire, and Sir Daniel Gooch, who fills the like office in the neighbouring province of Berks and Bucks, and who was also Bro. Wittey's predecessor in the office which the latter held at his death, were both unavoidably prevented from being present.

The brethren in full Masonic craft costume, but with their badges and emblems covered with crape, assembled in their lodge-room at the Town Hall, Devizes, at 2 o'clock p.m., on Monday the 3rd inst., when the lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Chandler, the W.M.; who in a few appropriate words alluded to the melancholy circumstance which had caused him to invite them to meet here that day, and called upon the Secretary, Bro. Nott, to read the dispensation for a public Masonic funeral which had been granted by the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Methuen. This having been done, the W.M. claimed the attention of the brethren to the Chaplain of the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chap. England, who thus proceeded:—

Chaplain.—If a man die shall he live again.

Response.—The dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit to God who gave it.

Chaplain.—When he dieth shall he carry anything away with him.

Response.—He brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that he can carry nothing out.

Chaplain.—The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Response.—God is our God for ever and ever, he will be our Guide and support through the dark valley of the shadow of death.

Chaplain.—Our Brother has been called from labour in the Lodge terrestrial, and is gone we trust to partake of the Divine refreshment in Paradise. Let us remember his virtues, the benevolent spirit which he manifested, the offerings which he made upon the altar of Charity, whereby the needy were supported, the distressed comforted,

the widows woes assuaged and the orphans' tears dried up. Let us behold in the precepts of our holy religion and in the sublime teachings of our Masonic Craft those principles which led him to adore T.G.A.O.T.U. and to love his fellow men which taught him how to live and how to die. And since, in obedience to the Heavenly mandate, he is now gone forth from us, may the recollection of his virtues be cherished in our hearts, and have a salutary influence on the lives of us who remain.

And now let us say beloved brother, farewell, farewell, till we meet thee with a lasting embrace in the Grand Lodge above where the Supreme Grand Master for ever presides—reigns God Almighty.

And now Almighty and most merciful Father, who we adore as the Sovereign Lord of Worlds, of Time and of Eternity, who rulest the destinies of all Thy creatures. Since it has pleased Thee to remove from us one dear to our hearts and a distinguished brother in our Craft; we beseech Thee to bless and sanctify to us this dispensation of Thy Providence. Inspire our hearts with wisdom from on high, that we may glorify Thee in all Thy ways. May we realize that Thine All-seeing Eye is now upon us, and be influenced by the spirit of truth and love to perfect obedience, that so we may hope for Thy blessing here below. And when our toils on earth are ended may we rest from our labours among the blessed dead whose works do follow them, and when the last and Supreme Grand Lodge is opened may we be raised to unfading light and immortal life in thy everlasting kingdom, when Faith and Hope shall end, and Love and Joy prevail through eternal ages.

To Thee, O Righteous Father! G.A.O.T.U. be ascribed all honour and glory, dominion and power, both now and for evermore.

The W.M. afterwards adjourned the lodge to the residence of the deceased at Rowde, some three miles distance, whither they were conveyed in carriages.

On leaving the house there, the funeral procession was formed in the following order:—

Provincial Grand Tyler.
Director of Ceremonies of Lodge 663.
Steward of Lodge 663.
Brethren of other Lodges in the Province two and two in the following order.
Lodge Friendship and Unity, 1271, Bradford-on-Avon.
Lodge of Concord, 632, Trowbridge.
Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, 626, Chippenham.
Lodge Elias de Dereham, 586, Salisbury.
Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, 355, Swindon.
Lodge of Rectitude, 335, Corsham.
The deceased's Lodge, the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, 663, Devizes, as follows:—
Tyler with drawn Sword.
Junior Members of the Lodge, two and two.
The two Deacons.
The two Wardens.
Past Masters of the Lodge.
Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.
Past Master bearing open Bible and Emblems on a black cushion.
The W.M. of the Lodge.
The Chaplain and the Vicar of the Parish.
Tyler with drawn Sword.

Three present and past Prov. G. Wardens as pall bearers.	THE BODY.	Three present and past Prov. G. Wardens as pall bearers.
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On the rich silk velvet pall which covered the coffin were placed in order the various badges of office held by the late Bro. Wittey in Freemasonry, amongst others his collar, apron, and gauntlets as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, his scarf and collar as Prov. Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons, &c., also several very beautiful wreaths of crosses of natural flowers, made for the occasion by friends. The oldest brother of the deceased, Henry Wittey, Esq., of Colchester, followed as chief mourner, the next to him came the Rev. Preb. Kemble, of

Bath, and Mr. Young, relatives, then Rev. Preb. Teale, Rector of Devizes, and the Rev. F. Shum, of Bath, followed by the executor, solicitor, and various friends of the deceased, his chief clerks, &c., &c., and lastly by a number of his fellow townsmen, who fell into the rank as the procession passed out of the house, and thus voluntarily paid the last sad tribute of respect to the remains of the departed. A large crowd of people assembled to witness the impressive ceremony.

The melancholy procession left the house of the deceased in the above order, and on arriving at the entrance to the church the brethren halted, and, opening out to the right and left, allowed the coffin, preceded by the two Rev. brethren officiating and followed by the private mourners, to be borne between them.

The Freemasons then, led by the W. Master immediately in rear of the mourners, followed in inverted order into the Church. On issuing thence, after the completion of the portion of the service there, the junior members of the procession led as at first; when near the vault they halted, and opening out thus allowed the W.M. and the others next him in procession to pass through, and diverging to the right and left take up their positions round the grave, followed by the remainder of the funeral procession.

At the conclusion of the service and before leaving the grave the W.M. of the Devizes Lodge and the other brethren, after him, threw a sprig of Acacia into the grave with the words "Farewell, Brother, mayest thou rest in peace."

The funeral ceremony was most impressively performed by the Vicar of Rowde, Bro. the Rev. W. S. Oke, P.P.G. Chap., Hants, assisted by Bro. Ravenshaw, the musical part being effectively rendered by Bro. Charles Clarke, assisted by an impromptu choir, formed principally from amongst the Freemasons present. Bro. Clarke played the Funeral Anthem, "When the ear heard him," by Handel, as the mournful procession entered the church, and in the service the Psalms were the 39th and 90th, sung to Purcell's single chant in G minor. Whilst the procession was reforming on its way to the grave, Bro. Clarke also played the Dead March in Saul, with thrilling effect.

On leaving the grave the Masonic procession was reformed with the W.M. and other senior brethren in front, and followed the mourners to the house of the deceased, and from thence to the carriages in waiting, in which they were conveyed to the lodge-room, at the Town Hall, Devizes.

On resumption of business there, Bro. Joseph Burt, P.M., as a long standing and intimate friend of the deceased, and as one of the founders of the lodge, and its senior member, claimed the melancholy privilege of calling upon the brethren to express their condolence with the widow of the deceased, in a manner which he felt sure needed no words of his to introduce, he therefore begged to propose the following resolution:—"That the members of this lodge deserve to tender to Mrs. Wittey their profound sympathy and condolence in her grief at the loss of her husband, who in the inscrutable wisdom of the Great Architect of the Universe has been suddenly called from this earthly life. And to record their own extreme sorrow at the melancholy event which has deprived the Freemasons of Wiltshire of one who in every Masonic office he filled endeared himself to his brethren and won their universal esteem and regard."

This resolution was seconded by Bro. W. Biggs, P.M., and the second oldest member of the lodge, and was carried unanimously in solemn silence.

The Rev. Bro. Roach, D.P.G. Chap., Wilts, then addressed the lodge with most touching allusions to the sudden death of Bro. Wittey, and to the lessons and warnings to be drawn therefrom.

After the lodge had been closed down to the first degree, the Rev. Bro. E. O. Roach proposed, and Bro. Horatio Ward, P.M., 586, seconded, a vote which was carried unanimously, expressing the thanks of the various lodges of the province to the W.M. of 663; Bro. J. H. Chandler, for the

opportunity which the thoughtful and well considered action he had taken had given them of attending, leaving their last testimony of respect to the departed.

A vote of thanks was also, on the proposition of Bro. W. Biggs, P.M., seconded by Bro. Parfitt, P.M., 626, unanimously accorded to Bro. William Nott, P.M. and Secretary, who had charge of the arrangements generally for the excellent and decorous manner in which they had been made and carried out.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren departed, evidently much affected by the solemn ceremony in which they had taken part.

Amongst the brethren present on the melancholy occasion were—Robert Stokes, P.M. 586, Prov. S.G.W.; Horatio Ward, P.M. 586, Prov. J.G.W.; Joseph Burt, P.M. 663, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Biggs, P.M. 663, P.G. Sec., Berks and Bucks, P.P.S.G.W.; R. de M. Lawson, P.M. 632, P.P.S.G.W.; Richard Bradford, P.M. 355, P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Treas., who acted as pall-bearers;—and the following other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. J. G. Parfitt, P.M. 626, P.P.S.G.W.; C. W. Wyndham, P.M. and Sec. 586, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.M. and Chap. 663, Past G. Chap., England, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. O. Roach, P.M. 356, Dep. Prov. G. Chap.; T. Graham, P.G. Reg.; E. Turner Payne, Past G.D. England, P.P.G. Reg.; William Nott, P.M. and Sec. 663, P.P.G. Reg.; T. R. Lord, P.M. 335, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Sloane, W.M. 335, P.G.D.C.; T. E. S. Jelly, P.P.D.C.; J. C. Collie, W.M. 1271, P.G.O., and J. H. Chandler, W.M. 663, P.P.G.O. There were also present—Bro. J. M. Shum, P.M. 53, P.S.G.W. Somerset, and the Rev. W. Spraggett, Chaplain of 973. Amongst the members of private lodges, there were present from the Devizes Lodge, No. 663.—Bros. J. H. Chandler, W. M.; Joseph Burt, P.M.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.M. and Chaplain; W. Biggs, P.M.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M. and Treas.; W. Nott, P.M. and Sec.; T. G. O'Reilly, P.M.; Rev. H. Richardson, S.W.; H. I. Ward, J.W.; Thomas Waite, P.M. Dir. of Ceremonies; W. H. Burt, Acting Steward; Dr. Hitchcock, Acting S.D.; John Marsh, J.D.; Captain Sterne, R.V.; T. Ford, W. H. Hill, J. Neate, T. Raymond, H. Howse, &c. The other lodges, in addition to their members who appeared as Provincial Grand Officers, were represented by F. D. Gardiner, &c., from the Corsham Lodge, No. 335; R. Tarrant, P.M.; J. Campbell Maclean, &c., from the Swindon Lodge, No. 355; W. G. Stodart, J.W.; J. Rumbold, S.D., &c., from Salisbury, No. 586; H. J. Howell, &c., from Chippenham, No. 626; J. Berry, P.M.; S. C. Evans, S.D.; H. E. Bishop, J.D.; J. Saxty, J. Saxty, jun., Noah Rogers, W. Collins, &c., from Trowbridge, No. 632; and T. P. Saunders, P.M.; John Brown, S.D.; H. Merrick, Sec.; J. G. Flocks, A. Cochrane, H. Simpson, D. Wiltshire, &c., from the Bradford-on-Avon Lodge, No. 1271.

The Masonic proceedings were under the direction of Bro. J. H. Chandler, W.M. of the Devizes Lodge, and the general arrangements thereof were very ably carried out by Bro. W. Nott, Sec. of that Lodge, and P.P.G.R., kindly assisted by Bro. J. H. Sloane, the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies.

SCOTLAND.

IMPORTANT MEETING of the PROV. GRAND LODGE of AYRSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, 8th March, a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire was held in the Masons' Hall of the Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, for the purpose of considering certain complaints anent recent enactments of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In the unavoidable absence of the P.G. Master Bro. Colonel Mure of Caldwell, the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Captain Smith Neil of Swinridgemuir, presided. The meeting was very largely attended, representatives being present from the most distant parts of the province. The Provincial Grand

office-bearers present were Capt. Neil, D.P.G.M.; D. M. Lyon, P.G.S.W.; Robert Wylie, P.G. Secretary; and J. Whinton, P.G. Treasurer. The following lodges in the province were represented by their respective Masters and Wardens—viz., the Mother Lodge, Kilwinning; St. John Kilwinning, Kilmarnock, 22; Loudon Kilwinning, Newmilns, 51; Navigation, Troon, 86; St. Marnock, Kilmarnock, 109; St. James Kilwinning, Tarbolton, 135; Ayr Operative, 138; St. John Kilwinning, Beith, 157; Thistle and Rose, Stevenston, 169; St. John Kilwinning, Largs, 173; St. Mungo, Mauchline, 179; St. Thomas Muirkirk, 201; St. Clement's Riccarton, 202; St. Paul, Ayr, 204; St. Barnabas, Old Cumnock, 230; St. John, Girvan, 237; Blair, Dalry, 290; Royal Arch, West Kilbride, 314; St. John, New Cumnock, 334; Royal Blues, Kilbirnie, 399; St. Thomas Kilwinning, Dal-mellington, 433; Neptune Kilwinning, Ardrossan, 442; St. John Cathrine, 497; and the Burns' St. Mary, Hurlford. After the lodge was opened according to ancient form, Bro. Captain Neil very ably explained the object of the meeting, and expressed an opinion that there were grievances existing in regard to Grand Lodge proceedings, and called upon the brethren to state them, and offer suggestions for their remedy, and concluded by urging upon the brethren the propriety of taking a more active share in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. D. M. Lyon next made an explanation regarding the representation of the Ayrshire Lodges in the Grand Lodge, showing that out of 750 members of the Grand Lodge, upwards of 300 were resident in Edinburgh, and about 100 in Glasgow, while in Ayrshire the number did not exceed 20. There were 36 lodges in the Ayrshire province, and if they were representing themselves, they could bring to bear about 110 votes on any motion coming before Grand Lodge. He said, numerically speaking, Ayrshire was the largest and the most important province under the Scottish constitution; and concluded by suggesting that, in respect to the importance of the business now being transacted by the Grand Lodge, and the preponderating influence which brethren residing in the province might exercise in the enactments of Grand Lodge, that this provincial Grand Lodge recommend the lodges within its jurisdiction to choose from their resident members brethren to represent them in the Grand Lodge communications.

In response to the invitation of the Acting P.G. Master, Bro. Neil, the brethren gave voluminous expression to their opinions on the matter, and ultimately unanimously adopted a motion to the effect that a committee—consisting of the following brethren—viz., Captain Smith Neil, R. Wylie, D. M. Lyon, H. Shaw, and J. Mackay—be appointed to draw up a petition for presentation to Grand Lodge embodying the sentiments of the meeting, and take the necessary steps for having it presented before the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The brethren before closing the lodge, awarded Captain Neil a cordial vote of thanks for the tact he displayed in the management of the meeting; for notwithstanding the strong feelings expressed regarding the late doings of Grand Lodge, the proceedings were conducted in a very harmonious manner.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AND SUPPER.

On the evening of Friday, the 28 ult. the Sir Knights of No. 3, Conclave, Cambuslang, Glasgow, encamped, to do honour to one of the Sir Knights in the shape of a presentation. Commander William Jarvil in a neat and appropriate speech made the presentation to Depute Commander James Jarvil, who in a few well-chosen sentences returned thanks for the honour done him. Thereafter the Sir Knights formed in order of procession, and marched through the principal parts of the village, headed by a fine instrumental brass band. The procession was rather of an imposing character, the Sir Knights carrying torches. The onlookers evinced much interest in the spectacle, after

promenading for upwards of two hours the Sir Knights returned to their encampment and enjoyed a most excellent supper.

The remainder of the evening was spent most harmoniously by song and sentiment.

CIRCULARS ISSUED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Freemasons' Hall, 98, George St., Edinburgh,
8th February, 1873.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—It is my duty (in the absence of Br. Stewart from serious indisposition) to send you, for the information of your Lodge, the following Enactments of Grand Lodge, passed at the Quarterly Communication held on the 3rd current, viz.—

1st, "On and after the passing of this motion the office of Grand Clerk shall cease, and its duties shall devolve on and be discharged by the Grand Secretary; that the present Grand Clerk shall be conjoined in the office of Grand Secretary with Brother Stewart, as Joint Grand Secretary, and that upon the occurrence of the first vacancy by death or resignation, the joint office shall cease, and the remaining holder of the office shall be sole Grand Secretary till the date of the next annual election, when only one Grand Secretary shall be elected; and that the laws of Grand Lodge, in so far as not coincident with this motion, be repealed."

2nd, "All Lodges holding of this Grand Lodge, whether represented or not by their Master and Wardens, shall be compelled to pay the Fees exigible for representation in Grand Lodge on the 24th June annually, if not paid by their representatives previously."

With reference to the first, the Grand Lodge having done me the honour to promote me to the position of Joint Grand Secretary, it will be part of my duty (as it shall be my earnest endeavour) in the discharge of my office to Grand Lodge, carefully to attend to and promote the interest and welfare of the Daughter Lodges, and I beg you will do me the favour to assure the office-bearers and members of your Lodge, that to the utmost of my ability I shall seek, in this direction, to render satisfaction to the Grand Lodge, by prompt, unremitting, and impartial attention to the requirements and interests of her subordinate Lodges.

As regards the second enactment, I must inform you that very numerous and constant complaints are received, that the Lodges in the Provinces are not sufficiently informed of what transpires in Grand Lodge. This, in so far as true, must be attributed either to the neglect of the Lodges in not being represented in Grand Lodge, or by their failing to sustain a regular communication with their Proxies, who are in a position to acquaint them with all the proceedings of Grand Lodge as they occur, and not leave it to the issue of the "Grand Lodge Reporter" alone to make intimation thereof.

I must also remind you that every Lodge, in express terms of its Charter, is required to attend the whole General Meetings and Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge by their Representatives, being their Master and Wardens for the time, or by lawful Proxies in their names, so that they, by their said Representatives, may act and vote in the Grand Lodge, and be duly certified of the proceedings thereof."

The Roll of Representatives in Grand Lodge is made up and closing annually on 1st April, and you will observe from the new Law that the Representatives are allowed time, down to the 24th June, to pay the Fees exigible for Representation, at which date, if they have not been paid by the Representatives, or if the Lodge be unrepresented, it will be my duty to request that the sum due be remitted by the Lodge.

If your Lodge is not represented at present, please inform me as early as possible before 1st April, whether it will be represented by the R.W.M. and Wardens, or by a Proxy Master, and give the Addresses of these Brethren for insertion in Grand Lodge Roll.

Any further information on this or any other subject connected with the Craft, I shall be delighted to afford you, on hearing from you.

Wishing you and your Lodge all prosperity,

I remain,

R.W. Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN LAURIE,

Joint Grand Sec.

Original Correspondence.

SO-CALLED, "MIRACULOUSLY DISCOVERED."

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

In the FREEMASON of January 25th, under the heading "Multum in Parvo," Bro. J. W. Hughan, and Masonic Student, invite the brotherhood to call attention through the FREEMASON to any old MSS. or curious Masonic works that may come to their knowledge, I heartily approve of the suggestion, I think that a great deal of useful information may be diffused among the Craft by such means, and therefore beg to call attention to an old pamphlet sent to me for perusal by Bro. Leon Hyneman of Philadelphia; the pamphlet in question, is doubtless not *unique*; but as it is not alluded to in Bro. Hughan's "Old Charges," it must certainly be rare. The title page reads, "The secret history of the FREEMASONS: being an accidental discovery of the ceremonies in the several Lodges, upon the admittance of a brother as a Free and Accepted Mason, with the charge, oath, and private articles, given to him at the time of his admittance. Printed from the old original Record of the Society, with some observations, reflections, and critical remarks on the new Constitution Book of Freemasons, written by James Anderson, A.M., and dedicated to the Duke of Montague by J. T. Desaguliers, LL.D., Deputy Grand Master; with a short Dictionary of private signs or signals. London, Printed for Sam Briscoe, at the Bell Savage, in Ludgate Hill," etc., etc. (*No date appended.*)

This followed with a sarcastic preface, and next comes "The history of the Free-Masons, now miraculously discovered." Which is indeed no more nor less, than an old ritual, differing somewhat from those published by Bro. Hughan, but not more so, than they differ from each other. The language of the ritual is perfectly modern, and I at first imagined that it was a copy of Robert's Constitution, but on comparing the two, I found it was not so, I have however, afterwards discovered, that the pamphlet was described by Dr. Oliver, in the beginning of the fourth chapter of the "Revelation of a Square," and that a second edition was published in 1725. "The Dictionary of signs or signals," with very few exceptions, have reference to localities in London, where the brother to whom the signal is given, was to meet the one who signalized. Thus, there are signs, for meeting in Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Royal Exchange, the "Horn Ale House" in Gutter Lane, the "Devil's Tavern," in Fleet Street, etc. And not only were localities denoted by signs, but even the time of meeting was specified by pulling the right or left ear, by rubbing the right or left eye, etc.

The "Observations and critical remarks on Anderson's Constitutions," are, as we may well imagine, full of biting satire. There is however, one piece of information in it, which I am sure, that nine-hundred and ninety out of every thousand of the present generation of Masons have never heard of, and if old legends—that is, "somebody said, that somebody said," that it is an old legend, may be relied on as having some foundation in truth? who knows, whether the legend which I am about to copy, may not also have had some foundation? Well—be that as it may, our author, who withheld his name from the publication in question, informs me, that:

"Paracelsus, who was an errant a Freemason as Adam, or any of his posterity, says, 'The miscarriage of the grand design in building the Tower of Babel, was not owing to the confusion of languages, but to too glib a tongue, whence happens the mistake in the translation from the *Chaldee* copy of the word languages for tongue; for one of the most expert workman in the fabric, being in bed with his wife, who had scolded him severely that night, on a sudden fell a-laughing, thinking on the great design they were about, whereupon his wife waking suddenly, demanded the reason of that laughter, which waked her from rest; the poor ingenious Freemason, who stood in awe of this terragant, at her incessant importunity at last confessed the secret, that he had entered into a combination

with the rest of the builders of *Babel*, to carry on that work till it should reach to heaven, and he was laughing within himself to think how one day he should give her the slip; for they all designed when that was finished to make the best of their way to heaven and leave all their wives below to shift for themselves on earth, since Eve had played their father, Adam, such a slippery trick as to betray him out of Paradise, he had left it in charge to his male posterity to return the favor the first opportunity; and this they had bound themselves now by an oath of secrecy to perform. The next morning the whole camp rung with the discovery, and the confederate body of Freemasons broke up in such confusion, that they understood not one another, but by signs and tokens to depart, and so they left their tools behind. Now the learned do agree, those signs remain among the accepted Masons even to this day."

This legend, like many others, is very plausible, and like many others, it will scarcely bear criticism, but anyhow, it will serve to furnish the believers in old legends with a knowledge of the origin of Mason's signs.

Respectfully and fraternally,
Boston, U.S., JACOB NORTON.
February 10th, 1873.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me space for a few words in reply to the letter of Bro. Jno. Wood, P.M. 1073, which appeared in your last issue, upon the subject of music in our lodges, and also to thank him for the flattering terms in which he speaks of the previous letter of "Orpheus."

I am glad to find that our brethren at Keswick are so well off for musical talent, and that they do not experience the difficulty that we do in a town many times larger, and with two lodges comprising something like 150 members, and another just in process of formation. Bro. Wood mentions having encountered a little opposition to the introduction of music in the ceremonies, from some of the old hands in the lodge, and I can feelingly congratulate him upon its removal, as we have had to encounter a similar opposition from some of our brethren who cannot appreciate the elevating, and at the same time tranquilizing influence of music *properly* adapted to the occasion. Bro. Wood thinks my suggestion of a barrel organ rather "*infra dig.*" Well I am not sure but what it may be, but if he will turn to my letter once more he will see I only propose it as "*dernier resort*," sooner than be deprived of music altogether. I have an idea that the pianoforte parts might be rendered even in a barrel organ by enclosing it in a box with a swell similar to the manual organs, and which might be worked with a lever for the foot to press. In my previous letter there were one or two typographical errors which I may perhaps be excused in pointing out. I am made to say "music manufacturers," when at all events I meant to say "musical instrument manufacturers," and "I do not mean a P.M.," when it should have read "I do not mean a *pun.*" The omission of the little word *to* in the second line of the concluding paragraph causes it to read as if I expected the organ "to sing our odes" instead of the brethren. In reply to Bro. Wood's query, as to the most popular music for Craft and Mark degrees, I would advise him to write to Bro. Edwin Crow of Leicester, who is a P.M., P.P.G.O., &c., and to my mind appears thoroughly to understand what is *practical, practicable and useful*, in a masonic lodge in the way of music. He has published the music for the Mark and also for the first degree, and as I am given to understand, has the second and third degrees now in press. As the price of each number is only sixpence, a copy can be provided for every member of a lodge at a small expense. Pardon me Bro. Editor for having intruded so much upon your space, the earnest wish of my mind is to see music esteemed as an essential part of our ceremonies, and that wish must be my excuse.

Yours, truly and fraternally,
ORPHEUS.

NOTITIÆ TEMPLARIÆ.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A word or two in reply to the Past Grand Officer, who writes in your last number under the head of "Notitiæ Templariæ."

I cannot quite understand what it is he quarrels with, as to the new Statutes, unless it is that he was not asked to assist in making them. He alludes to the "time-honoured regulations of the old Statutes," and yet supposes that "both the old and the new were compiled by a single individual, and submitted to a committee, who placed implicit confidence in the knowledge, astuteness, and good faith of the compiler, and were then passed by Grand Conclave." I would now ask Past Grand Officer what more he would require than this.

P.G.O. says he remembers a noble lord accusing (unjustly) a very high and eminent Sir Knight of attempting to pass a measure in Grand Conclave by a side wind. I was present at the time he alludes to, and quite agreed with the remarks that were made by the two noble lords as to their opinion of the improper and undignified attempt; and Grand Conclave, by their vote on the occasions fully endorsed the remarks of the noble lord. But there is no comparison between that case and the passing of these new Statutes.

I have attended Grand Conclave many times, and believe it is quite able to understand what is brought before it, and to decide; and when measures are brought before it in due course, as these New Statutes were, and duly passed, I think it ill-becomes a single member to complain because the decision differs in some way from his own idea.

He surely ought to recollect the charge that was given to him at the time he was admitted into Freemasonry, namely, that he was to cheerfully acquiesce in all resolutions passed by a majority of the brethren.—I am,

Yours fraternally,

EXCELSIOR.

THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Blue Mason I have been much interested in seeing, by means of the Notes and Correspondence in *The Freemason*, how members of certain high degrees are knocking their heads against each other. I honestly pity poor Bro. Holmes—"Lupus" and "Civis" had already knocked him out of time, when down came "Sero Sed Serio" who (acting well up to his motto) tripped him up and sat upon him. Such a calamity could never have happened to our dear brother had he stuck to the old colour, but he was ambitious. He began to worship the sun almost before the dawn. Poor Bro. Holmes! he deserved a better fate; he has fought stoutly, after his fashion, for his new masters, Colquhoun and Bowyer; unluckily the latter has no visible means of rewarding him, as, though he has made use of him, I doubt whether he would recommend him to any small office under the Pope; but from the former at least he may expect reward, and a Grand Cross of the brand new "Order of the Temple and Hospital" would indeed be most fitting reward for so well-intentioned, though so unfortunate a champion.

But Sir, let us spare pity for our unlucky brother, there are grounds for giving him sincere and hearty thanks. Emra Holmes is indeed a brother who for his services to Blue Masonry might well be remembered by Grand Lodge with the envied purple and gold of high office. He has been the instrument of exposing the absurdities which Masons are apt to commit when they leave the beaten track of pure and ancient Freemasonry. He has shown us that the Masonic Templars have worn crosses, and mantles, and swords, until they have got to believe that "fine feathers make fine birds;" until they have swallowed a set of Statutes which it is difficult to believe a body of sensible Masons could digest, a set of Statutes whose title at once ignores all Masonic origin, and pretends to something entirely un-masonic.

More extraordinary still, when one or two brethren, who are evidently not ashamed of their Masonic origin, and of their allegiance to Grand Lodge, have come forward in opposition, Bro. Holmes has gone the length of parading the opinions of a Roman Catholic Baronet with the view of confuting his opponents. Masonry must indeed have reached a low ebb when such an opinion can thus daringly be introduced to guide a party or support an argument in Freemasonry. What have we, as Masons, in common with Sir George Bowyer? Who and what is he to us? Simply a man whose delight it must naturally be, whose absolute duty it is, to sow dissension amongst Freemasons.

Whether the "honourable body" which exists in England and claims a true descent for the Ancient Order of Hospitallers (more modernly known as the "Order of Malta") has a true claim or not is a matter which cannot possibly concern Freemasons, who, because they are Masons, and for no other reason, are eligible to belong to a Masonic degree known until recently to the "Masonic Order of the Temple." Bro. Holmes has gone out of his way to attack a body to which he never can belong, and which is not Masonic; *Cui bono?* I think he has committed a grave error as a Mason.

I would strongly urge my brethren who are beyond the pale of the so-called "Order of the Temple" to carefully read the entire discussion which has so long occupied the columns of *The Freemason*. They would then, perhaps, thank Providence that they are still, as "Civis" puts it, "honest men and Masons." I think their thanks are due to you, too, for having permitted Bro. Holmes to afford them an opportunity of doing so.

fraternally yours,

TRUE BLUE.

BRO. HOLMES'S NOTES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I feel that I shall only be giving utterance to the sentiments of many of my brethren, when I most emphatically protest against the unnecessary and unwarrantable attack made by Bro. Holmes in his "Notes" as published in your columns upon the English Language of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

There was not the slightest occasion for dragging the English Language into the discussion.

If the members of the Masonic Order of Malta have the legitimate right to the title and status of Knights of St. John which Bro. Holmes would fain claim for them, he had simply to state the facts which establish and demonstrate that right. If they have *not*, it does not in any way better their case to assert (even if it were true) that another body has assumed the same title and status upon insufficient grounds. Two "wrongs" cannot make one "right;" nor can a false claim upon the part of one body be justified or excused by the fact (real or alleged) that a similar claim has been made by another. Bro. Holmes has set his heart upon "a universal brotherhood of gentlemen" which he considers a "grander idea" than a "universal brotherhood of men." He does not seem in this matter to be going the way to realise his idea. The first canon of "gentle" conduct is always to respect the feelings of others, and never to inflict unnecessary pain. That Bro. Holmes has violated this canon by stepping out of his way to make a needless and unprovoked attack upon the English Language—a body of honourable persons, quietly engaged in the high and holy work of ministering to suffering humanity—is, I trust, for their own sakes, the opinion of many members of the Craft, and of the chivalric Orders connected therewith, who are readers of your paper. It is certainly the opinion of yours, fraternally,

M. A. OXON and E. C.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to thank you for your prompt insertion of my advertisement, in answer to which Bro. Binckes, into whose charge the bracelet had been given, very kindly communicated with me, and thus enabled me to claim it;

but the brother who took my coat, and knew at the time that it was not his own, returned to the hall next morning and claimed his own, but did not return the one he had taken away. He refused to give his address, but promised to send it (the coat) to the head waiter per return, which he had not done at 6 o'clock on Wednesday, the 5th instant. He has been applied to personally, I have written to him, and he acknowledges having seen the advertisement, still he refuses to return the coat.

I am only young in the Craft, but I thought a Mason was quite above such conduct. I enclose his name, but do not wish it published, as I have no desire that the brethren of his lodge, &c., should feel disgraced by having such a dishonourable brother amongst them.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

HENRY W. GOMPERTZ,

Earl of Zetland Lodge, 1364.

MASONIC HALLS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is it lawful and right for the members of a Craft Lodge, built and solely used for Masonic purposes and duly consecrated, to hold a ballad concert in the lodge-room, and to allow ladies and gentlemen (not Masons) to be present? Your reply or that of any of your readers will oblige.

Yours very fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I expect you will be as much surprised as I was to find that our Institutions are not lighted with gas, and that the death of one of the inmates may probably be laid to that cause. Had there been a light in the hall when poor Mrs. Parish was coming down stairs, she would have seen she had another stair yet to go, and possibly have been alive now instead of in her grave. I would ask the simple question, "why have they not gas?" Not from want of funds; nor is there any difficulty about laying it on, as it is laid on up to the entrance. Then I say, Sir, by all means let them have it. They have all seen brighter days, and no doubt been used all their lives to gas, and now they require it most through failing eyesight and old age, they must sit and read by a tallow candle. Every male inmate has been asked the question, "what do you most stand in need of?" Let the same question be put to them now, and hear their answer. Hoping, Sir, you see the desirability of inserting this, with a few remarks from your own able pen,

I am, yours fraternally,

W. D. MAY, P.M. 700.

UNAUTHORISED OFFICES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the letter signed "H" in your number of the 22nd of February, some years ago I had some correspondence with the P.G.M. of my province as to the appointment of a brother to the office of M.C. The first reply was a letter congratulating the lodge of which I was W.M. on its great prosperity, so great as to require the services of a *Man Cook*. In the Book of Constitutions no mention is made of a "Director" of Ceremonies, but if Provincial Grand Masters insist on calling the "Master" of Ceremonies the "Director," we cannot be surprised if the members of private lodges do the same.

In your issue of 15th ult., I observe a brother is mentioned as D.P.M. What on earth does this mean? It is to me a greater puzzle than my M.C. was to my Provincial Grand Master.

I have also noticed that Deputy Provincial Grand Masters are often styled Right Worshipful. I have a strong impression that some years ago (I think 1865) Lord Zetland caused a circular to be issued censuring the assumption of this title as unwarrantable. Can you give your readers any information on this point?

While I am on this subject of titles, can you say which is correct, Senior Grand Warden, &c.,

or Grand Senior Warden, &c. Many old Masons maintain that the officers of Grand Lodge are Grand Officers of the rank to which they are appointed, and that the Senior or Junior only denotes their respective positions, and that it should always be mentioned first. There appears to be great confusion in the general practice, and I have seen reports in which both forms were used, as though a matter of indifference; but that correctness cannot be a matter of indifference must be my apology for troubling you.

B. E. T. A.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to Bro. Bagshawe, at page 169, I have only to say that my using an initial signature was only to avoid an appearance of advertising myself in *The Freemason* as being wiser than my fellows; and as good wine needs no bush, it matters not one jot who the brother is who writes the article, provided the information it contains be correct.

I have again refer to my brother to page 61 of the Book of Constitutions, and there he will find the names of all the officers that it is possible for a private lodge to appoint viz., the Master the two Wardens, two Deacons, Inner Guard, and Tyler. There must also be a Treasurer and Secretary. These are the regular officers; the permissive officers, are a Chaplain, Master of Ceremonies, and Stewards; all others are encroachments. It is to be observed that there is no Organist or Standard Bearer mentioned, for the simple reason that there is no such recognised officer in a private lodge. It is only of comparatively recent date that music has been generally used in our lodges, and that may account for the omission in the Book of Constitutions; but that omission need not prevent any musical brother giving his services at the organ, as all I contend for is that he is not a recognised officer of the lodge as such, and not entitled to be invested on the day of installation.

With respect to the office of Standard Bearer, there is none such in a lodge, or even a Prov. G. Lodge; and if lodges choose to do such an absurd thing as to exhibit a standard, and then say we must have a Standard Bearer to carry it, because we have got it, they must expect to be laughed at for their pains. By referring to the table of precedent in the Book of Constitutions, page 18, there is no official rank given them even, in Grand Lodge. All that the G.M. can do is to appoint any Master Mason, as occasion shall require, to carry his standard, but they are not, by their appointment, members of Grand Lodge, or entitled to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer (see Book of Constitutions, page, 40 and 41, title Grand Standard Bearers).

Several provinces have discontinued appointing Provincial Grand Standard Bearers, because they found such an officer had no existence, and I refer you to the Province of West Lancashire as one that has done so, although the Provincial Grand Master is entitled to bear arms, or, in other words, a standard, which is generally carried by a Tyler or some Master Mason for the occasion. As I before remarked, these observations do not apply to Provincial Grand Chapters, for there the Royal Arch regulations recognise the office of Standard Bearer.

Yours fraternally,

H.

A MUSICAL RITUAL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me to state, for the benefit of "Orpheus" and all whom it may concern, that I have compiled a Musical Masonic Ritual for use in the Stour Valley Lodge, which will, I think, meet his wishes. It consists of hymns for opening and closing the lodge in the three degrees, together with hymns and verses selected from the volume of the Sacred Law, to be sung and chanted during the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising. They are all thoroughly appropriate to the teachings of the degrees, and are so arranged as not materially to lengthen the ceremonies. The music consists of simple tunes and chants, which may be sung in unison or three-part harmony, and is within the

compass of any ordinary voices. At present the brethren sing from MS. copies which they have made, but after a short probation in order to make it as perfect as possible, the little work will be printed in a cheap form, and the profits, if any, applied to one of the Masonic Charities. Of this due notice will be given in the advertising columns of *The Freemason*.

I am, fraternally yours,

A. ORLANDO STEED,
Organist, 1224.

Masonic Tidings.

BRITISH, FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.

THE VIENNA EXHIBITION.—We have been requested to announce that the W.M. of the "Vienna Lodge Humanitas" (Dreilaufergasse No. 7, first floor) invites foreign brethren to visit the lodge during the exhibition, as it has resolved that during that time some brother, should be present in the lodge rooms to receive foreign brethren daily from 10. a.m. till 7. p.m.

At the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the largest Steward's list presented was that of Bro. G. W. Verry, P.M. Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, amounting to no less than £206 1s.

The fifty-sixth anniversary of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, No. 217 (Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M., W.M.), will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday, the 25th April, at half-past five o'clock, when the lecture of the second degree will be worked in sections by the following Brethren, viz.:—First section, Bro. John Jonas, J.W. 715; second section, Bro. R. T. Eames, J.W. 22; third section, Bro. J. B. Scriven, W.M. 5; fourth and fifth sections, Bro H. Muggeridge, P.M. 192 and 715. The V.W. Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, will reside at the banquet, which will be on the table at half-past eight o'clock.

Mr. James Adley Reeves has joined the directorate of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company.

We hear with regret the melancholy intelligence that Bro. Alexander James Stewart, W.S., R.W. Senior Joint Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, died at Musselburgh, on the 8th inst., at a quarter past five o'clock.

Bro. J. W. Barratt, P.M. and Treas. 169 &c., was on Thursday evening, the 6th inst., while returning from meeting of H.C., knocked down and run over by a reckless driver of a cart. We are happy to learn, however that, although the vehicle passed over Bro. Barratt's legs, fortunately no bones were broken. The sad occurrence still keeps our worthy brother confined to his bed in great pain.

On Wednesday last Bro. Sidney Spencer, of the City Terminus Hotel, was entertained at dinner in his own house by his brother hotel-keepers, and presented with a handsome testimonial, as a recognition of his services in connection with the repeal of the tax upon hotel servants. Mr. Hall, of the Great Western Hotel, Birmingham, presided, and, in proposing the toast of the evening, said the hotel-keepers of the country were deeply grateful to Bro. Spencer for what he had done on their behalf.

The Editor of the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar will be glad to receive from the Secretaries of the American Lodges, not later than September 1st., the information necessary for the issue of 1874.

To ensure insertion in the Calendar all alterations and other notices from Colonial and Foreign parts should arrive at the office, 198, Fleet-street, London, by the above mentioned date.

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BRO. JACOB NORTON AND THE "OLD MS."

Bro. Norton has done well to call attention to "The Secret History of the Freemasons," and I hope his reference to the pamphlet will be the means of leading to a decision as to the year in which it first appeared. Evidently in the earliest half of the last century, but in which decade at present I cannot myself fix. I have a copy of the pamphlet (8vo. pp. 47.)* and have already virtually reprinted it in my "Masonic Sketches and Reprints" page p42 part 2. ("Unpublished Records of the Craft.") The Masonic Student will find on comparing the "Secret History MS.," with the "Harleian MS. 2054, British Museum, that they are one and the same, and will be convinced that the author of the pamphlet in question had access to this number of the Harleian MSS. at the time of preparing his wonderful work for the press. At page 8. of my "Old Charges of British Freemasons" the Harleian MS. 2054 is alluded to, and to have rendered the paragraph complete I ought to have noticed the transcript of it in the "Secret History" mentioned by Bro. Norton, but it had escaped my attention at the time. A second edition was not published in 1725, for the work Bro. Norton quotes from, the Rev. Dr. Oliver's "Revelations of a Square" was "The Grand Mystery of Freemasons discovered," of A.D. 1724, the second part of which is dated 1725, and from which the author of "Secret History" appears to quote at length towards the end of his pamphlet, which must therefore have been issued subsequently. "The Grand Mystery of Freemasons discovered" is reprinted in the "Freemasons' Monthly Magazine" for September, 1855, and September and December, 1857. Looking over Dr. Kloss's "Bibliographie der Freemaurerei" I have not found any reference to Briscoe's work, but if any brother has been successful in tracing it, he will kindly inform the readers of *The Freemason* the page of the work for reference. Thanking Bro. Norton for his communication, I must now conclude this notice.—W. J. HUGHAN.

* Page 187, American Edition, by Macoy and Company.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 21, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, March 15.

Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 1329, Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Red Cross Conclave, Villiers, Northumberland Arms Hotel, Isleworth.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor
Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.

Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worth, ington, Preceptors.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, March 17.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Chapter 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, March 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho.
 " 704, Camden, York and Albany, Regent's-park.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
 Chapter 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterbume, Preceptor.
 Yarrowood Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, March 19.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
 Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1365, Clapton, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, March 20.

House Committee Girl's School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 1139, South Norwood, South Norwood Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-rd. Victoria Park.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Great Northern Hotel, King's-cross.
 Knights Templar Encampment, Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsobv-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday, March 21.

House Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's rooms, King-st., St. James's.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 Chap. 176, Caveac, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 K. T. Encampment, Kemeys Tynte, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 K.T. Encampment, St. George's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M. Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 22, 1873.

Monday, March 17.

Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 Independence Lodge (721), Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6,
 Everton Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 7.30.

Tuesday, March 18.

Alliance Lodge (667), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Warren Lodge (1276), Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Lodge Antiquity (178), Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, March 19.

Everton Lodge (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Zetland Lodge (587), 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 Walton Lodge (1086), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool at 6.

Thursday, March 20.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (1182), Coffee House, Waver-tree, near Liverpool, at 5.
 Chapter of Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk, at 4.
 Ancient Union Lodge (203), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Combermere Lodge (605), Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6
 Pembroke Lodge (1299), West Derby Hotel, West Derby at 2.30.
 Encampment William de la More, New Court House Prescot, at 5.

Friday, March 21.

Fermor-Hesketh Lodge (1350), Masonic Temple, Liverpool.
 Encampment of Jaques De Molay, Msonic Temple, Liverpool, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, March 22, 1873.

Monday, March 17.

Lodge 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.
 St. Mungo Encampment, Knight Templars', St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, March 18.

Lodge 33, St. John, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

Wednesday, March 19.

Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Chapter 79, Commercial 19, Croy place.

Thursday, March 20.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, Freemasons' Hall, 213 Buchanan-st.
 " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garnagad-rd.
 Chapter 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.

Friday, March 21.

Lodge 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Chapter 109, Sir William Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

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The case is strongly recommended by the following brethren. Those marked (*) will thankfully receive Proxies:—

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I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
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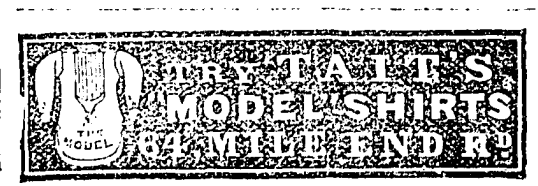
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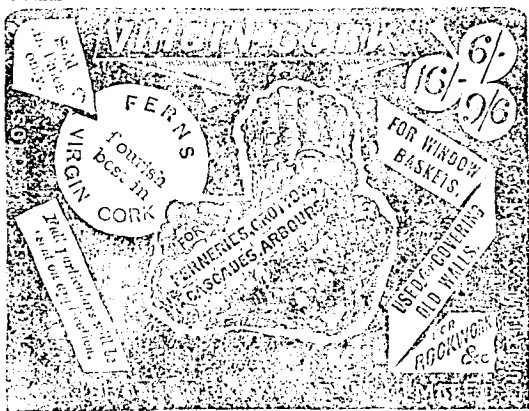
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—*Tees Lodge* (No. 509).—The monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the lodge-room, Mason's-court, Stockton-on-Tees, on Thursday, the 6th inst., was a gathering of more than usual interest, it being the occasion of the presentation of the two testimonials to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. William Metcalfe Watson, P. Prov. J.G.D., as a mark of appreciation after the highly efficient and admirable manner in which he has discharged the important and onerous duties of that office during the last two years. Amongst the brethren present were the following:—Bros. G. Ellis, W.M.; W. M. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. Best, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Robinson, P.M., Treasurer; M. D. Wood, S.W.; J. Bowran, J.W.; J. H. Hart, Secretary; W. M. Best, S.D.; E. C. Naish, J.D.; G. Happer, I.G.; J. Walton, Organist; J. J. H. Bellringer and W. J. B. Casley, Stewards; J. Trenholme, Tyler; C. M. Norman, W. R. Bolsover, A. Levy, J. L. Potts, W. Hird, S. G. Allan, A. de L. Lang, J. Brotherton, C. Jordison, and the following visitors:—Bros. J. Trotter, P.M.; J. H. Jackson, P.M.; J. G. Mann, P.M.; I. Walton, W.M.; N. Lye, J. Usher, A. S. Fowler, C. Bone, J. Rose, B. R. Smith, all of the Lodge of Philanthropy, 940; T. Shepherd, 302, Bradford; J. Vitty, 25, Georgetown, California. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the ordinary business transacted, the ballot was taken for Bro. J. R. Pearson, surgeon, who was admitted as a joining member to this lodge from the Phoenix Lodge, No. 516, Stowmarket, and Bro. J. H. Tarleton, surgeon, who was also admitted as a joining member from the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 940. Two other brethren were then passed to the second degree. The Worshipful Master Bro. George Ellis then rose, and in the name of the brethren of the lodge presented to Bro. W. M. Watson, the Immediate Past Master, an address of thanks which was as follows:—"Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton-on-Tees. At a meeting of this lodge held February 6th 1873, it was moved by Bro. W. Best, P.M., and seconded by Bro. G. Ellis, W.M., and carried unanimously that the best thanks of this lodge be given to Bro. W. M. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. for his very valuable and indefatigable services as Worshipful Master of this lodge during the years 1871 and 1872. And that the foregoing resolution be entered upon the minutes, and engrossed upon vellum, and presented to him, together with a gold Past Masters' Presentation Jewel, subscribed for by the members of this lodge, in recognition of his services. J. H. Hart, Sec." The address has been very neatly engrossed on vellum, within a beautifully illuminated border, by Messrs. Peters and Son, of York. The W.M. in making the presentation referred in very eulogistic terms to the thoroughly efficient manner in which Bro. Watson had presided over the lodge for the last two years, and to the

kindly feeling that was entertained towards him by the whole of the members. After handing to Bro. Watson the address, he called upon Bro. W. Best to present to Bro. Watson, a gold P.M.'s Jewel. In doing so he said it was with no ordinary feeling he rose on that occasion to discharge the duty which had been entrusted to him by the brethren of the lodge, to convey to Bro. Watson their strong expression of kindly feeling towards him, for the very zealous, efficient and able conduct displayed by him in the discharge of the important duties of Master of the Tees Lodge during the two years he had had the honour of holding the appointment of Worshipful Master. He had been deputed by the brethren to present to him a Past Master's Jewel, as a token of their high appreciation of his valuable services, and in recognition of the grand principles inculcated in Freemasonry; not looking merely at the services of Freemasonry, but diving deep down into its mysteries, and embodying in their life and conduct the noble and elevating truths it inculcated, and enriching and enlarging the mind by their grand teaching. In handing over the jewel he expressed a hope that Bro. Watson would be long spared to wear it, and that it would be held by him a lasting memorial of the kindly feeling evinced towards him by the brethren. Bro. J. Robinson, P.M., then said: "Worshipful Sir, As the oldest Freemason in Stockton, I cannot let this opportunity pass without saying how much I have been pleased with the working of this lodge by Bro. Watson. I may say I have seen the greater part of the Master workings of this lodge, and taking all in all, I can say that the way in which it has been done during the last two years, by Bro. Watson, has been second to none." The jewel was one of the most elegant and highly finished we have seen. It was composed of 18 carat gold. It was most tastefully executed; in the centre blue were displayed the emblems of a P.M. surmounted by the arms of the borough of Stockton and surrounded by the motto "*Palmas Qui Meruit Ferat*," and suspended from a dark blue ribbon, with three clasps bearing the name of the lodge. On the back was inscribed the following: "Presented to Bro. W. M. Watson, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.D., by the members of the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton-on-Tees, as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. of the lodge, during the years 1871 and 1872." Bro. Watson, in reply, said: "Worshipful Master, Bros. Best and Robinson, and brethren of this lodge; on many occasions I have had the duties to perform in this lodge since I was first elected into office, but never before have I felt so utterly incompetent to adequately express my thanks to you, brethren of the Tees Lodge, as I do on this occasion. But, believe me, if I do not fully express to you my thanks, it is not because I undervalue the handsome jewel and vote of thanks I have just received at your hands, but it is because I value them the more, and more fully appreciate the honour you have conferred upon me. It is, I believe, seven years to-night since I was admitted into this lodge as a candidate for Freemasonry and little did I then think that in so comparatively short a term, I should be the recipient of two such handsome testimonials; and I can assure you that when wearing this jewel, either here or in any other lodges, it will be with no small degree of pride that I shall be able to say that it was given to me by the individual members of the Tees Lodge, and this pleasure will be enhanced by the fact that ever since I have known the Tees Lodge, I never remember ever hearing any expressions made use of at all approaching a spirit of contention, or in the least degree tainted with ill-will. May that feeling long continue in the lodge. I can assure you it will always afford me great pleasure to assist the W.M. at any time when he may require it, and my most sincere wish for Freemasonry in general, and this lodge in particular, is, that it may flourish and abide. Again, accept my best thanks for the testimonials, and I can assure you they will be highly prized gems at all times." The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to refreshment, after which the usual loyal, patriotic, masonic, and complimentary toasts were drunk, interspersed with vocalism by various brethren, Bro. J. Walton presiding at the pianoforte. The

evening was spent in that cordial good feeling which does, and we hope always will, characterise the gatherings of the Craft.

ABERYSTWITH.—*Aberystwith Lodge* (No. 1072).—The regular monthly meeting of the members of this flourishing lodge was held at the Belle Vue Royal Hotel, on the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. George T. Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. Western Division, South Wales, who referred in graceful terms to the indisposition of the W.M. (Bro. William Williams, F.R.C.S.) wishing him better health. Bro. Smith was ably supported, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, raised four brethren; passed two, and initiated Dr. Pugh, of Machynlleth, all the ceremonies being conducted by Bro. Smith in his usual careful and impressive manner. The grants of £10 10s. to the Boys' School, and of a similar amount to the Aberystwith Infirmary, were unanimously confirmed. One gentleman was proposed for initiation. We have great pleasure in congratulating the lodge upon the number and status of their initiates during the past six months; it is keeping up its character for carefulness in propositions, and is leading the "van" in the Province. The business of the evening being concluded the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper. On the removal of the cloth the acting W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and in giving that of "The Wardens' and Officers' expressed the hope that they, in particular, would be regular and punctual in their attendance, and painstaking in their work, so that each brother, as he arrived in the East, might be able to discharge the duties attached to that important position, with satisfaction to himself, pleasure to those members from whom he might have received instruction, and be competent to communicate the light to the brethren beneath him. Bro. Smith, in conclusion, reminded the officers that the W.M. had reposed great trust in them, and that it was their duty, as it should be their pleasure, to support him on every occasion when summoned.

LIVERPOOL.—*Temple Lodge* (No. 1094).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday the 12th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool. Bro. R. Danson, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. D. W. Winstanley, P.M.; J. K. Smith, P.M.; R. R. Martin, S.W.; T. Gibson, J.W.; J. Wood, Treasurer; T. Marsh, Secretary; R. Washington, S.D.; R. C. Yelland, J.D.; F. J. Jeffery, I.G.; C. Leighton, O.; W. Healing, S.; A. Jarvis, S.; P. Ball, Tyler; J. R. Callender, jun., T. S. Williams, J. McClean, J. Dean, J. Speir, A. Bernard, T. C. Ewbank, H. Jones, A. C. Doe, R. Fitzgerald, T. Winstanley, R. Bennett, A. Howell, and E. Howell. The visitors present were:—Bros. C. H. Hill, P.M. 724 and 1276; W. Shortis W.M. 724; E. Hughes, W.M. 249; W. Hughes, J.W. 292; C. McNab, 1035; S. W. Parker, 724; Guy, 1154 (Egypt); F. W. Jones, 1075; T. Jackson, 1264; C. A. Whitney, 1013, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Messrs. Thomas A. Wilson, Edward Lovett, and Edward Charter, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. the Rev. T. C. Ewbank, Bros. Dean, Callender, and Guy were afterwards raised to the sublime degree of M.M.'s, and Bro. R. Bennett, Sec. 1299, was received as a joining member. Bro. R. R. Martin, S.W., was afterwards unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. J. Wood was also re-elected Treasurer for the eighth time. After business, the brethren sat down to an excellent repast.

Mark Masonry.

The Cheltenham and Key Stone Lodge of Mark Masters, by dispensation from Grand Lodge, held its first moveable meeting at the Masonic Hall, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, on Thursday, the 6th instant. The W.M., Bro. William Forth, presided, and the following chairs were occupied:—Senior Warden, Bro. John Walker, M.A.; Junior Warden, Bro. Dr. Thomas Smith; Master Overseer, Bro. James

Bruton; Senior Overseer, Bro. Edward Tew Smith; Junior Overseer, Bro. Past Master Henry Jeff; Senior Deacon, Bro. P. M. Martin Ricketts; Junior Deacon, Bro. Balcomb; Secretary, Bro. W. R. Holman; Registrar, Bro. P. M. J. Brook Smith (Cheltenham College); Inner Guard, Bro. F. G. Roberts. There were four candidates for advancement, Bros. Robertson, Haselton, Coole, and Shadgett, and the ceremony was most efficiently performed by the W.M., assisted by his officers, who were all well up to their work. The lecture was delivered by Past Master Ricketts. At the banquet the usual loyal and Mark Masters' toasts were proposed and honoured. Bro. Major Basevi, the D.P.G.M. of Mark Masters, Bengal, responded for Grand Lodge. This moveable meeting was in every respect a success, and if it should be the pleasure of Grand Lodge that it shall be repeated, the movement will be very popular and acceptable amongst the brethren.

Knights Templar.

CONSECRATION OF THE DE WARRENE PRECEPTORY, BRIGHTON; AND INDUCTION OF PROV. GRAND PRIOR OF SUSSEX.

On Friday, 7th March, the above-mentioned most interesting ceremonies took place at the Pavilion Rooms, in the presence of a large number of distinguished members of this ancient and chivalric Order.

Among those present were the following Knights:—

The Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, Lord Great Prior of England (designate) Provincial Grand Master of Bristol; Capt. N. G. Phillips, Provincial Grand Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge; Sir Patrick de Colquhoun, Q.C., Great Chancellor of the Order in England; Major Shadwell Clerke, Past Provincial Grand Commander, West Indies, and Provincial Grand Prior Nominated of Sussex; William Tinkler, Grand Vice-Chancellor of the Order in England; F. S. Gower, Past Grand Chaplain; W. Hyde Pullen, Grand Superintendent of Works; Turner, Past Grand Captain of Lines; Charles Horsley, Past Provincial Grand Captain of Surrey; T. Lane, Kt. Preceptor of the Sussex Preceptory, Eastbourne; J. Lucas Allen, Kt. Preceptor (nominate) of the De Warrene Preceptory, Brighton; the Rev. J. A. M. Little, M.A.; Henry Sanderson; Captain Edward Walker, Dr. J. Trollope, Dr. F. Morris, and many others.

The Masonic Rooms of the Pavilion were handsomely and appropriately fitted up with the paraphernalia peculiar to the order of the Knights Templar, and presented a most imposing spectacle. At three o'clock, the hour fixed for the ceremony, the Knights assembled in knightly garb. Having formed the Templars, "arch of steel," the Consecrating Officer, the Very Eminent Knight Major Shadwell Clerke, entered, accompanied by the Very Eminent Sir Knts. the Earl of Limerick, Captain N. G. Phillips, Sir Patrick de Colquhoun, &c., and, having ascended the dais, proceeded to open a Preceptory of the Order. The object of this present meeting having been explained and the Warrant of the De Warrene Preceptory having been read, it was consecrated in due form; Sir Knt. the Rev. G. Little, performing the solemn religious portion of the ceremony most impressively.

Sir Knight J. L. Allen, the Preceptor nominate, was next installed into his office by V.E. Sir Knt. Major Clerke, by whom also the following Royal Arch Masons, candidates for admission into the Order being in attendance, and having passed through the ceremonies, were duly installed and proclaimed as Knight Commanders of the Temple, viz.:—Bros. Mark B. Tanner, M.D., W.M. 811, M.W. Sov. Eureka Chapter, Rose Croix, 18; W. R. Wood, P. Prov. G.W. Sussex; Capt. J. R. Molineux; Alex. Elmsley, P. Prov. G.W., Sussex; Thomas Sabine, T. H. Mosely, and C. J. Smith.

The ceremony was most impressively performed by Sir Knts. S. Clerke and W. Hyde Pullen.

The following Knights were then appointed Office Bearers for the ensuing year:—Prelate, Sir Knt. W. R. Wood; 1st Captain, W. Hyde

Pullen; 2nd Captain, Capt. E. Walker; Expert, Dr. Mark Tanner; Captain of Lines, Captain J. R. Molineux; Almoner, Alex. Elmsley; 1st Standard Bearer, T. H. Mosely; 2nd Standard Bearer, C. J. Smith; Registrar, T. Sabine.

At the conclusion of the above business, the V.E. Sir Knight Patrick de Colquhoun, Grand Chancellor of the Order, having assumed the chair, proceeded to open a Provincial Grand Priory for the Province of Sussex, "and having caused to be read the Patent from the Grand Master of the Temple, appointing Sir Knight Major Shadwell Clerke as Provincial Grand Prior of the Province," that Very Eminent Knight was duly and solemnly inducted into his high office, and was duly proclaimed and saluted by the Knights present, the V.E. the Grand Chancellor, passing some very eulogistic remarks respecting the new Provincial Prior's qualifications for the position.

The Provincial Grand Prior then appointed the following Knights as his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Sub-Prior, Sir Knt. W. Hyde Pullen; Prelate, Rev. J. A. M. Little; Chancellor, Dr. Mark Tanner; 1st Captain, Thomas Lane; 2nd Captain, J. L. Allen; Treasurer, C. Horsley; Almoner, W. R. Wood; 1st Standard Bearer, Dr. J. Trollope; 2nd Standard Bearer, Captain J. R. Molineux; Registrar and Vice-Chancellor, Thos. Sabine; Director of Ceremonies, Captain E. Walker; 1st Aide-de-Camp, Dr. Roberts; 2nd Aide-de-Camp, C. J. Smith; Captain of Lines, J. Morris; Sword Bearer, T. H. Mosely; 1st Herald, Alex. Elmsley; 2nd Herald, F. Morris; Equerry Frater, Thos. Hughes.

Sir Knight Major Clerke next proposed a vote of thanks to their distinguished visitors for their presence on that day, which was carried unanimously, and courteously acknowledged by Sir Knight the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick.

The Provincial Grand Priory having been closed, a Committee was appointed to draw up the Bye-laws, and votes of thanks were then proposed and carried unanimously, to Sir Knight J. Lucas Allen, for his kindness in presenting the fittings of the chapter, and to V.E. Sir Knight S. Clerke, for the great assistance and service he had rendered in the establishment of the chapter, and his admirable rendering of the various ceremonies of the day.

The De Warrene Preceptory was then closed according to ancient form. The knights subsequently assembled at a banquet, at Mutton's hotel, Major Clerke presiding, when the usual loyal and fraternal toasts peculiar to the Order, were proposed and duly honoured.

It was notified, before the close of the proceedings, that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had fixed on Wednesday, the 2nd April, for his Installation in London, as Grand Master of the Order of the Templars, when a great gathering from amongst the 5,000 Knights Templar in this country is expected, in their full costume as K.T.'s, and a ceremony will be witnessed unsurpassed by any similar one which has ever taken place in England.

We congratulate the Masons of Brighton on the establishment of a Chapter of Knights Templars amongst them, as well as at Eastbourne, and wish every prosperity to the Order in Sussex, under the superintendance of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

PLYMOUTH.—*Huysh Chapter of Rose Croix.*—A very important and numerously attended meeting of the Ancient and Accepted Rite was held in the Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth, on Friday. Among the brethren present were the illustrious Bros. Charles John Vigne, 33, M.P.S., Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, Wales, and the dependencies of the British Crown; Major Shadwell H. Clarke, 33, S.G.I.G.; J. Oxley Oxland, 31, (32, Portugal), P.M.W.S. of the University and Huysh Chapters; Rev. P. Hankinson Newnham, 31, P.M.W.S. of the Vigne Chapter; Colonel Elliott, 30, M.W.S. St. Aubyn Chapter; Captain Phayre, R.N., 30; together with the following

members of the 18th degree, viz., Richard Rodda, Isaac Watts, Desmond McCarthy, Elliot Square, L. Westcott, Josh. H. Curteis, Fredk. H. Heale, R. Robinson Rodd, W. B. Hambly, J. E. Godtschalk, and others. In the absence, through domestic affliction, of the M.W.S., the illustrious Bro. H. Dubosc, 31, the chair was taken by the illustrious Bro. J. Oxley Oxland, and the chapter opened in solemn form. The members of the 33rd degree were then received under arch of steel, and with the customary honours. Three candidates for perfection being in attendance, their names were submitted to the M.P.S. Grand Commander and duly approved. A Grand Lodge of Perfection having been opened, the degrees under its jurisdiction were conferred upon the candidates. A council of the 15th and 16th degrees was then formed, and the candidates duly received. Under the authority of the illustrious Bro. Major S. H. Clerk, 33, who likewise presided over the Grand Lodge of Perfection and Council of the 15th and 16th degrees, a Grand Council of Knights of east and west was then opened, and the candidates admitted in due form. A chapter of Rose Croix was then opened by the illustrious Bro. J. Oxley Oxland, 31, and the candidates perfected as S.S. P.P. Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., the beautiful ceremony of the degree being faultlessly performed by the illustrious brother who presided. The new bye-laws were then considered, and, after some discussion, duly passed. The E. and P., Bro. R. Rodda, 18, was then installed as Most Wise Sovereign for the ensuing year, and proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Rev. P. Hankinson Newnham, Prelate; W. B. Hambly, 1st General; Elliot Square, 2nd General; F. H. Earle, Grand Marshal; Desmond McCarthy, Raphael; R. R. Rodd, Herald; Josh. E. Curteis, Recorder; I. Watts, Treasurer; L. Westcott, Captain of Guard; E. A. Davies, Almoner; J. Moon, Organist; W. S. Hearder, D. of Ceremonies; Windeatt, Outer Guard. A well merited eulogium was passed on the illustrious Bro. J. Oxley Oxland, 31, for the great knowledge and skill he had brought to bear in the establishment, arrangement, and conduct of the chapter; the M.W.S. observing that without the indefatigable and untiring exertions of the illustrious brother it would have been impossible to have brought the chapter to such a state of perfection as it could now happily boast of. The thanks of the brethren were then passed to Bro. Oxland with acclamation. The M.P. Sov. Grand Commander expressed his admiration of the fittings and decorations of the chapter, and congratulated the members on the skill and correctness with which all the arrangements had been carried out. The chapter was then closed in solemn form after a very pleasant and successful meeting.

GIBRALTAR.—*Europa Chapter, Rose Croix.*—A meeting of this chapter was held in the room of the Friendship Lodge, on Thursday, the 27th ult. Ill. Bro. Balfour Cockburn, M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. Dantez; H.P.; Ill. Bro. Henry, Senior General; Ill. Bro. Trenerry, Junior General; Ill. Bro. Haynes, Raphael; Ill. Bro. Morgan, G.M.; Ill. Bro. Maria, Recorder; P.M.W.S. Price, 30; and several others. The business of the evening consisted in advancing Bro. Elmes, 278, and of the election of the M.W.S. for the ensuing year. As soon as the chapter was duly opened, the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Balfour Cockburn, alluded in feeling terms to the great loss which Masonry in general, but more especially the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, had recently sustained by the death of The Most Illustrious Brother Dr. Henry Beaumont Lesson, 33, Past Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Order. The distinguished brother's name would ever remain intimately blended with the historic details connected with the Establishment of the Supreme Council on its present footing, and he was one of the last, if he was not the very last, representatives of the Ancient York Masons. At the suggestion of Ill. Bro. Henry it was resolved that the M.W.S. should be desired to convey to the Supreme Council the sentiments of profound sympathy and regret with which the Europa Chapter had received the melancholy intelligence of the demise of their Venerable and Illustrious

brother. Bro. Elmes was then introduced by Ill. Bro. Morgan, and gradually advanced to the exalted rank of a Prince Rose Croix. On the completion of the ceremony, the election for the M.W.S. took place, when it was found that Ill. Bro. Cornwell had been elected by a large majority. The M.W.S. notified that he had received a communication from Ill. Bro. Cornwell expressing his regret that a severe domestic affliction prevented his attendance that evening. Ill. Bro. Balfour Cockburn, however, gave the Princes to understand that no unnecessary delay would take place in holding a meeting for the installation of the M.W.S. elect. Ill. Bro. Maria was re-elected Treasurer and the M.W.S. on behalf of himself and of the Princes present thanked Ill. Bro. Maria for his past exertions and also for his kindness in again accepting the onerous and responsible post which he had so long filled so very much to the advantage of the chapter. The princes then retired.

Original Correspondence.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the number of *The Freemason* of the 15th inst., is contained the report of the final meeting of the Board of Stewards of this institution, at which a complaint was made by Bro. J. C. Parkinson "of the conduct of one of the Stewards towards a distinguished brother at the Prince of Wales's table, and which conduct had been, in Bro. Parkinson's hearing, made the subject of indignant complaint;" the complaining brother was stated to be "one honoured by the personal friendship of the Prince of Wales and that an insult to him was, in effect, an insult to His Royal Highness, at whose table he sat." It was agreed to leave the investigation of this matter in my hands as Chairman of the Board of Stewards. I have seen Bro. Parkinson and having ascertained that the complaining party was Sir Michael Costa, and the alleged offender Bro. Joshua Nunn, I have communicated with the latter, and he has corresponded with Sir M. Costa in consequence; the result is that Sir Michael has, in three letters, altogether repudiated having made any complaint "or having made any statements to any one in any manner affecting Bro. Nunn, or the Stewards." I have the correspondence, which can be published if necessary.

I have also ascertained that Sir M. Costa was not the guest of His Royal Highness, as was stated at the Board meeting, and that the Prince was in no way aware of any question having arisen. I am Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,
J. CREATON,
Chairman.

Union Club,
19th March, 1873.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Major Creaton having been kind enough to show me, to-day, a letter he has written to you, I venture (with his concurrence) to ask you to give me space for a few words of supplementary explanation. On the afternoon of Tuesday, the 4th March, I had the honour to be a guest at the Friends in Council Lodge, at 33, Golden Square; and sat for a portion of the meeting between Bro. Sir Michael Costa and Bro. S. Rosenthal. In the intervals of work the conversation turned upon the Benevolent Festival which had been held in the preceding week; and I heard, with deep regret, from Sir Michael Costa, that he had been treated with considerable rudeness by Bro. Joshua Nunn, having been first dispossessed of his proper place by that brother, and subsequently restored to it upon the Prince of Wales asking "Where is Sir Michael?" I had not up to that day had the pleasure of knowing Sir Michael Costa, save for the knowledge which I share with all the world of his distinguished genius; but hearing this at a lodge of the eminence of the Friends in Council, and

at a meeting at which four or five Provincial Grand Masters, Members of both Houses of Parliament, and many past and present Grand Officers were present, I felt considerably annoyed. Sir Michael Costa did not, it is quite true, prefer a formal complaint, least of all to me; for he did not know I had been a Steward at the Festival, but his remarks left no doubt on my mind, that he had been improperly and disrespectfully treated, and on being asked at the final meeting of the Board of Stewards, to propose a vote of thanks to Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Thomas Fenn, for their courteous direction of the ceremonies at the Festival, I felt it my duty to acquaint my brother stewards of the unpleasant circumstances of which I had heard. I was careful to add that as I had not the authority of the distinguished brother, who had been annoyed, to mention the matter, I did not feel justified in naming him, or the Steward whose manners had given offence to the meeting, but would, if it were insisted on, communicate them privately to the Chairman, Bro. Major Creaton. Bro. Creaton having now, in the legitimate exercise of his discretion, communicated both names to you; it is right I should inform you when, where, from whom, under what circumstances, and in whose presence, I heard of the transaction which gave rise to my remarks.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. PARKINSON.

Garrick Club,
19th March, 1873.

BRO. HOLMES'S NOTES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe in to-day's *Freemason* that Bro. Holmes alleges as an excuse for his unnecessary attack upon what he now, with little courtesy, calls the "Brummagem Men," that the members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem desire to crush the Masonic Order of the Temple.

I am well acquainted with the feelings of those members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem who also happen to be members of the Masonic Order of the Temple, and I can safely assert that this charge of Bro. Holmes against them is absolutely an untruth.

I can afford to pass over Bro. Holmes's other remarks on this issue in silence, because he could not possibly have damaged his own cause more effectually than by the adoption of his present course of wild vituperation, which is like the noisy hissing of a snake whose poison fangs have been drawn.

Yours fraternally,

CIVIS.

SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY (LIMITED.)

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on the 12th inst., at the Offices of the Company, 47, Leipsic-road, Camberwell, which was also attended by several brethren interested in the undertaking, Bros. J. Thomas, Deputy Chairman; E. J. Bailey, M. S. Larlham, J. S. Abbott Dunbar and Dr. Pinder, Directors, also Bros. George Kenning, James Adley Reeves, George Baker, and others.

After the formal business of the meeting had been completed, and Bro. James Adley Reeves elected as Director of the Company, Bro. John Thomas submitted very elaborate drawings of a spacious hall 50ft. by 37ft. by 26ft., Masonic lodge room 28ft. by 22ft. by 13ft., dining room 32ft. by 18ft. 9in. by 13ft., reading room 18ft. 9in. by 13ft. by 13ft., besides large retiring and ante-rooms; these were highly commended as being replete with every necessary convenience. The Secretary announced that considerable progress had been made in the general affairs of the Company, several applications for shares had been that evening considered, and allotments directed to be sent to Bro. George Kenning, 25 shares; Bros. W. Ramsey, five shares; George Baker, five shares; Mr. Thomas Clark, two shares; Mr. I. J. Masters, 20 shares; and several other brethren.

The Directors desire it to be known that the shares are being rapidly subscribed for, and strongly urge those brethren connected with lodges, chapters, &c., meeting on the Surrey side of the water, to avail themselves of the opportunities of being associated with an undertaking that must ultimately prove advantageous both to themselves and the lodges, &c., they belong to.

The plans will shortly be submitted to the Shareholders for their approval, and the building commenced forthwith, as the Company obtain possession of the land at the end of the present month.

Bro. George Kenning will join the Directorate of the Company on the first vacancy occurring.

Reviews.

Report on Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Missouri, U.S.A.

A pamphlet of 160 pages, and really full of interesting matter. The credit for so valuable a publication is due to Bro. Geo. F. Gouley, the Chairman of the Committee, and a most painstaking and accurate writer who, it is well known, has done much for the benefit of his Grand Lodge in particular and Freemasonry generally. Forty-six Grand Lodges are reviewed, so the work is not a slight one, seeing so many "Proceedings" have to be carefully examined. We are sorry not to see our Grand Lodge in the list, and also note that Scotland and Ireland are absent, we presume owing to the documents not having been sent. We believe thoroughly in the interchange of all annual publications between the Grand Lodges, and particularly with those in the United States, who appreciate such courtesy. In Arkansas State, a man was not allowed to be initiated because "his right knee was so stiff that he could not bend it," and in its lodges "all balloting is done in the Master's lodge, and it may open and work with three members being present." In Alabama, the G.M. decided that "a one-armed man cannot be made a Mason," and the report on Masonic jurisprudence included a decision to the effect that "a Fellow-Craft, who has lost his left arm cannot be made a Master Mason." With Bro. Gouley's remarks respecting the G.M. of Connecticut making "Masons at sight," we quite agree, and consider the Constitutions were violated both "in the letter and in the spirit," on the evening of August 11th., 1871, by the chief officer of that Grand Lodge. In Florida, the limb-question is again alluded to, and it was agreed that "an artificial substitute will not qualify a dismembered applicant," and "that the casualties of war are no reason for changing the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry;" but we need not present more specimens of the limb-legislation in the United States; nearly all, if not all the Grand Lodges have adopted something similar to the foregoing, but in our opinion without any due warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, from which they originally, directly or indirectly, derived their charters. If the "old Constitutions" are to be the test, then why should the limb regulation be retained, and other equally stringent laws ignored. Candidates formerly under the operative régime had to be free-born, now we permit them to be accepted if free men, &c. The fact is, that if a man is worthy, it is an absurd custom, in the present day, to object to his initiation in any lodge, even if he has an arm or leg less than we poor mortals generally have. The matter in dispute between Canada and Quebec is ably considered, and, had we space enough at our command, we should like to notice some of the arguments against the recognition of the latter at length, as we are with those who support the Grand Lodge of Quebec in its present trying, but certainly Masonic position. We say, well done Bro. Gouley, as Chairman of Foreign Correspondence Committee.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1873.

BRO. HOLMES'S LECTURE ON THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

By LUPUS.

And now, after having indulged in a general view, let us inspect the interior of the scare-crow, which is so skillfully padded into shape, that its outer proportions, from the enchanting distance occupied by Bro. Holmes, actually lend it a dummy-like semblance to an honest reality, and may thus enable it to cast figurative dust into the

mental vision of unwary beholders. Such is the cunning mode of this composition that whilst its general tone is intended to infer a declaration that the English Langue is an unauthorised body, yet not one single passage can be found which impeaches its validity in a greater degree than that of the Russian, Austrian, Polish, or other branches of the Order, each of which are as completely and perfectly lawful as the Council at Rome.

These then are the allegations of the "protest" to which attention is called.

1. That the signatories had discovered that their names, and that of the Lieutenant of the Mastership, had been included in "lists" published by the English Langue, inferentially with the improper pretence that they were members of the same branch of the Order.

2. That the Roman Council had never been in any "organic" connection with the "honourable society," at its origin, or any later period, and had nothing to do with its re-organisation, personal composition, or action.

3. That the only Grand Priorities in communion of jurisdiction and obedience with the Grand Mastership and Council, are Rome, Lombardo-Venetia, including Parma and Modena, and Bohemia.

4. That the existence of the Grand Bailiwick of Brandenburg is recognised as perfectly legal.

5. That beyond the Priorities enumerated, and certain Knights of Justice and Devotion, who do not belong by birth to any of such Priorities, all those who may call themselves Knights of St. John "are legally ignored by our Sacred Order."

6. The signatories demand that the names of the Lieutenant of the Mastership, and their own, be erased from the lists referred to in No. 1.

I hope I have fairly set forth these points, and I proceed to a few comments for the consideration of your readers.

1. The cunning composition of the first portion would lead to an inference that the English Langue, although described as "an honourable society," had been long publishing in "lists" the names of the Lieutenant of the Mastership, and MM. de Spada and de Gozze, with a view improperly to put forward such names as connected with the English Langue; this however, distinctly, is not the fact. The English Secretary, confident in the completion of the alliance, to which both parties had agreed in writing as previously detailed, caused an additional sheet to be printed, ready for insertion in the pamphlet, referred to in the "protest" as the "synoptical sketch." This sheet was not published, nor intended to be so, until the alliance was signed and sealed. It was, no doubt, and as the result proves, a premature proceeding; but one to which no blame or suspicion of dishonour can attach, nor can it be said, with truth, that any wrong, however slight was done. The cost of printing was wasted, and beyond this no body suffered.

In the ingeniously worded protest it is made to appear, inferentially, that the names of the Lieutenant of the Mastership, and the two signatories had been included in lists of members and widely circulated. Whilst, in fact, the offending sheet, of which a print lies before me, bears the names of the three dignitaries at the top, separated and distinct from the title of the langue of England, which then follows below, with an enumeration of its officers: Indeed the fact that the sheet had been printed was made known by a member, or members, of the langue, with a result of which the secret details are in existence; it was, as I have said, never distributed, or published, and immediately on the breach of the negotiations, and before the date of the "protest," was destroyed, with the exception of twelve copies which had passed into the hands of members of the Council.

If any intention had ever existed on the part of the English Langue to put forward the names of members of the Roman Council with any such unworthy intent as that which it is endeavoured dishonourably to imply, plenty of time and opportunity had occurred during the nearly thirty years which had then elapsed of the active existence of the revived langue.

And so this small circumstance, this too sanguine reliance on good faith, was greedily and joyfully seized by the concoctors of the "protest,"

in the hope of stigmatising in high quarters the "heretical" langue, they hypocritically called "an honourable society," with the brand of false pretence. It was made known that the sheet had been printed, it was not a surreptitious act suddenly discovered, it was well known that it had not been published, and it is therefore plain that the advisers of the signatories made this the stalking horse by which the English Langue was to be paraded before the attention of the Prince, Albert the Good, and the ceremonial officials of the kingdom, solely for the purpose, if possible, of casting upon it the slanderous suspicion of dishonour and deceit. And the Prince acknowledged its receipt! But I am very glad to know that it did not, with him, have the effect which was intended, and fondly hoped by its authors. It was deposited with secret dispatch, the actors in the plot avoided the daylight, and forgot to give any intimation of their work to the "honourable society," whose credit and fair fame they hoped secretly to undermine.

2. We are here told that the branch of the Order represented by the protesting parties had no "organic" connection with the English Langue. Bro. Holmes calls it "organised connection whatever." What right, or motive can he have for interpolating the word "whatever," unless it be an anxious desire to support his allies at any price! If the passage means, as I conclude it must, that the Roman Council took no personal action in reviving the English Langue, nobody wishes to gainsay it. I have already stated that the revival was accomplished by a representation of five-sevenths of the then majority of the Order, of which majority the Roman Council did not form part. It is, therefore, true that they had no "organic" connection with the English Langue; but it is equally true that the Roman Council was not long afterwards made acquainted with the fact of the revival, and did not dispute, or object to it. It is equally true that, certainly, as early as 1837, the Council in London was in direct correspondence with the Lieutenant of the Mastership and Roman Council, and it is no less true that no difficulty in an alliance between the two councils was ever made on any other ground than that of religious belief. The document proceeds to state that the cavillers and protesters had no connection with the organisation of the English Langue, nor with its personal composition or objects. These statements hardly need comment; it is of course plain that the Roman Council did not carry out the organisation; of its personal composition they would, I am sure, admit that they have no reason to be ashamed, and with its objects it would be a very desirable thing that they had something, instead of nothing, to do. This is entirely a question between doing something, and doing nothing.

Yet still, notwithstanding the English Council having expressly stipulated that the Langue of England and the Langue of Italy must meet each other on terms of strict reciprocity; that the Order in England should preserve entire independence in the election of its Grand Prior, Officers, and members; that the government of the langue should be in conformity with the existing habits and feelings of British society; that the langue should be accepted as it then stood, and that the admission of members should not be influenced by religious distinctions, yet, I say, notwithstanding all this, the Roman Council were prepared to accept the alliance with more than delight, had it not been that intolerance prevailed over charity, and religion was sacrificed to creed. Could but the Christian counsels of Pius VI. have prevailed, the union of the now, unhappily, antagonistic langues would have been eagerly confirmed.

3. Here we find that certain enumerated Grand Priorities are in communion of jurisdiction and obedience with the Grand Mastership and Council." There is no "Grand Mastership," but this is not material, as it is not a question of words. But what then? Are all the branches of the Order not in such communion rendered illegal by this fact? Feeble nonsense: What becomes of Austria? Where are the two Grand Priorities of Russia? Burke does say that their "connection with the chapter at Rome is of a very loose character;" what of the Sicilies, and what of Poland? Can any sane individual for one moment believe that the knights of these branches

of the Order have no claim to the title because they are not in obedience to the Roman Council? And is the mere assertion and bombast of this "protest" a law which shall deprive all others of their legal rights?

4. The legal existence of the Evangelical Bailiwick of Brandenburg, here proclaimed on behalf of the Roman Council whose fulminations the allies of Bro. Holmes would fain exalt into law when convenient, will fully prove to your readers the value they should put upon the oracular opinions Bro. Holmes has had instructions from his friends to put forward. Those who utter railing accusations, those guilty of unprovoked attacks, those who base not their assertions on established facts, should have good memories.

5. Here we are informed that beyond the Pories enumerated, and certain Knights of Justice and Devotion received by the Lieutenant and Roman Council, all those who call themselves Knights of St. John are legally ignored. Yes, this is plain, but, as I before observed, what then? Are all the other lawful Knights of the Order deprived of their dignity? Assume that the Knights of the Greek Church in Russia sent over a declaratory protest they had no "organic connection" with the honourable society at Rome styling itself the Sacred Council, inasmuch as that society is of more modern formation; that the society at Rome was never appointed by the Order, and has no lawful claims to position as a directing body; that it is not derived from, or representative of, any other section of the Order than the Langue of Italy, is the birth of the present century and nothing more than a local institution; that it fulfils no hospitaller duties, nor has any object other than to live at ease in Rome on the fragmentary revenue of the Order, which ought to be devoted to the help of the poor; that it accepts the interference of the Pope in matters with which he has nothing whatever to do, nor ever had since the days of Paschall II. and is consequently not representative of its principles or observant of its laws and sovereign independence; that it has power only over those who chose to acknowledge its authority, and that its pretensions to dictate in any way "are legally ignored." Would such a protest as this deprive the Roman Council of any rights it lawfully possessed? Assuredly not. And, as assuredly, no protest or dictum of that same Council can alter any single position which Russia, Austria, or England has a right to occupy.

6. The signatories require their names to be erased from the lists before referred to. This has been necessarily answered in No. 1.

The authors of this "protest" probably thought it a very clever expedient; but I much mistake my brethren of the ancient and honourable Craft of Freemasonry if they consider the proceeding at all on the square, and if they do not view it as about as shabby a piece of double dealing as they have ever had the misfortune to meet with.

The Roman Council probably repented having too readily consented to precipitate action, for on the 23rd of January, 1860, thirteen months, only, after he had signed the protest, the Count de Gozze wrote to a well-known member of the English Langue, telling him that the intentions of the Roman Council remained the same, that the substantial basis was unaltered and that the Catholic Priory, once for all constituted, would announce the English Langue as already existing, and he added "I need not tell you, Monsieur le Chevalier, how truly desirous I am that this constitution should be realised as a primary condition to lead to "ulterior arrangements." And this from the very "Magisterial Secretary" and protestor in chief! but who, as other letters of the same period disclose, was not the only repentant gentleman "truly desirous" to witness "the ulterior arrangements."

The English Secretary, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart, in 1870, renewed, with the Duc de Bentivoglio, Vice-Chancellor of the Roman Council, the propositions for an alliance; the former negotiations were referred to, and a desire was expressed by the Englishman to let all by-gones remain in the shadows of the past. He explained the practical labours of the Order in

England, and offered to unite and work with the other branches in that great cause of humanity which has ever been the distinguishing principle of the Order. These advances were courteously met, but declined on the old, and only question of religious difference; the Vice-Chancellor replying (on the 2nd of May, 1870) that the alliance could not be made with members of any other church than the Roman Catholic. He said "this Church is not only a belief, but a visible external society. All the institutions which depend upon her must exist within her pale—the visible pale of the Roman Catholic Church. Purity of intention, works of charity, serious aspirations, are all most laudable in themselves, but in no way modify the absolute conditions imposed by our organisation."

Whether this is a more enlightened view than was taken by the older Knights, who are chronicled by de Boisgelin and Taafe, or by the Roman Council in 1858, your readers are as well able to judge as I am. The English Secretary finally addressed to the Duc de Bentivoglio an enquiry whether his communications were to be considered official. The Duc (on the 7th of May, 1870) replied in the affirmative, but added, "In our relative positions, that is, in those of our Orders, no more official character can be given to this answer."

And now, I trust, your readers may be relieved of a discussion which I have much regretted should be forced upon their attention. If Bro. Holmes had confined himself to the claims of the Masonic Order of Knights of Malta, which, in its present form, dates only from 1862, as Bro. Holmes and every other member of the Grand Conclave of Masonic Templars well knows, I should never have alluded to the subject of the English Langue of the order of St. John; but when Bro. Holmes steps out of his way to make a gratuitous attack upon a most unobtrusive institution, a genuine and lawful scion of a grand old Order, a fraternity which to the utmost of its means quietly pursues the one sole object of doing good; it becomes necessary that such an attack, based, as it has been, upon error and misrepresentation, shall be met by the exposure of its fallacies, and the demonstration of those facts which you have enabled me to lay before the readers of *The Freemason*. I have shown, I venture to say conclusively, that the constitution of the Order of St. John as a whole, was one of self-government; that each of its several national divisions was an independent langue regulated by its own chapteral councils; nay, I may have shown the independence of each member in that true republic where their own elected chief was but *primus inter pares*; and that the infallible decree of Paschall II. relieved the Order from all Papal and Imperial interference. It is too late now to say, as a mere convenience, that the intermeddling of the Pontiff has been subsequently accepted by the Order: It may possibly be accepted by the Roman Council, but in such acceptance they admit that their position is one of a local institution only, and this is a view which other existing branches of the Order will no doubt feel that the Council at Rome is perfectly welcome to adopt. The Order of St. John was a sovereign and independent association relieved from all interference, and opened to all Christians, by decisions of the Papacy now declared infallible; thus no power can destroy the independence of the fraternity, nor can any Roman Catholic section of it say, with truth, that the decrees and opinions of the Popes Paschall II. and Pius VI. may be set aside and "legally ignored."

The admissions of members into the Order in England have been, and are, wholly irrespective of political or other party feeling, and whilst the British Langue, constituted so as to place it in accord with other aristocratic and chivalrous institutions of the present day, is essentially Protestant in its character, yet differences in Christian faith are not grounds of exclusion; further, whilst the Order of St. John, in the British Dominions, will ever be actuated by the warmest sentiments of loyalty and devotion to the reigning Sovereign, and by fidelity to the British Constitution in Church and State, its object is, and will be, pre-eminently the cause of charity and

of those hospitable virtues which presided over the Order at its inception in Palestine. In this work has the English Langue been ever ready to join with the Roman Council and its Langue of Italy; in this earnest desire to aid the poor and suffering, irrespective of creed, did it hold out the hand of brotherly alliance in 1843; with the same object of uniting the dismembered sections of the Order for purposes of human benefit, did it negotiate in 1858, when the Count de Gozze proclaimed the Roman Council's admiration of "the frank, noble and judicious manner with which the London Council has received and appreciated our advances;" and with the same noble aspirations, which mark the unobtrusive action of the English Langue, did its Secretary, the Commander Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., make his overtures to the Duc de Bentivoglio in 1870.

The English Langue has been regardless of creed, but has looked on Religion, the law of love, impressed on each page of the Gospels, as the true source of union betwixt men of every race; it regrets the conflict of Churches, feeling that even justice and conscience are not always gifted with that reflex intelligence which can see in the claims of others the portraiture of the same rights they defend for themselves, and whilst feeling that immediate success is given but to few, it has patiently awaited the dawn of better things, and has endeavoured in the pursuit of the objects of which I subjoin a statement, and with which the Roman Council has repudiated any connection, to carry out the *only* principle imposed by its organisation, that of help to the poor and suffering, and love and charity to all.

The objects and purposes of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, are:—

I.

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III.

"The foundation and maintenance of Cottage Hospitals and Convalescent Homes, and Training Establishments for nurses to attend the sick poor; and the formation of Provincial organisations in furtherance of the general objects of the Order."

IV.

"The promotion of a more intimate acquaintance with the wants of the poor in the time of sickness, and the supplying of such information as may usefully aid the proper authorities in the prosecution of measures for the improvement of the localities and houses they inhabit."

V.

"The further and continuous support of the National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War (the establishment of which in England was first initiated and mainly promoted by this Order), and the aid in such permanent organisation during time of peace as may be at once available upon the occurrence of any necessity for active exertion."

VI.

"The award of silver and bronze medals for special services on land in the cause of humanity, especially for saving life in mining and colliery accidents."

The English Langue is essentially an honourable and distinguished association, it numbers on its roll of members, male and female, many of the oldest names amongst our titled and untitled families, and I venture to predict that to this section of the venerable institution it lawfully represents, will one day be mainly owing the preservation of the most interesting relic of the ancient chivalry of Europe.

Permit me again to express my deep sorrow that this discussion has been forced upon me, and intruded upon your readers, and my sincere

regret that I have been compelled to allude to our Roman Catholic neighbours by their being unnecessarily imported into the controversy. I trust that in performing my share in the task, I have not exceeded the bounds of due propriety, or written any sentence which can bear the aspect of intentional malice.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT LISKEARD.

This elegant little building situated on the Parade, next to the Devon and Cornwall Banks is now nearly completed. The front elevation is exceedingly ornate, and undoubtedly a great ornament to the town in an architectural point of view. It has been designed by Mr. Paul, architect, of Liskeard, and is built entirely of stone, several varieties and colours being introduced, contrasting favourably with the massive and somewhat sombre granite bank next door. The new building is like a beautiful woman leaning against a mighty warrior. We can scarcely venture to hint as to what "style" the new structure is. Years ago we studied the "five orders," and could then define them fairly at a glance, but now-a-days a great many of our most successful buildings belong to a mixed style, which we very seldom read about, but very often see. The nearest type to which we can compare the building in question is French Classic freely treated, and if French Classic is the proper definition, very happy and successful French Classic it is. The plinth of the building is of granite, and above the walling is a local stone raised in the adjacent parish of St. Clair, the dressings are of Ham Hill, a material warm and creamy in its tone, blending well with the other materials. The arch stones of the windows are relieved by alternate bands of Polyphant; and above and below the richly moulded and carved cornice, that runs the full length of the building between the ground floor and the story above, are bands of Polyphant also. The upper cornice, between the carved tresses that carry the roof, is relieved by the introduction of diagonal panels or paterae, upon each of which is a monogram formed by the blending of the square and compass with the capital letter G. Immediately beneath this cornice, and between the arched heads of the three upper windows, are circular panels; in the central one of these is a shield, bearing upon its field the date 1872, supported on either side by ears of wheat; whilst projecting from the other two panels are sculptured life sized busts, male and female, representing allegorical figures. The columns to all the windows, as well as those at the entrance, are of red Mansfield stone, and from them spring carved foliated capitals, by which the window arches are carried. A glance within the building affords evidence of the internal arrangements being excellent and convenient. The front room of the lower story will be used as offices. The first floor is reached by a wide and elegant staircase. The newels are of oak, carved neatly, wheat ears being largely introduced. The hand rail, very broad and massive, is of polished mahogany. The lodge room is spacious and lofty, 17ft. 6in. by 30ft. The walls are prettily relieved by a high skirting of varnished deal running around the entire girth. The mantel-pieces are of Portland stone, and upon their key stones, and in circular panels, are carved various emblems of the Craft the other compartments are equally roomy. Under Bro. Paul's personal superintendance the work has been executed, Bro. Lang, of the same town, being the build. The carved stone and wood work, and the sculpture have been entrusted to, and carefully carried out by, Mr. Harry Hems, Sculptor of Exeter.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held at the Masonic Hall, Truro, on Thursday, the 13th inst., and it was attended by the following brethren:—The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. (designate); Reginald Rogers, D.G.M.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Secretary; Rich, P.G.J.W.; J. Hocking, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; J. Paull, P.P. G. Supt. of Works; J. F. Penrose, P.G.S.D.; W. Tweedy, Acting P.G.T.; J. R. Reynolds, 389, P.M.; J. Bray, 589; P.M.; W. Tregay, 589, P.M.; F. W. Dabb, P.G.S. Works; T. Solomon, P. Prov. G.S.W. (occupied P.G.S.W. chair); S. Harvey, P.G. Purst.; W. Guy, P.G.D.C.; T. Geach, P. Prov. G.J.W.; W. Giles, I.P.M., 496; E. G. Dyke, P.G.O.; P. Giles, P.G.S.; T. Chirgwin, P. Prov. G.S.W.; W. Roots, A.P.G., Purst.; S. Clark, P.M., 705; J. J. Hawken, P.M., 331; C. Trevithick, W.M., 1272; W. J. Hughan, P. Prov. G. Sec.; S. Serpell, W.M., 331; H. S. Hill, 223; R. Carter, S.W., 121; W. Middleton, W.M., 131; Rev. G. L. Church, P. Prov. G.C.; W. Hugo, P.G.S.; Rev. W. H. Bloxome, P.G.C.; W. H. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.W.; W. J. Johns, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Rev. F. B. Paull, P. Prov. G.C.; S. Holloway, P. P.J.D.; J. Bryant, P.M., 699; J. O. Mayne, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Dorrington, P.G.S., and others. The lodge was duly opened and closed by the D.P.G.M., the P.G.M. being unable to perform that duty until his installation, which is fixed to take place at the festival meeting in the summer.

The first business of the meeting was to consider a motion of Bro. Hughan in relation to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, but, at his suggestion, it was determined, out of respect to their late Prov. G.M., first of all to receive the address of condolence from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon on his (Bro. Augustus Smith's) death. The address, which was beautifully illuminated, and handsomely framed, was then read. It was as follows:—

"We, the Provincial Grand Worshipful officers and members of Devon, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to convey to our brethren of the Province of Cornwall an expression of our sincere sympathy with them on the inestimable loss sustained by the death of their efficient chief and brother, Augustus Smith. One whose distinguishing attributes were wisdom, firmness and benevolence, qualities whose exertion had beneficially influenced the career of thousands, could not pass away from the scene of his labours without leaving with his brethren a deep impression of sadness, relieved only by the certain hope of a re-union with the former companions of his toil, by the remembrance of his bright Masonic example, and by the mark which he has set on the important province over which his beneficial influence extended. That such a reflection may afford consolation, and tend to the increased prosperity of our brethren in Cornwall is our sincere hope and earnest expectation."

A letter, written by the P.G. Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of the address, was read. It acknowledged with deep feeling the truth and justice of the estimate of their late P.G.M., and looked upon the address as an evidence of the kind feeling and fraternal regard which rightly existed between the two provinces.

The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., the P.G.S., the P.G.T., and the P.P.G.S., were appointed to make a formal reply to the address.

Bro. Hughan then brought forward his resolution—"That there shall not be more than four annuities of £20 each payable from the 'Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund,' and whenever sufficient funded property exists to yield £80 per annum, the contributions thereafter shall be devoted entirely to the Benevolent Fund." He explained that his reason for bringing it forward was that he thought the time was come when they should limit the useful annuity fund, and he was glad that the Committee in drawing up the new bye-laws, had taken the same view. So long as the fund remained an annuity fund all the subscriptions would have to be expended in annuities, however desirable it was to apply it to other purposes. The fund was practically commenced in 1865, and would this year

amount to £1,700, which could only be used for annuities. The interest for that amount was almost sufficient for four annuities of £20, and at the same rate of increase in 20 years they would have enough to pay twelve such annuities. Now, as they were not likely ever to have more than four annuitants, it was evident that they should so alter the character of the fund that it should not accumulate for annuities which would not be required. No injustice would be done to indigent brethren, for they could make sure by a right use of their votes to obtain the election of an annuitant on the fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons. After four annuitants had been provided for the fund should be applied to the education of the children of brethren and to the relief of their widows.

Bro. Tweedy seconded the motion, which was supported by the D.P.G.M., but it was opposed by Bro. Carter (Penzance) who thought it ill-timed. The fund had only been formed six years, during which time the brethren in the province had doubled, and seven annuities would not be too many.

Bros. Solomon and Geach favoured the principles of the motion, but would leave the number of annuities open.

At the suggestion of the P.G.M., the motion was adjourned until the new bye-laws of the fund which dealt with the question had been decided.

The D.P.M. then proposed, "To rescind the present rules and regulations of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and to substitute in their stead others having a more extensive basis, and to change the name of the Fund to the 'Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund.'" When the fund was first started, no one had any idea that it would reach its present dimensions, and it occurred to some of them that the time had now come when the basis of the fund should be extended, and not only make provision for brethren, but for their widows' and for education; and the committee, in considering the matter, thought they should take advantage of the opportunity to establish a fund for the advancement of the children of deceased Masons and for the support of their widows. The new basis of the fund would be sufficiently extensive to embrace all these objects. Four annuities would be provided for out of the fund; they had never had application for a larger number, and they thought that would be quite sufficient for the time. The plan for advancing the children in life and the relief to widows were important objects.

The bye-laws were then gone through.

The title of the fund—Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund—caused some discussion. The P.G.M. suggested "annuity and" should be omitted, that it might be uniform with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund, but it was explained that "annuity" was inserted to show the origin of the fund, and if left out it was feared its popularity would suffer. Bro. Solomon suggested "educational" should be inserted to indicate the full character of the fund, but ultimately the title remained as agreed to by the committee.

The P.G.M. then read the rules, which were discussed seriatim. The first was—The objects of this charity are—(a) To provide annuities for aged and infirm Masons of the Province of Cornwall. (b) To make grants to assist in the education of the children of Masons requiring relief. (c) To make grants to assist in the advancement in life of children of Masons requiring relief. (d) To make grants to widows of deceased Masons.

This was passed after it was explained that after the annuities had been provided for, the remaining objects would have no priority, except that decided by the Prov. Grand Lodge at the time.

The second rule was agreed to without comment.

Sources of the Funds—1. Such sums as may be ordered to be paid from time to time out of the funds of the province by the Prov. Grand Lodge at their annual festival meeting, and from collections that may be made on special occasions. 2. Annual subscriptions and donations by lodges, chapters, and encampments, or individuals. 3. Legacies. At each annual festival meeting

there shall be chosen a treasurer, secretary, and two auditors. All annual and other payments shall be made to the said treasurer, and immediately paid by him to the account of the trustees at their bankers. Each lodge, chapter, and encampment in the province, at its annual festival shall have the right, and is requested, to nominate a steward, whose special duty shall be to collect subscriptions and donations to the fund.

The rule which decided that the annuities shall not be more than four of £20 each, to be enjoyed for life, and payable half-yearly, was discussed at some length, objection being made to limiting the number to four, especially as it was admitted that the Provincial Grand Lodge could at any time suspend the rule and grant a fifth annuity. After, however, the committee had pointed out that unless a limit was placed, great difficulty would be caused, and the funds would have to be kept separate, whereas their object was to fuse the funds, the rule was adopted as proposed.

The rule with regard to education was "The aggregate grants to assist education shall not exceed £60 per annum; no grant in any one case shall exceed £15 per annum; and no grant shall be held for more than 5 years, nor after the age of 14 years." Objections were taken to the limit of £60, but this was overruled. Many thought that the £15 proposed to be spent on each child was too large a sum, especially as it was much more than the majority of brethren who could subscribe to the fund could afford to pay for their own children's education. It was, however, pointed out that the question had been fully debated in committee, and not to exceed £15 was fixed upon to meet all cases. An amendment to reduce the sum to £7 10s. was lost, and the rule as drawn was adopted.

The grants for advancement are not to exceed £10, and a second grant should not be made to the same person. The grant to widows was fixed at the same sum, but the words preventing a second grant being made to the same person were omitted by a large majority.

The principal rules as to qualifications of applicants and form of applications are as follows:—An applicant, or his or her deceased father or husband, must have been a subscribing or serving member of some lodge in the Province of Cornwall during a period of five consecutive years. Every application must be forwarded to the Secretary through the Master of the lodge to which the brother or deceased brother belongs, or last belonged, and must be signed by the Master and Wardens of the same. No one shall be entitled to an annuity or grant who, at the date of the application, is in the receipt, or who thereafter shall become possessed, of a fixed income exceeding £20 a year. No child shall receive a grant for education who is under seven or above fourteen years of age. No grant for advancement shall be made to a child who is under 12 or above 18 years of age.

It was further agreed that the election for an annuitant, or any vacancy that may arise, and grants for education, advancement and widows, shall take place at the annual festival meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, previous to the instalment of the new officers for the ensuing year. The voting is the same as in the old rules, with the exception of giving votes to the Stewards of the Fund. Other rules as to the voting were:—"The votes shall be given in writing in the form issued by the Secretary, and shall be delivered to him when called for at the annual festival meeting, or may be transmitted to him during the previous week. All annual subscriptions shall be due on the 1st day of January, and must be paid on or before the 31st of March in every year, and no person shall be entitled to vote whose subscriptions shall be in arrear."

The last rule provided that "All the funds shall be vested in the following brethren, as trustees, viz.:—The Right Hon. Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, P.G.M.; Reginald Rogers, D.P.G.M.; E. T. Carlyon, P.P.S.G.W.; Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., P.P.S.G.W.; and William Tweedy, P.G. Treas., and any vacancies among the trustees may be filled up from time to time by the Prov. G. Lodge, at their annual festival meeting, after notice in writing to any brother, sent to the Prov. G. Secretary, previous to the 31st of March in any year; but when the number is

reduced to three, additional trustees shall be appointed at the said meeting, on the report to that effect by the Secretary or Treasurer.

Bro. W. Tweedy was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer by acclamation, the P.G.M. having asked all the other officers to retain their places as under his predecessor.

It was mentioned that the place of the next meeting had not been fixed on, but that it was likely to be Callington, and that considering the importance of the meeting, a more central town would be fixed on.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Prov. Grand Master for his kindness in attending.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW LODGE-ROOMS, GIBRALTAR.

It may perhaps be in the recollection of some of your readers that a few months since occasion was taken to comment unfavourably on the unsatisfactory size, form, and condition of the rooms in which the St. John's Inhabitants and Mark Lodges held their communications. Since then the exertions of Bro. Morgan, the W.M. of St. John's, to remedy this evil, have been unremitting, and a few weeks ago he was happily enabled to obtain the lease of a property which he, with great good judgment, felt confident could be easily adapted to the requirements of his and the other lodges. Calling to his aid, therefore, Past Masters Henry and Cavanna, and also Bro. Haynes, whose name as a practical engineer is a power throughout Andalusia, their united efforts, warmly met by the proprietor, Bro. Levy, soon changed the aspect of affairs, and it must have afforded unmingled satisfaction to the above-named brethren that on the 24th of last month, Bro. Morgan, as W.M. of the Senior Lodge, was enabled to issue out a general invitation to the Masons of the district to attend the ceremony of the consecration of these new lodge rooms, which interesting event was notified to take place on the 1st of March. For several years past it has been our privilege to assist at almost every Masonic festival at this station, but never in our recollection have we been present at one where the brethren gathered together in such overwhelming numbers, or one which has afforded us greater pleasure, for it is impossible that any ceremony could have been conducted in a more complete, solemn, or thoroughly Masonic manner. It would trench far too seriously on your valuable space if an attempt was made to name all the brethren present, suffice it to say that we noticed the following Past Masters:—Beal, Cavanna, Balfour, Cockburn, Carver, Henry, Holliday, Price, and Woodward, and of the brethren generally the following are a few of those best known to us:—Bros. Marshall, Weir, Gilbert, Jones, Satterwaite, Riley, McMerney, Lackland, Paston, Leslie, Patterson, Cotton, Little, W. Brown, Donald, Ward, Michie, Seath, Trenerry, Gomez, Aparicio, Benselm, Aboab, Trenerry, Eaynes, Clemente, Leys, &c., &c. Amongst the visitors we remarked also Past Masters Taylor, Beal, and Gilbard, with numerous naval brethren, from H.M.S. Northumberland, Pigeon and Pheasant. The immense crowd utterly precluding the possibility of organising the usual procession. The Lodge was opened in the first degree by W.M. Bro. Morgan, who then explained to the brethren that the proper forms having been gone through to obtain authority for leaving their old and occupying these new rooms, he would now place the gavel in the hands of Past Master Bro. Balfour Cockburn, who had most kindly undertaken to carry out the ceremony in which they were about to engage.

Past Master Balfour Cockburn was then placed in the chair of K.S., and proceeded at once to request Past Masters Price and Woodward to act as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. This done, Bro. Balfour Cockburn rose and said that before proceeding with the immediate business of the evening, he considered that it would be unbecoming if some public acknowledgment of the great zeal and energy displayed by Bro. Morgan, through whose instrumentality they were now gathered together in so excellent a lodge-room, was not recorded, he therefore suggested that his remarks should be entered in full in the minutes and that a vote of thanks should be given to their excellent Brother the W.M. of St. John's, this was duly seconded and carried by acclamation.

The Consecrating Officer then offered up the usual prayers, which was followed by the Junior Warden reading the appropriate Psalm. Past Masters Morgan, Henry, and Cavanna then approached *The Lodge*, which they unveiled, a very beautiful and solemn march being played in the meanwhile by Bro. Evjenth who presided at the organ. The Past Masters then proceeded to diffuse the corn, wine and oil. On the completion

of this very interesting portion of the ceremony Bro. Cavanna delivered some eloquent remarks, in Spanish, specially pertinent to the elements of consecration, to this succeeded Solomon's Invocation, given by the Senior Warden, Past Master Price. The Consecrating Officer then solemnly dedicated the Lodge to God, Masonry and to benevolence and universal charity and constituted it in form. The distinguished brother to whom the important duty of Consecration had been entrusted, then rose and delivered a most instructive and impressive address; entering minutely into all the historical details connected with the consecration of buildings and temples devoted to religious worship, explaining in a clear and lucid manner the special importance and signification attached to the consecrating elements, the corn, wine and oil and the beautiful and interesting symbolical allusions connected therewith, finally concluding his remarks, which had been listened to with wrapt attention, by a brilliant peroration, wherein he invoked peace, honour and length of days on the Grand Master of England, wisdom and the furtherance of all noble principles in his representatives over the whole world, and unanimity, harmony and brotherly affection in all the communications that should now and for ever take place within the lodge in which they were at present assembled and met together.

The Lodge was then closed and the brethren retired.

A very elegant supper had been provided for those who wished to partake of the same, when upwards of eighty of the brethren availed themselves of this refreshment, and the remainder of the evening was spent in much friendly intercourse and social enjoyment.

ALPHA AND OMEGA.

(Continued from page 123.)

Plain in our brother's eye the *mote* is seen,
And Pride complacent, points his doom of woe;
But is Almighty Love a myth so mean
That Heav'n needs contrast with the depths
below?

Mortal—beware!

The *beam* which magnifies our brother's fall,
That Virtue hides, which would our crown
enhance.

Is vengeance thine? Have *Charity* for all,

And tolerant—'e'en of Intolerance,

Thy zeal forbear!

Behold with me the massive ruins, strewn
In desert spots o'er Earth's remotest bounds;
No skill of ours could raise those stones thus
hewn,

Fashioning pinnacles and towers and mounds,
As giants please.

On the Thebaid; by Palmyra's rocks;

On Cuzco's lake, hidden in Yucatan;

On India's shores. Not injured by Time's shocks

But by the sacrilegious hand of Man.

Say! Who reared these?

The monoliths and crosses that remain

Which Ignorance set down to Christian score;

The Cockatrice—and Serpent—mounds again

And circled stone no Briton chiselled o'er

Nor Tyrant broke;

In *Erim-glas*, the lonely Phallic towers;

The Cross—Tau—Shamrock, pledge of India's

love;

Delicate bronzes in the bogs and bowers:

Who sculptured elephant, and wolf, and dove,

Ere History spoke?

Far Eastern wilds, from which Mankind has fled

But where the ancient rivers yet flow on,

Hold cities vast, built by the mighty dead,

Which overawe the traveller forlorn

In desolation:

Terraced along the rotting foetid banks,

Matted in densest jungle, slimed and sapped

By noxious forest-growths, dull ranks on rank

Of silent corridors and temples, capped

With vegetation.

Weird in their silence, awful in their gloom,

They would be eloquent of highest theme

(Could we but burst the riddle of the tomb)

And show us like the phantom of a dream

A shape Titanic;

Civilisation of the primal type;

A knowledge, lost, for which 'tis vain to grieve;

A golden age ere Sin and Shame grew ripe;

Wisdom and Power, which we with toil retrieve

From facts organic.

NAPOLEON III., EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH.

BY MRS. L. A. CZARNECKI.

He is gone, who reigned supreme
O'er the mind and hearts of men;
Gone, gone, for ever and ever,
Away from all mortal ken.
The great glory that he won,
Which none can dare gainsay,
He has left, like rare perfume,
That never knows decay.

He stood on the highest step
In the temple of the world;
Where shafts of deadly hate
Were ever on him hurled.
But like to a giant rock,
Whom thunder has not riven,
Still rears its noble head
Fore all the winds of heaven.

So calm and brave he stood,
In every phase of life;
So in his grand and brilliant day—
So in the last sad strife.
When reft of mighty power,
And fallen from his throne,
More kingly yet he firmly stood
When grandeur all was gone.

Napoleon Third lies dead—
Dead, upon English ground!
Proud England! truest friend
That ever yet she found.
She has bent before his bier,
And shed for him her tears;
Ah! never could she forget
The friend of bygone years.

And France, recreant France,
What does she dare to say
Of the Chief who raised her high
'Bove every earthly sway?
Alas! her strength is fading,
Her high energies downtrod;
She's in the hands of stern men,
Who own and fear no God.

But France, chivalric France,
Will soon throw off all fear:
And welcome back the Son
Of him they held so dear.
Tho' the Master's voice is hushed,
And clouds appear o'er head,
The vital power still lives;
The EMPIRE is not dead.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. D. M. LYON, ADVOCATING TRUE MASONIC REPRESENTATION IN G. LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

I am very glad to see that Bro. D. Murray Lyon is now standing forth as the advocate of true Masonic principles with regard to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as in a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire the other day he supported a motion in favour of the representation of the Ayrshire Lodges by their own Masters and Wardens, instead of by proxies resident, as proxies generally are, in Edinburgh or Glasgow. He stated, as I see from the report, that of the 750 members of the Grand Lodge, upwards of 300 are resident in Edinburgh, and 100 in Glasgow, whilst not more than 20 are resident in Ayrshire, although the Ayrshire Lodges, 36 in number, might send 108 of their own office bearers to appear for them in the Grand Lodge. He, therefore, denounces the proxy system as inconsistent with the proper representative character of the Grand Lodge, and as giving an undue preponderance in its proceedings to the metropolitan brethren. I have long maintained these views, and rejoice to find Bro. Murray Lyon, now coming forward to urge them on the regard of the Freemasons of Scotland. Not in Ayrshire only, but everywhere throughout Scotland the call should be heard that representation according to the old rules and principles of Freemasonry should be substituted for the extremely objectionable proxy system. If Bro. Murray Lyon would look at a motion of which

notice has been given in the Grand Lodge for next Quarterly Communication by Bro. J. T. Douglas, R.W.M., No. 48, he would find in it the sure means of perfectly accomplishing the end he now appears to have in view.—A PAST MASTER OF THE ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH CONSTITUTIONS.

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE UNITED STRENGTH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 228.

The 36th anniversary supper of this old and celebrated Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday evening, the 26th February, in the noble lodge room at Bro. Green's, the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town, the Preceptor, Bro. J. N. Frost, P.M. of Lodges Nos. 208, 704, 865, and P.Z. 753, in the chair, supported by Bro. L. R. Rogers, W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, in the Vice-chair.

About fifty brethren were present, who partook of a most excellent repast, which Bro. Green had provided in his usual satisfactory manner.

After grace had been said, and the cloth removed, Bro. Frost gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and the National Anthem was ably sung. He then proposed the "Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon, Most Worshipful G.M. of Masons;" next "The Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters," this was succeeded by the health of "the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers."

The Chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, namely, "Prosperity to the United Strength Lodge of Instruction," in which he gave a brief yet succinct history of the lodge, from its formation to the present time, showing its many vicissitudes and removals, its periods of abeyance, and finally its resuscitation in Kentish Town, where its success had been so great; the various charities it had assisted, and the number of its members had so augmented, concluding his remarks by informing the brethren that since its location in Kentish Town there had not been one blank evening.

Bro. Alexander, P.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 167, next proposed the health of "The Chairman," whom he highly eulogised as the Preceptor of the lodge, assuring the brethren that wherever the name of Bro. Frost was mentioned, he was always recognised as the most urbane and gentlemanly of Preceptors, and had won the golden opinions of the members of the Craft.

Bro. Frost, in returning thanks, expressed his lively sense of gratitude for the manner in which his health had been received, and begged to assure the brethren that nothing gave him greater pleasure than imparting a knowledge of Masonry to those who required it, and although he most strongly advocated a strict adherence to the ancient landmarks, yet he had endeavoured to render, as far as practicable, the language of Masonry a "well of English undefiled."

Bro. Frost then proposed "Prosperity to the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction," No. 902, and coupled with it the health of the Secretary, the Vice-Chairman, Bro. L. R. Rogers, W.M. 902, expressing his satisfaction at the truly fraternal feeling existing between the two lodges meeting under the same roof, and hoping their friendly rivalry in trying to surpass each other might continue for many happy years.

Bro. Rogers expressed his thanks in very appropriate terms, and was proud of the prosperity of the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, of which he was the founder, and a staunch supporter.

The Chairman then said there was another excellent Lodge of Instruction in that vicinity, which might almost be considered as one of their own, namely, the "Camden, No. 704," and with that he would couple the health of the Secretary, Bro. Lambie, J.W. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, and Bro. Alexander, P.M., St. John's Lodge, No. 167, who severally returned thanks.

The Chairman next proposed the health of Bro. Baker, P.M. 167, the Hon. Secretary of the

Lodge, expatiating on his abilities, and regretting that his professional duties had called him into the country, so that he was not able to be present.

Bro. Dr. Stewart, P.M. of the Lodge of United Strength, No. 228, proposed the health of the host, Bro. Green, pointing out to the brethren his constant anxiety to promote their Masonic convenience.

Bro. Green briefly returned thanks, assuring the brethren that he had Masonry at heart, and his effort would always be to persevere their good opinion. A very happy evening was then brought to a close.

Some very excellent singers were present, whom it would be almost invidious to particularise. Suffice it to say that to prove the universality of the Craft, there were songs in French, Belgian, Danish, German, and Italian.

Obituary.

BRO. ALEXANDER JAMES STEWART, W.S.,

Joint Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Scotland died at his residence in Musselburgh on the 8th March, 1873, after a long and painful illness. His death will be the source of deep regret to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Bro. A. J. Stewart, for many years held a high and responsible position as an official of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, and on the decease of the late Bro. William Alexander Laurie, W.S., was appointed Grand Secretary of that institution. He was also Secretary to the directors of the National Monument, and was connected with many of the public institutions of the city. For many years he held a commission in the Athole Highlanders, and took considerable interest in the Volunteer movement when first organised; and when dressed in full highland costume looked exceedingly handsome, being far above the average height. He was of a frank and generous nature, and possessed of very clear judgment. About two years past he was seized with paralysis, from which he never recovered, and died at the age of 52 years. His remains were interred in the family burying ground in the Dean Cemetery, Edinburgh, on Friday, the 12th March, the funeral being strictly private.

Masonic Tidings.

A Special Convent General of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, will be held at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Wednesday, the 2nd April at 5.30. for the purpose of installing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the United Orders.

The M.W.G.M. has nominated Bro. the Earl Ferrers as P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland. The Installation will probably take place on Easter Monday at Leicester.

We understand that a testimonial is about to be presented to R.W. Bro. Kelly, Past Prov. G. Master for Leicestershire and Rutland, by the brethren of that province.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MARK LODGE.—On Monday the 31st inst., Bro. W. Romaine Callender, Prov. Grand Mark Master of Lancashire, assisted by his Provincial Grand Officers, will consecrate the Walton Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 161, at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool. The ceremony will begin at half-past three o'clock, but a meeting will be held at 2 o'clock for the purpose of advancing Candidates. Bro. J. C. Lunt, is the W.M., designate, and as those who have accepted office are well-known for their good working, there is no doubt that the new lodge will hold a very high rank.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 28, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, March 22.

Red Cross Conclave No. 3, Rose and Lily, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
 Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.
 Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, March 24.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Chapter 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, March 25.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
 " 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
 " 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank.
 Chapter 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 167, St. John's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrunc, Preceptor.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, March 26.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's Wood.

Lodge 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, March 27.

General Committee Girls' Schools, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 99, Shakspeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hotel.
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday, March 28.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-street, City-rd.
 Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 K.T. Encampment Faith and Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggidge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M. Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 29, 1873.

Monday, March 24.

Chapter of Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
 Tuesday, March 25.
 Hamer Lodge (No. 1393), Breck Hotel, Breck-road, Everton, Liverpool, at 6.
 The Temple Chapter (No. 1094), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Joppa Mark Lodge (No. 5), Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.

Wednesday, March 26.

St. George's Lodge (No. 32), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 Derby Lodge (No. 724), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Lodge of Harmony (No. 220), Wellington Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (No. 1356), 140, North-hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.20.

Thursday, March 27.

Fermor Lodge (1313), Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
 Downshire Lodge (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chapter of Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Stanley Lodge (No. 1325), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, March 29, 1873.

Monday, March 24.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 362, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-st.
 Chap. 122, Thetis, Freemasons' Hall, St. James's-street.

Tuesday, March 25.

Lodge, 413, Athol, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.

Wednesday, March 26.

Lodge 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.

Thursday, March 27.

Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.

Friday, March 28.

Lodge 219, Star, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 153, Royal Arch, Pollockshaw's
 " 347, St. John's Operative, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

We are happy to be able to announce there is a considerable improvement in the condition of the Earl de Grey, according to the following telegram which has been received by Sir Bruce Seton, from the Marquess of Ripon at Cannes; "March 17th, 2.38 p.m. Going on well, shall send no more bulletins at present."

Lieut.-Col. Lyne, the Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire, has been appointed Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for that District, by patent dated 27th January, 1873.

The Admiralty contract for candles, oils and soap has been taken by Mr. Robert Mendey, of Fenchurch-street.

"After suffering many years from indigestion and biliousness, for which I could find no remedy, I was at length induced by a friend to try your Vegetable Pain Killer for it, and the first bottle I used of it gave me entire and permanent relief.—J. L. HAYLOCK, Manchester, July 15, 1867—To Perry Davis & Son, London, W.C."

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The proceeds will be devoted to

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| " W. M. Moss, W.M., Lodge of Tranquility, 185. | " Abbott, S.W., 192. | " R. W. Sprague, W.M., Oak Lodge, 190. |
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| " F. D. R. Copstick, P.G.S.B., Herts. | " W. Kibble, P.M., 715. | " John Newton, 766. |
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The Surrey Masonic Hall Company has been formed with the object of providing a Building specially adapted to the requirements of Masonic Lodges, Chapters, and Conclaves, held in the South Metropolitan District; and in connection therewith, a large Hall, for the general use of the public when not engaged for Masonic purposes.

This project has met with the approval of Brethren high in the Craft, and been very favourably received at the several Public Meetings that have been held.

The Site for the Building is in the Camberwell New Road, lying between the Post Office and the County Court, close to the Station of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, and to the Tramways from Brixton, Vauxhall, Westminster, Blackfriars, Peckham, and Greenwich. It possesses a frontage of about 70 feet, with a depth of about 150, and has been secured for a term of Ninety-nine Years, at a very low Ground-rent. The plans have been prepared by a well-known Architect and Member of the Craft, and embrace every convenience that long experience could possibly suggest.

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Although the chief object of the Company is to promote the good of Freemasonry, the Directors are of opinion, from estimates carefully prepared, that the Shareholders will also derive a very fair return in a commercial point of view. They therefore, with full confidence, invite the active support of their Brethren. A large number of shares have already been subscribed for.

The estimated annual expenditure for Ground-rent, Taxes, Gas, Coals and sundries about £200.

The estimated annual receipts from Lodges, Chapters, Lodges of Instruction, Conclaves, &c., including rent of Wine cellars, about £220; and from rental of Hall for Concerts, Public Meetings, &c., about £300. And the estimated cost of building and furnishing the Hall, capable of accomodating about 700 persons, in addition to spacious Masonic Rooms, from £2,500 to £3,000, thus shewing 10 per cent, interest on the capital. The Directors, however, fairly anticipate a larger return from public lettings.

The Company is registered under Table A of the Companies Act, 1862. A copy of the Memorandum of Association can be seen at the Offices of the Company.

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TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY (LIMITED).

Gentlemen,

Having paid to your Bankers, The London and County Bank, the sum of £ being a deposit of Ten Shillings per share on Shares in the above Company, I hereby request that you will allot me that number; and I agree to accept such Shares, or any less number you may allot to me, and to pay the deposit on Allotment and to sign the Articles of Association of this Company when required; and I authorise you to insert my name on the Register of Members, for the number of Shares allotted to me.

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Profession
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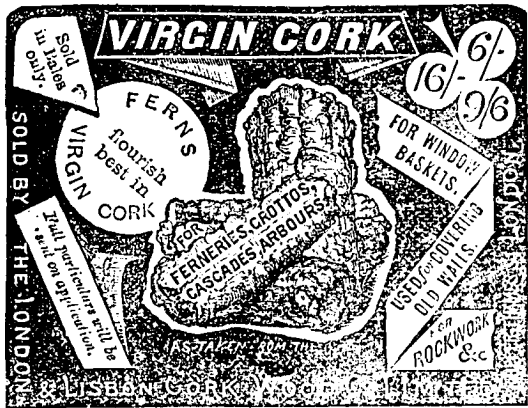
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—This old and prosperous lodge met on Tuesday, March 18th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. Bro. George Jolly Grace, W.M. presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. Prince, and Bennett, as joining members, and Mr. T. H. Philpott, as a candidate for initiation. The work, done in good style, was the passing Bro. Syer and Cooper, to the second degree, and initiating Mr. T. H. Philpott, into Freemasonry. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to give ten guineas to the Girls' School in the name of the Junior Deacon of the lodge for the time being, as all the officers above that rank in the lodge possessed the privilege of being Life Governors; The W.M. being Vice President of all the Masonic Charities. It was explained it would be in time the intention of the lodge to make every officer in the lodge a Life Governor of that Charity, similar to the arrangement made in the case of the Boys' School, of which all the officers including the Immediate Past Master, possessed during their term of office, the advantage of being Life Governors. This old lodge sets a good example to all others in supporting the Charities of the Order. Although far excelling lodges of its class in doing so much good to the Charities, and possessing amongst its Past Masters, Past Stewards and Life Governors to all the Masonic Charities, yet strange to say no one has been selected from this lodge to be a Grand Lodge Officer. The merits of some member will, it is hoped, secure that acknowledgement being conferred on him and that, too, in good time. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Banquet followed: there were present in addition to the W.M., Bros. A. L. Dussek, S.W.; J. Harman, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M. Treas.; F. Walters P.M., Sec.; J. S. Gomme, S.D.; J. T. H. Wilkins, J.D.; J. H. Butten, I.G.; C. Rayden, D.C.; D. Rose, P.M.; G. Morris, P.M.; F. H. Elsworth, P.M.; J. H. Spencer, H. Keeble, T. S. Hill, A. J. Treton, J. Mercer, G. W. Muskett, W. Rutlin, and others. Amongst the large number of visitors were Bros. Dosell P.M. 55; R. Limpus, J.D. 1309; Jesse Smith, 1326, and many whose names we were unable to ascertain.

LEICESTER.—*St. Johns' Lodge* (No. 279).—The monthly communication of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday the 5th inst. Bro. Clement Stretton, P.G.W., W.M., in the chair. Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., P.M., conjointly with Bro. Toller, P.P.G.R. and Bro. Crow, P.M., assisted the W.M. in the initiation of two candidates, and recommended to their considera-

tion the beauties of our mystic art in a manner which could not fail to impress their minds with a reverence for the grand principles upon which our Order is founded. This system of a division of labour, is more attractive to the brethren, judging from the presence of some who have recently been rather remiss in their attendance and the arrangement receives their hearty commendation. Bro. Crow, I.P.M., received an appreciative acknowledgement of his ability in the discharge of the duties of the chair during the past year. A well merited compliment was also paid to the deservedly popular brother, George Toller, jun., P.P.G.R., in unanimously electing him an Honorary Member of the lodge. We have also to notice the presence of Bros. Sculthorpe, P. Prov. G.S.D.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G.S.; Atwood, Chicago; Atwood, Sen.; R. Goodman, 354, Glasgow; C. E. Stretton, J.D.; J. T. Thorp, Prov. Grand Steward; and J. M. McAllister, Secretary.

LIVERPOOL.—*Ancient Union Lodge* (No. 203).—The usual monthly meeting of the brethren connected with this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 20th inst., the special business on the paper being the installation of Bro. T. W. Sergeant, W.M. elect. The lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock by Bro. John Parsons, W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. James, I.P.M.; Rowson, P.M., P.G.S.; T. W. Sergeant, S.W.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer; P. McF. Neill, Secretary; H. Glover, S.D.; J. Parker, I.G.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Hewitt, J. Winsor, J. Pipe, E. Johnson, &c. The visitors' list embraced the names of Bros. T. Armstrong, P.G. Treasurer; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treasurer; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724 and 1276; S. Haynes, P.M. 823; E. Hughes, W.M. 249; J. Kenyon, W.M. 1013; J. Jones, S.W. 1393; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. J. Parsons proceeded to install his successor in the chair of K.S., which he did in a highly efficient manner. The following brethren were afterwards invested as officers:—Bro. P. McF. Neill, S.W.; Hugh Glover, J.W.; E. Johnston, Secretary; C. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer; J. Birtles, S.D.; T. Armstrong, J.D.; J. Winsor, I.G.; M. Aronsberg and Wilson, Stewards. The newly-installed W.M. then initiated two candidates in a highly creditable manner. At the close of the business, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, and during the evening a handsome marble timepiece and two bronze ornaments was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Parsons. A silver plate on the clock bore the following inscription "Presented to Bro. Past Master Parsons by the brethren of the Ancient Union Lodge as a mark of esteem. Liverpool, 20th March, 1873." After Bro. Parsons had responded, he, in name of the brethren, presented Bro. P.M. Charles Bromley, Treasurer, with a very handsome silver cup, subscribed for by the brethren. The cup bore the following inscription:—Presented to Bro. Charles Bromley, P.M., by the members of the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 203, as a token of their high appreciation of his services as Treasurer, 1873." The whole of the proceedings were marked by the greatest cordiality and true brotherly feeling.

LIVERPOOL.—*Everton Lodge* (No. 823).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge, which took place on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., was the largest and most interesting which has taken place for some time. The presence of Bro. E. Samuelson, P.P.J.G.D. of Cheshire, Mayor of Liverpool, caused the liveliest interest, and indicated how deep is the interest he takes in the progress of the Craft. There were about 70 members and 30 visitors present, and the whole of the evening's business was conducted in the finest spirit and efficiency. The lodge was opened shortly after six o'clock by Bro. J. Holland, W.M., the officers being Bros. T. D. Pearce, I.P.M.; J. S. Taylor, P.M.; S. Haynes, P.M.; T. Ashmore, P.M.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; W. Boulton, S.W.; W. Cottrell, Sec.; T. Shaw, S.D.; W. Wilson, J.D.; W. G. Veale, Org.; J. Houlding, S.; and H. Ashmore, S. Amongst the principal visitors were Bros. E. Samuelson, P.P.J.G.D., Cheshire; E. Hughes, W.M. 240;

Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249, 1094; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; H. W. Nicholas, 249; P.B. Gee, W.M. 1264; J. Hyde, 249; Dr. McGeorge, P.M. 241; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094; J. Ball, Sec. 673. After the transaction of some formal business the W.M. initiated three candidates with striking effect—Messrs. Warriner, Parry and Hynes. The lodge was subsequently opened in the third degree, when Bro. Dr. Taylor raised Bros. Parker and Graham to the sublime degree of M.M.'s in impressive style. Bro. his Worship the Mayor, after expressing his pleasure with the working of the lodge, left immediately after the conclusion of the business. The brethren afterwards supped together, and a pleasant evening was passed.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—*St. Edmund's Lodge* (No. 1008).—On Friday, the 14th inst., the ninth anniversary and installation of W.M. of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, No. 1008, took place in the spacious new lodge room in the Angel Hotel, Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds. The "annuals" of the St. Edmunds lodge have already become known as some of the most pleasant Masonic gatherings in the province, and there was a large assemblage of brethren of this and the neighbouring lodges, amongst those present being Bros. J. F. Hills, W.M., 1224, P.J.G.W. Suffolk; Spencer Freeman, P.M. 516, P.G. Treasurer Suffolk; W. H. Lucia, P.M. 100, 1008, P.G. Sec. and P.P.J.G.W. Suffolk; T. J. Huddleston, I.P.M. 1008, P.P.J.G.W. Suffolk; J. N. York, P.M. 88, and W.M. and P.M. 1008, P.Z., and P.P.S.G.W. Cambridge-shire; J. D. Perrott, P.M. 651, 1072, and P.P.S.C.W. Wales; F. B. Marriott, P.M. 516, P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk; S. H. Wright, P.M. 516, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk; G. Thompson, P.M. 1008, W. Bailey, P.M. 155, 343, 703; and about forty other brethren. Bro. J. N. York acted very ably as installing master, and Bro. W. H. Lucia (secretary) read the ancient charges. Bro. Captain T. J. Huddleston presented to the Installing Master the brother on whom the choice of the lodge had fallen as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. W. E. Bailey, P.G.A. Sec., Suffolk, who was then regularly inducted into the chair of K.S. and proclaimed and saluted in the several degrees. The impressive manner in which the ceremony was performed elicited the highest encomiums, many old Masons present averring that they had never seen it done more effectively. The W.M. afterwards proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows, delivering a short appropriate address to each:—S. W. Bro. Captain C. J. T. Oakes; J. W. Bro. J. Hedley Bevan; S.D. Bro. F. Fearnside; J.D. Bro. W. G. Patrick; I.G. Bro. Henry Miller; Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Bennett; Organist, Bro. W. J. Nunn; M.C. Bro. W. Armstrong; Steward, Bro. W. Clarke; Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lucia. The brethren then elected Bro. Captain Huddleston as Treasurer, and Bro. Gooch as Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. W. Clarke for a pair of very handsome globes, celestial and terrestrial, which he that evening presented to the lodge, and also to the I.P.M. Bro. York, for the very admirable manner in which he had gone through the ceremony of installation. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet which included all the delicacies of the season, and was served in a manner which reflected infinite credit on Bro. W. G. Guy, who on this, as on all occasions, displayed the utmost consideration for the comfort of the brethren. In the course of the evening the W.M. proposed the toast of the "Masonic Charities," and made an earnest appeal to the brethren on their behalf, to which they liberally responded by depositing in the "brok'n column," a sum sufficient, with the few donations from absent brethren, to purchase a life governorship of one of the charities. Bro. Marriott, P.P.G. Sec., in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," characterised the Royal Bury St. Edmunds lodge as second only to one, in point of numbers, in the province of Suffolk, and certainly inferior to none in status, either socially or masonically. Several admirable glees and songs were sung by the brethren, and a most happy evening was spent in "peace and harmony." A Royal Arch Chapter in connection with this lodge is to be instituted during the ensuing month.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*Rutland Lodge* (No. 1130).—The regular monthly meeting of this

lodge was held on Thursday, 13th ult., when there was a fair gathering of brethren, the W.M. Bro. Adcock in the chair. Amongst the visitors were:—Bros. Orford, P.M. 466; H. Bagg, and Bro. Markham, I.P.M. of 1265. A P.M.'s jewel of a very chaste design was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Bright, whose good working during his year of office had well sustained the credit of the chair of this lodge.

GREENWICH.—*Star Lodge* (No. 1275).—At the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Friday, 7th inst. Brother Henry Keeble, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballots proved unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates. The W.M., in a correct manner, raised one to the third degree, and initiated two gentlemen into the Order. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge having been closed, a splendid banquet followed. After the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given and responded to. Great credit was justly taken for the successful efforts put forth by the lodge in sending Stewards to represent them at the festivals, viz., one for each. However, thanks to the energy and perseverance of the hard-working Secretary that success has been achieved. After a few hours spent in enjoyment, the brethren separated. There were present Bros. T. R. Darke, S.W.; G. Pymm, P.M., J.W.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., Secretary; G. F. Guest, S.D.; J. J. Limebeer, J.D.; W. Kipps, I.G. and Organist; W. Ough, P.G.P., P.M.; C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; G. S. Elliott, J. Finch, J. Fox, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. Farnfield, P.M. 907; Rev. Vaughan, P.M. 907; E. Shalless 140; E. Mallett, 141; W. Vine, 1310.

WEST DERBY.—*Pembroke Lodge* (No. 1299).—The annual meeting of this admirable suburban lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool, the special business being the installation of Bro. Joseph Clegg, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Since its consecration a few years ago, the "Pembroke" has made steady progress, taking a well-earned place as one of the best worked and most harmonious lodges in the province of West Lancashire; and the election to the chair of a true and large hearted Mason like Bro. Clegg, who has done noble service to the cause of Masonry during his long connection with it, was not only a fitting and just reward of merit and zeal, but one eminently popular with the brethren and likely to prove beneficial to the lodge itself. Shortly before three o'clock, the lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. Sellar, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Clegg, S.W.; P. Macmurdrow, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treas.; R. Bennett, Sec.; W. Jones, S.D.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. There was a good attendance of the brethren of the lodge, amongst those present being Bros. D. Saunders; J. Rockliffe, P.M. 1035; R. Langley, P.M. 477 and 823; J. W. Kelly, W. Nash, J. S. G. Aspinall, E. Bartlett, H. J. Gunn, J. L. Jones, A. Jones, T. Farms, A. T. Smith, W. Avis, T. G. Winstanley, and others. The attendance of visitors was also large including Bros. S. Y. Hess, P. Prov. J.G.W., Cheshire; A. C. Mott, P.G.S.W., Westmoreland and Cumberland; J. W. Baker, P.G.S., P.M. 220 and 241; W. Woods, P.M. 1182; D. W. Winstanley, P.M. 1094; W. T. May, W.M. 1393; R. R. Martin, S.W. 1094; R. Jones, P.M. 220; R. C. Yelland, J.D. 1064; J. Ball, Sec., 673; J. Busfield, J. Tabley, 594; and others. A letter of apology was read from Bro. W. Vines, P.M., who was necessarily absent on account of ill-health. Apologies had also been received by the W.M. elect from Bro. E. Saker, Bro. H. Leslie, and Bro. H. J. Loveday. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Clegg was presented for installation to Bro. J. W. Baker, whose rendering of the impressive ritual was striking and efficient in the highest degree. After a board of Installed Masters had been held and Bro. Clegg duly "chaired," the brethren were re-admitted and saluted the W.M. in the three degrees. The charges were also given by Bro. Baker with great force and impressiveness to the following officers, invested by the W.M. for the ensuing year:—Bros. P. Macmurdrow, S.W.;

W. Jones, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treas.; R. Bennett, Sec.; A. T. Smith, S.D.; M. Bush, J.D.; A. Jones, S.S.; W. Avis, J.S.; G. Aspinall, I.G.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. Mr. John Christian was subsequently initiated by Bro. Clegg, W.M., in a manner to which the slightest objection could not be taken, reflecting the highest credit upon his Masonic aptitude and intelligence. A sumptuous banquet was afterwards served by "mine host," to which a large number of the brethren sat down, under the presidency of the W.M., who after giving the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, gave "The Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." Bro. S. Y. Hess, P. Prov. J.G.W., Cheshire, replied in an excellent speech, in which he expressed great pleasure in being present that day. In giving the health of the W.M., Bro. J. Sellar, I.P.M., said he had known Bro. Clegg for many years, not only in that, but other lodges, where he had held responsible offices, and judging from the satisfactory manner in which he had performed his duties that afternoon there could be little doubt that he would be an honour to the lodge during his year of office. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their kindness in unanimously electing him to fill the chair. When he received the telegram in London conveying this intelligence, nothing ever gave him greater pleasure, and he felt amply repaid for all the work which he had done in connection with Masonry. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Sellar, I.P.M., and referred to him as the actual founder of the Pembroke Lodge, as having done good service in the different offices he had filled, and concluded by presenting him (Bro. Sellar), in name of the lodge, with a splendid set of diamond studs, hoping he would have health, wealth, and prosperity for many years to come. Bro. Sellar acknowledged the toast and presentation in a very feeling speech. "The Installing Master" was acknowledged by Bro. Baker, and "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" by Bro. Capt. Mott, who spoke in eloquent terms of the progress made by the institution since its foundation. In the course of his speech he also referred with pride and pleasure to the fact that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, their P.G.M., would preside at the annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May next. While they ought to look to their own Masonic Charities at home, he felt that their sympathies ought to extend to the great London Masonic Charities, and therefore he had consented to act as one of the Stewards in which capacity he solicited their cordial help and donations. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was acknowledged by all the staff, and "The Visitors" by all who were present. Capital songs were contributed by Bros. J. Busfield, W. Jones, &c., and the brethren separated at an early hour, highly delighted with the whole of the afternoon's proceedings.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—This highly prosperous and successful lodge, held its meeting on Saturday, 15th March, at the Red Lion Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. William Hammond, P.M., S.D., punctually at three o'clock, p.m. The minutes of the meeting held in January were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. R. Limpus, S.D. 1309; C. Saunders, 1275; T. Wheeler, 1275; and R. Gutteridge 1275; as joining members, also for Messrs Came, I. Jones, Jesse Smith, G. Shott, J. N. White, and C. A. Grant, as candidates for initiation. Bro. F. Walters, P.M., Secretary, took the chair, and in his usual correct manner raised Bro. H. Nell, T. Archer, John Thompson, and B. Hall, to the third degree. He passed Bros. Joseph Thompson, J. Deeks, M. Mildred, J. Newton, Webster, 1309 and Collins, 1309; to the second degree. The W.M. Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, having arrived, he took the chair and presided over the lodge for the remainder of the evening. He most impressively initiated Messrs Jesse Smith, Charles Allan Grant, George Shott, and W. N. Smith, into the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The name of Bro. James Robert Moore, was added to the twelve already sent in as Stewards to represent the lodge at the Girls' School Festival to be held on May 14th,

1873, as he expressed a wish to assist on that important occasion. Two visitors were proposed as joining members, four gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and the lodge was closed and declared adjourned until Thursday, April 17th. There were present besides those already named, Bro. H. A. Dubois, J.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.D.; W. H. Scott, D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; J. Hammond, P.M.; H. Potter, P.M.; H. Woodrow, P.M.; C. W. Fox, J. Hayward, H. Jones, C. Heitzmann, G. Black, W. B. Smith, H. Gloster, R. Lawrence, J. W. Baldwin, J. Thomas, and many others. The visitors were Bros. A. Pulley, P.M. 169; W. Vine, 1310; Collins, 1309; Webster 1309; and others. Banquet followed the business.

ANDOVER.—*St. Hubert Lodge*.—It is gratifying to notice the progress of Freemasonry in Andover, with a lodge only twelve months old. At the regular monthly meeting on Monday last, the Rev. Bro. Evan Yorke-Nepean, M.A., S.W. and P.G.C., was elected to the office of W.M., in the room of Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, under whose guidance the St. Hubert has had so successful a training. The installation of the new W.M. will in all probability take place on the 21st prox., when it is expected the P.G.M. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., will perform the ceremony. The annual meeting will be held at the same time, and a banquet will be given in the evening, when it is hoped a large number of brethren from other lodges will attend.

Royal Arch.

LANCASTER.—*Roxley Chapter*, (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this Chapter for the installation of the Principals Elect and investiture of Officers was held at the Chapter rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster, on Friday, March 14. There were present Comps. W. Hall, M.E.Z.; E. Simpson, H.; J. L. Whimpray, J.; J. Danl. Moore, P.Z., Prov. G.H., G.S.B. England; W. H. Bagnall, P.Z.; T. Mason, P.Z.; James M. Moore, E.; W. Heald, N.; F. Dean, A.S.; W. Hall, James Taylor, J. Watson, Janitor. The chapter was opened, muster roll called and other business transacted. Bro. Harger was elected as a candidate for Royal Arch Masonry, and being in attendance was effectively exalted to that supreme degree by Comp. W. Hall, M.E.Z., the lectures being delivered in the usual manner, and the duties of P.S., in the absence of Comp. Airey, being undertaken by Comp. J. M. Moore. The Installing Officer having taken the chair of the chapter, next proceeded, in a board of Installed Principals consisting of Comps. Moore, Mason, Bagnall, Hall, &c., to install the Principals Elect, as follows:—Comps. E. Simpson, Z.; J. L. Whimpray, H.; James M. Moore, J., and after the proclamations and salute, the newly installed M.E.Z. invested the following officers:—Comps. W. Hall, P.Z.; W. Heald, E.; E. Airey, N.; W. Barker, Treasurer; F. Dean, P.S.; R. Taylor, Janitor; after which the chapter was closed in due form.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*De Mowbray Chapter* (1130).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, 13th ult., immediately before the Craft lodge, when there were present E. Comps. Langley, Orford and Newcome, P.Z.'s; Fast, H.; and Comps. Bright, Adcock, Markam, Past Scribe E.'s; R. Boughton Smith, Scribe E. of the Charnwood Chapter; Chester, Newcome, Duncombe, Bugg, and Norton. The candidates for exaltation were not in attendance, so no work was done, except the election of officers for the ensuing year, which was as follows:—Fast, Z.; Dean, H.; Duncombe, J.; Bright, Scribe E.; Johnson, Scribe N.; Boughton Smith, P.S. The chapter was then closed. Comp. Dean is H. in the Charnwood Chapter, and therefore will not require installation, but Comps. Fast and Duncombe will be installed at a meeting of the Chapter of Fortitude, at Leicester, in May.

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Mark Masonry.

LEICESTER.—*Fowke Lodge* (No. 19).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, on Wednesday evening the 12th inst. Bro. S. S. Partridge, W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance of brethren, including Bro. W. Kelly, P.G.M.M.; Rev. John Spittal, D.P.G.M.M.; W. Weare, S.W.; George Toller, jun., M.O.; W. Sculthorpe, S.O.; J. M. McAllister, Secretary; W. T. Rowlett, R.M.; R. A. Barber, S.D.; E. J. Crow, J.D.; J. T. Thorpe, H. T. Bobart, and others. Five candidates for advancement were duly balloted for, and admitted, viz., Bros. S. Tebbutt, A. Ross, J. S. Tomlin, M. H. Bobart, and W. Saunders. The ceremony was ably conducted by the W.M., whose self-devotion to the welfare of the lodge has been fully exemplified by the fact that he has conferred this very interesting degree on no less than twenty candidates during his year of office.

BRIGHTON.—*Royal Sussex Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 75).—The members of this lodge held their regular meeting for March, at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday evening, March 11th, 1873. The lodge was opened at five o'clock p.m., and Bro. S. Cowley was advanced into this beautiful and instructive degree, after which Bro. G. R. Lockyer, of Brighton, was duly installed as Worshipful Master, by Bro. Thos. Cook, P.M. 72, P.M. Mark Lodge 75, assisted by Bro. Dr. Cunningham, P.M. 811, 315, 1110, P.P.G.C.W., Sussex, a Past Master of the lodge and P.G.J.O. of Grand Mark Lodge, a special dispensation from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, Wales, &c., &c., having been granted upon the requisition of a large number of the members of the lodge, all who were eligible for the chief office signing the same. Bro. Lockyer then having appointed his officers for the ensuing year, a very elegant Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. John Robinson, P.M. 315, P.M. Mark Lodge No. 75, as a mark of respect, by the members of the lodge, on his retirement from the office of W.M. March, 1873," was presented to Bro. John Robinson, P.M. 315, on his retirement from the office of W.M. We are pleased to say that this lodge is in a highly flourishing state, having a list of between forty and fifty subscribing members. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Terminus Hotel, where Bro. Pearson served an excellent dinner in his usual style. It is rumoured that application will shortly be made to the Grand Master for a warrant to hold a lodge at Hayward's Heath (as a summer lodge), to be called the "Southdown Lodge," and of which Bro. W. Hudson, P.M. 315, P.P.G.D. Sussex (Craft), and P.M. Mark Lodge 75, and P.A.G.D. of C.M.M., is to be the first Master. Hayward's Heath is a station about twelve miles from Brighton, and the centre of an important district. The last train from London stops every night at 11.30 p.m. It is suggested that, if established, the lodge shall be holden on the first Saturdays in June, July, August, and September. It is also proposed to open another lodge of Mark Masons in Brighton before the close of the year; and a hope is entertained that at no distant day a provincial Grand Mark Lodge for Sussex will be founded. It will be considered an act of justice by those few members of the degree in Brighton who from the first have (through good report and evil report) against the unmistakable opposition of certain Craft Masons, kept the Mark degree not only alive, but by their constant efforts have so thoroughly established the Royal Sussex Lodge, that it is felt safe to establish other lodges for the promotion of a knowledge of this useful, instructive, and elegant degree in Freemasonry.

Knights Templar.

ROCHDALE.—*Albert Encampment*.—The grand field day of this encampment was held at the Masonic Rooms, Rochdale, on Thursday last, the 26th day of March. The encampment was opened at 7 p.m. by the E.C. Sir Knt. Wm. Ashworth, assisted by his officers, Sir Knt. T. Jones, P.L.C. acting Prelate; when the muster roll was called and the minutes read and con-

firmed. Comp. John Bell having been proposed, the same being regularly entered on the minutes of last meeting, was balloted for and unanimously elected, and afterwards duly installed a Knight of the Order of Temple by the Eminent Grand Prior of Lancashire, Sir Knt. Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds, who performed the ceremony in a faultless manner, and to the evident satisfaction and advantage of all present. The newly installed Sir Knight having been proclaimed, the Eminent Commander Sir Knt. Herod Turner, was presented by Sir Knt. Wm. Roberts, Grand Prior of West Yorkshire, for the benefit of installation by Sir Knt. Royds, First Grand Captain of England, who again distinguished himself in the performance of the ceremony, thereby proving to the Sir Knights that he takes great interest in the Order, and that he will, as he no doubt intends, at no distant day, to be of great use and advantage to the province. The Eminent Commander then appointed his officers as follows:—Sir Knts. Wm. Ashworth, P.E.C., Prelate; Wm. Davies, 1st Captain; John Pothergill, 2nd Captain; Wm. Roberts, Registrar; C. M. Jones, Treasurer; T. B. Ashworth, Director of Ceremonies; Simon Lord, Almoner; Robert Whitworth, Expert; Robert Butterworth, Captain of Lines; John Bell, 1st Standard Bearer; Richard Gorton, 2nd Standard Bearer; Robert Howard, 1st Herald; James Mills, 2nd Herald; Edmund Wrigley, Organist; Frater John Ashworth, Equerry. The business of the encampment having been regularly and efficiently despatched, the same was closed in due form, and the Knights adjourned to banquet, after which a pleasant hour was spent in the usual loyal and Masonic manner. The toasts specially honoured on this occasion being the Prince of Wales, Grand Master Designate; Sir Knts. A. H. Royds, V.E. Prov. Grand Commander; W. H. Wright, E. Dep. P.G.C. and Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds, Eminent Prov. Grand Prior. May their names ever remain a household word to Knights Templar.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNION LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 154 (E.C.), AUCKLAND, N.Z. *From the (Daily Southern Cross).*

We are frequently called upon to lay before our readers accounts of Masonic meetings, presentations, banquets consequent thereon and picnics, but it is only at long intervals that an event such as is named at the head of this notice takes place. We hail the opening of this lodge with great pleasure, as it tends to show that the fraternity in this city, although they cannot boast of a hall of their own, are alive to their wants and requirements, and do their utmost to supply them.

A brief account of the origin of this lodge may not be uninteresting. About nine months ago a few of the members of the various lodges, having often discussed the want of a lodge for the working of the Mark Degree, met together, subscribed the necessary funds, and applied to the Grand Master in England for a warrant empowering them to open a lodge and to confer the degree. This was duly granted, and the requisite furniture and jewels were sent for to Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain (London), the eminent Masonic jeweller and publisher. Bro. Kenning has supplied articles superior to anything of the kind we have ever before seen, creditable alike to his establishment and to the lodge which has now the honour of wearing them. We have no doubt should a Masonic procession, or outdoor ceremony, at any time take place, that the statements we are now making with respect to the Mark regalia will be fully borne out by all who may see them—the fair sex included.

To enable the lodge to make a start, it was necessary that the assistance of brethren who had already received the degree should be obtained. A hearty co-operation and assistance to the new lodge was given by Bros. Hayward, Atkin, Savage, Seon, Ibbetson, and others.

Punctually at the hour appointed, the lodge was opened, and the ceremony of consecration performed, by Bro. W. R. Hayward, Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The usual elements—corn, wine, and oil—were duly scattered and sprinkled, according to ancient custom, solemn prayers being said, and appropriate portions of

Scripture read, dedicating the new undertaking to the Grand Geometrician of the Universe "who tries the blocks thus offered, with his unerring square."

Thereafter 23 candidates were duly ballotted for, and advanced to the degree.

The requisite officers being selected from them, were installed as follows:—W. R. Hayward, W.M.; Alex. Fleming, acting P.M.; George Gledhill, acting S.W.; John Savage, J.W.; W. Batt, Treas.; H. G. Wade, Sec. and Reg. of Records; F. H. Ibbetson, M.O.; James C. Doull, S.O.; James Macready, J.O.; Walter Sleane, S.D.; Uriah Hurrell, J.D.; G. A. Avey, I.G.; Charles Porter, T. The newly-installed officers assisted at some part of the degree, and were highly complimented by the W.M. for their aptitude in acquiring their several parts.

Labour being ended by the closing of the lodge, the question of refreshment next occupied the attention of the brethren. An appropriate Masonic grace having been pronounced by Bro. Hayward, the good things set before them by the host were duly disposed of with a zeal worthy of the fraternity, and highly satisfactory to Bro. Avey, who in this, as in all previous undertakings, showed that the credit of the Masonic Hotel was being duly kept up.

The cloth having been removed, the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," by the W.M., commenced this part of the evening's proceedings, which was followed by "Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales," also from the chair, both the toasts being honoured according to the customs of the Craft.—Song, "God Save the Queen," by the company.

Bro. Hayward next called for a bumper to the "Grand Mark Master of England and Wales," Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal. He briefly detailed the active and energetic interest displayed by the Grand Master in the cause of Mark Masonry in England, which was shown by the increase in the number of new lodges under this constitution.

The toast was duly honoured, and Bro. Ibbetson, as the oldest Mark Master present, suitably responded.

Another bumper was called for by Bro. Morrison to the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. R. Hayward, whose efforts for the advancement of the lodge had been untiring, and who had that evening conferred the degree in such a correct and workmanlike manner as to elicit the commendations and admiration of all present.

The W.M., in responding, said that he considered this one of the most remarkable nights he had ever spent in connection with Freemasonry, and that the lodge just formed promised to be the most successful in Auckland.

The most amusing speech of the evening fell to the lot of Bro. Barnes, who was called upon to propose "Masons' Wives and Masons' Bairs," which he did in very humorous terms, graphically describing the scenes which some times take place in domestic circles, when the "brother" announced to his better-half the ominous words, "I have to go to my lodge to-night." Bro. Barnes's speech was worthy of "Mrs. Caudie." Drunk with full Masonic honours.

Bro. Batt, in a neat speech, stood champion for the fair sex, and felt sure that if the ladies could only be led to believe how Masonic lodges were conducted, a great many of the objections existing in their minds against the Order would vanish, for "no mortal could more the ladies adore than a Free and Accepted Mason."

The Tyler's toast, "Poor and Distressed Masons," which in all well-conducted lodges terminates the proceedings, brought one of the most successful and pleasant night's entertainments which has ever taken place in connection with the Craft in this city, to a happy termination; "Auld Lang Syne" being the appropriate musical accompaniment.

We might add, in conclusion, that the name chosen for the lodge is most appropriate—"Union," all the lodges in the place being represented amongst its officers and members.

Local industry was also brought to bear on the manufacture of part of the lodge furniture, certain articles required for the degree having been made by Bros. Hurrell and Cole.

The brethren separated shortly before eleven.

Original Correspondence.

THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am accused of worshipping the rising sun. Such devotion is strictly Masonic, and of great antiquity, but I am not a Parsee and cannot plead guilty to it.

Those who know me best, however, will admit that my usual course is simply to stick to my colours and nothing more. I am loyal to the Order I have joined, and I did not enter its ranks to attack it, or to throw it over as others seem to have done, to follow the *ignis fatuus* of the English Langue of St. John of Jerusalem.

"True Blue," says I cannot join that newly revived and very exalted and exclusive body. Well, I am not ambitious, but if I were, I dare say I could satisfy the heralds on the point of genealogy, as well as some others who call themselves Knights of Justice and Knights of Grace.

When "True Blue" kindly suggests that I may hope to be rewarded with a brand new Cross of the Order of the Temple, I may simply remark that I am not desirous of pushing myself forward in any way, whatever others may be; that many of the anonymous writers who now attack me will be the first to accept such honours when they get the chance; that the Grand Cross will in all probability be restricted to knights; it is possible more distinguished than the gentlemen who dignify the Anglican Langue—persons who like the late Prince Consort, would fail to see the desirability of joining that much vaunted body; and that I for one certainly do not presume to aspire to wear the cross which will (mark my words) at no distant date, decorate the breasts of men the Duke's Order would gladly welcome.

I think very highly of the services of Sir Patrick Colquhoun, the Earl of Limerick, and others, and have not scrupled to say so frankly when, perhaps, it would be more politic to hold my tongue; and I am not ashamed of the course I have pursued—a course, I venture to say, consistent from the first—nor will I be frightened, nor put down by men who foresee, perhaps, the coming decadence and fall of their pet orders and degrees before the rise and progress of the Order of the Temple.

The Masonic Order of Malta has been unjustly and unwarrantably attacked by Masons who have taken the obligation to support and maintain it; but who, I suppose, in consequence of joining another (as they are pleased to think) more legitimate body, imagine they are justified in throwing over their old allegiance, and attacking those who are loyal to the Order.

And yet, "M.A. (Oxon)," and some others blame me for showing those gentlemen that their ground is untenable, that in seeking to make us out bastards they only throw a doubt on their own legitimacy.

Well, the Committee of Privileges of the House of Lords (the Sacred Council) has sat upon their claims, and whilst it says we are all illegitimate—a fact most of us have always admitted—decides that the would-be peer (the English Langue) has not made good the claim to a seat in the house—these Scotch marriages are so difficult to prove and French ones are sometimes worse.

I have laboured, and shall continue to do so, with no hope of reward, for I know full well that in Masonry, as in everything else, it is not those who have worked the hardest that get recognition and encouragement, but those who have been holding aloof, or, may be, insidiously urging on others to oppose, but who it is politic and desirable to buy over because of their influence, who get the prizes.

"True Blue" need only look at the Craft he vaunts so highly above the Temple for an illustration of the truth of what I say. I could name ten great Masons who have been taboed, to one whose work was acknowledged. But this is beside the question; only do not quote the beloved Craft for its superiority to the higher degrees in the prompt recognition of merit.

As to the different class of men in the respective Orders of Malta, Manchester and Masonic, again I say I have yet to learn that in social standing we are not as good every whit as they.

For 150 Knights of St. John of the English

Order I will undertake to name 500 Masonic Knights their equals in every respect by birth, breeding, education and profession. Will any Sir Knights accept my challenge? If they will not, then I ask them to kindly bear in mind that we have feelings as well as they, that we have as great a dislike to be called spurious and the members of a ten years' old Order, as they have; and let writers like "Sero sed Serio" (a Daniel come to judgment!) remember the Arab proverb quoted by General Damas, "Curses are like young chickens and oft come home to roost." For curses let him read abuse, and then, perhaps, he will bethink himself of the motto of the Order of the Thistle when he and his friends disparage the Templar Order and its supporters—"Nemo me impune lacessit."

Apologising for taking up your valuable space, I am, fraternally yours,

EMRA HOLMES, 31^o,
Grand Provost of England.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Two words in reply to "Civis." I did not call the Manchester Order of St. John "Brummagem," and I never spoke of the desire of the Order to crush the Masonic Order of the Temple.

I suggested that "Brummagem" might be an appropriate title for writers like "Sero sed Serio," and I hinted that there was a desire on the part of some of the members of the Manchester Langue to crush the Masonic Order of Malta.

And this I can prove if necessary, indeed your own columns show it. When "Civis" talks of my wild vituperation, I can afford to smile. Your readers, upon whose impartial judgment and good sense I rely, will readily see on whose side the "wild vituperation" has been; but I refrain from this date to take any further notice of anonymous scribblers, whose principal idea of argument is simple abuse.

A "Masonic Student" and "Lupus," are honourable opponents who most of us know, and whom it is a pleasure to meet in courteous controversy; but I decline to be the butt of gentlemen who dare not sign their names, but who gladly sting like one of "Civis's" snakes, and slink away under the shadow of their anonymity.

To "Lupus" I would briefly say that his very answer to the Roman document shows that I was right. The English Langue is not acknowledged, and is repudiated by the Sacred Council—the Governing Body of the Order—and until Bro. Lupus can adduce a single instance of a Langue being created, or revived, without the authority of the Sovereign, the Grand Master, or his representative, I must again repeat, that, notwithstanding the support of representatives of the five langues out of eight, notwithstanding the technical formalities in the Court of Queen's Bench, the English Langue of the Order of St. John's does not exist, and the Order, or "Honourable Society," calling itself by that name, has no more right to the title than we, the Masonic Order, have.

Yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES,
Grand Provost,
Past 2nd Grand Captain of Lines.

NOTITIÆ TEMPLARIÆ.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As "Excelsior" thinks it ill-becomes a single member to complain, permit me to inform him, and the numerous readers of his letter, that the writer of "Notitie Templariæ" is, so far from being singular in his ideas with regard to the very underhand way in which the Statutes of the new Order of Knights Templar are carried, that a large and important Province was with difficulty prevented from seceding altogether from the present Order. Scotland, also, would not come in under the treaty, solely in consequence of her dislike to the new Statutes. There is no doubt (the old Grand Conclave being destroyed) that Masonic Knights Templar owe no allegiance to the present system. This is the more unfortunate both as every K.T. must

rejoice at the graciousness of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in consenting to rule over what was the United Order, and because there is no doubt—not a shadow of a doubt—if almost the very best evidence can be relied upon, that the Prince never said he would not rule over us unless we accepted the new Statutes, and that such a thought never even entered his head.

A MEMBER OF THE LAST GRAND CONCLAVE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Holmes's most astonishing statement in last week's *Freemason*, that the members of the English Langue of the Order of St. John "desire to crush the Masonic Order of Malta" and I believe it to be utterly false. The English Langue occupies itself in helping, not in crushing, other people; it does not trouble itself with the affairs of other bodies which are in connection with it or its work, but I feel sure that all its members would rejoice to see any body, Masonic or not—but more especially a powerful body such as the Masonic Order of the Temple might be, under the Prince of Wales as Grand Master—occupying itself with more work and less play. The world is big enough for all of us to do our best and still leave room for others to do theirs; but don't let the Masonic Order forget that it is the Masonic Order, and nothing else—nobody else forgets it.

I am, yours obediently,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

[This Correspondence must now be terminated.—Ed. *Freemason*.]

COMPOUNDING FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in your account of the work done at Grand Lodge, that the motion of Bro. Smith to allow members of private lodges to compound for their annual subscriptions on their removal from the neighbourhood of their lodge, was referred to the Board of General Purposes. The passing of such an alteration in the Book of Constitutions would, I feel sure, be a great boon to many country Masons; but I would venture to suggest that the composition be paid not to the funds of the private lodge, but to Grand Lodge, which shall hold the sum in trust for the private lodge, and every year pay the interest accruing to the credit of the lodge. My reason for making this suggestion is, that in many cases lodges in country towns are not well managed as to their finances, and through many causes they may cease to exist; and thus both the individual Mason and Grand Lodge would be losers. It would be a very easy thing to arrange for the payment of the Provincial Lodge dues from the funds of the private lodge.

Hoping that the Board of General Purposes may report favourably upon the matter.

I am Sir, yours fraternally,

W. LANGLEY, P.M. 50 and 1130.

P.P.S.G.W. of Leicester.

MASONIC MUSIC.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having for many years taken an active part and a deep interest in the introduction of suitable music into our various ceremonies, I may, perhaps, be permitted to remark, in reply to several brethren who have communicated with you on the subject, that there can be no question with all who desire to add solemn impressiveness to our ritual—that proper music, carefully rehearsed and performed, is of considerable importance, and happily, growing daily in favour with the Craft. Doubtless some of the "old hands" who have not been accustomed to music, and may be—have but little taste for the tuneful art, object to its introduction as a suitable and necessary adjunct; yet, few indeed who have participated as I have done, in the soul-stirring ceremonies of foreign lodges—can deny that music in the German, French, Swedish and other Continental lodges occupies a large and important part in their ritual, and that it tends to sublimate the working in a manner unknown in this country.

Being then fully impressed with the advantages to be derived from the introduction of appropriate music into our own lodges, I have for some years been engaged in compiling a work which should contain compositions "for all the ceremonies of Masonic order," and I am happy to add that this book ("The Freemason's Liber Musicus") which is now in course of publication, and will have attained next week to the eighth, out of twelve parts forming the complete publication, is already much used (as the numerous letters I have received testify), and is highly appreciated by the brethren of the various lodges where it has been successfully introduced.

Some of the most useful pieces are easily arranged for voices in unison, with accompaniments, so that where there is any vocal talent, their performance can be readily accomplished; but, even without vocal aid, the work contains voluntaries—with full directions for use—suitable for every part of the different ceremonies.

Before it is completed nothing will be omitted from the book which I deem likely to be of service in the various degrees of Freemasonry.

It is not only music for the ceremonies that we require, but good, suitable compositions for our refreshment and banquet table. Something has been done in this way by many esteemed brethren, but no other musical work has yet been published in England, containing the words and music of a large number of songs, duets, glees, &c., by various good composers, applicable to all those toasts which we are in the habit of giving and honouring on festive occasions.

The highest members of our Craft have encouraged me greatly in my undertaking, and I believe the whole work will be authoritatively recommended when completed. I have only to add that it will afford me much pleasure to give any information I may possess on this or any other subject connected with the introduction of music into our lodges, if any of the brethren will write to

Yours fraternally,
W. M. SPARK, Mus. D.,
P.P.G.O., W.Y. 289.

MASONIC HALLS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to an "Old P.M.," I would beg to say, that I believe all lodge rooms, duly set apart for Masonic purposes, should be confined to their own great object. But our brother opens up a very difficult question in itself, and one which all who have taken part in lodge work and proceedings have often had much trouble to settle satisfactorily.

The rule in a lodge with which I was for years connected, and of which I have still the privilege to be a member, was this:—

Our beautiful lodge room was kept for Masonic purposes entirely, or for a Masonic lecture, the handsome dining room, became the ball room and the concert room for the nonce, while our large committee room was used as a supper room, the great lodge room itself being thrown open simply as a promenade. But all lodges are not so happily situated or arranged, and no doubt in many cases, there is a difficulty in enforcing a strict observance of such wise regulations.

There is no actual law on the subject, and still less any uniform usage.

My own feeling long has been, that the strict rule should ever be observed, of not allowing anything to be transacted in the lodge room excepting what is of or belonging to Freemasonry, our rites and ceremonies, or our purely Masonic lectures.

I heartily sympathise with an "Old P.M." in his meritorious anxiety, to preserve the sacredness of the lodge room, duly set apart for Masonic purposes; I fought the battle years ago, and though it is not always a popular battle to fight, yet, I feel sure, that the principle is a right one and a true one in itself, and of untold benefit if carried out systematically, to Freemasonry in every way.

I am yours fraternally,
A VERY OLD P.M.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to correct an inaccuracy in the list of sums collected at the past festival of the Masonic Boys' School? A sum of £42 is there put down as the contribution from the Channel Islands, it should have been put down from "Guernsey." At the festival in 1871, I represented the Channel Islands as Steward, thus including Jersey and Alderney. On the recent occasion my list was contributed from Guernsey alone.

Fraternally yours,
W. T. KINNERSLY, W.M. No. 24.

EMANUEL MOEDANBORG.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you or any of your readers say whether Emanuel Moedanborg was a Mason? I think not; but some who are enquiring, think he was.

Fraternally yours,
WILL. CARPENTER.

UNAUTHORISED OFFICES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The words "in a private lodge" should have been inserted after the word "Ceremonies" in the tenth line of my letter in yours of last week. I am afraid that I omitted them, or perhaps your compositor overlooked them.

Please insert this correction, otherwise it may be thought that I was not aware of the difference between the laws of Grand and private lodges, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions.

Yours fraternally
B. E. T. A.

BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As an Englishman and a lover of fair play, I ask permission to add one letter more to those referring to my conduct at the last festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and without making any reference to any one in particular, to state, first, that I never interfered, from first to last, with the arrangements of the seats on the dais. Secondly, I neither courteously, or rudely, removed, or caused to be removed, any brother from a seat on the dais, or spoke to any one to induce him to think I had any such intention.

I entered the dining room as an attendant on the Chairman (the Prince of Wales), went direct to the seat allotted to me, and did not remove from it until I attended the Prince to the Concert hall after dinner. For corroboration of this statement I appeal to the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, and to the Secretary as to the arrangements of seats. I may further add I did not in any manner interfere with the arrangements of the meeting beyond attention to the duties allotted to me as Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

I am Sir, very respectfully yours,
JOSHUA NEXX, P.G.S.B.
20, Norfolk Terrace, Bayswater,
March 26th, 1873.

WINES AND SPIRITS (Foreign) on which

Duty was paid in the port of London by the principal Firms during the year 1872.

WINES (Foreign)		SPIRITS (Foreign)	
	Gallons		Gallons
W. & A. Gilbey	973,975	W. & A. Gilbey	358,979
Dingwall, Portal & Co.	133,581	Daniel Taylor & Sons	173,539
P. W. Cosens	131,491	Davis and Browning	173,311
R. Hooper & Sons	131,080	Trower and Lawson	154,004
Simon & Lightly	109,780	Dingwall, Portal & Co.	117,609
Mathieson, Furlong & Co.	95,996	R. Hooper & Sons	93,648
Candler & Co.	92,037	Seager, Evans & Co.	89,027
Dent, Urwick & Co.	82,403	Galbraith, Grant & Co.	69,035
P. Domecq & Co.	79,928	E. S. Piek & Co.	66,446
J. Albutt, jun. & Co.	75,279	R. Burnett & Co.	58,417
Max Gregor and Co.	74,212	Osmond & Co.	47,891
Daniel Taylor & Son	73,219	C. G. Phillips & Co.	45,182
G. A. Haig & Co.	72,003	Fulcher and Robinson	44,821
H. T. Mayfield & Co.	69,804	Dunn & Vallentin	44,314
Brooks & Oldham	65,870	J. Albutt, jun. & Co.	43,886

Besides the preceding, there were upwards of 2,000 Firms who paid Duty on Wines and Spirits in less quantities than those above mentioned.—The Trade Review.

Obituary.

BRO. RICHARD DOWSE.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Bro. Richard Dowse, M.D., Inspector-General of the Army Medical Department, who died at his residence at Plymouth, on the 21st inst., aged 79. Dr. Dowse entered the Army in 1814 as Assistant Surgeon, and served at the surrender of Martinique and Guadaloupe in 1815; also in the Ionian Islands during an epidemic of plague in 1826. He also served with his regiments, the 14th and 88th, three times in the West Indies, and was on the staff as Principal Medical Officer in Canada. In 1871, he was granted by Her Majesty, on the recommendation of H.R.H. Duke of Cambridge, the reward for distinguished services. He was a most devoted Mason, and during his service as Staff Surgeon to the Depot Battalion in the Isle of Wight in 1842-48, was W.M. of the Albany Lodge, and founded the Masonic Hall, in which his portrait, presented by the brothers, still hangs. During his residence in Canada he represented the Canadian Lodges in the United States, and on his return to England, in 1855, while stationed at Plymouth as Head of the Army Medical Department in the Western District, he connected himself with the Lodge of Sincerity 189, of which he was P.M., and held high positions in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon; of late years he was Treasurer of his lodge and the Almoner of the lodges in the district of South Devon. His manners were courteous and urbane, and of that gentlemanly type that carried with them the love and affection of all who knew him. It may be truly said of him that the principles of Masonry guided all his actions through life. He married in 1839 a sister of Bro. James Lewis Thorny, P.M., of St. Thomas's Lodge 142, whom he initiated into Masonry, and one of his daughters is the popular actress, Mrs. Rousby.

Masonic Tidings.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Bective will preside at the anniversary festival of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, to be held at the London Tavern, on the 23rd of April. occasion. The labours of the evening will be followed by refreshment.

The Gazette officially notifies the appointment of the Marquess of Ripon to the Lord Lieutenancy of the North Riding of York.

CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the above lodge (by fifteen members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction) on Wednesday evening April 2nd, Bro. J. H. Stacey, P.M., W.M. on this occasion. Hour of meeting 6.30.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 507).—The ceremony of installation of W.M. will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Erixton, on Friday next, April 4th at six p.m. precisely, Bro. James Stevens P.M. 25, 720, 1216, &c., will officiate as Installing Master, and a large muster of brethren is expected on the

"I was suffering greatly a few years ago from severe pains about the kidneys and excessive weakness in the back, accompanied with a nauseous sickness, and had been confined to my bed some weeks, when a friend who had long known and experienced great benefit from the use of your Vegetable Pain Killer brought me a bottle of it, which I used with the most favourable results.—A. SHREFFES, *Woodside, Aberdeen*, Oct., 1867.—To P. Davis & Son, London, W.C."

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Week ending April 5.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1873.

BRO. HOLMES'S ADDITIONAL NOTES OF THE 15th OF MARCH.

BRIEF REPLIES BY LUPUS.

"O that mine enemy would write a book." This was an uncharitable desire, for is it not full of fervent hope, nay certainty, that in trusting himself to literary efforts the enemy must assuredly step into a pit-fall, and thus become the prey of his adversary?

If I could dispose myself to unseemly rejoicing over the self-inflicted immolation of Bro. Holmes and to exultation at his still dealing out these marvels, I should perhaps be tempted to exclaim "O that Bro. Holmes, may continue to publish additional notes in *The Freemason*."

Your readers would, however, view this as a

piece of unmitigated vindictiveness, and I admit at once that it would betray a gross absence of that charity which specially should mark the members of our ancient Craft; but I would say, in all brotherly regard, that if Bro. Holmes will persist in the course he has commenced, he should be more sure of his facts, and less reckless in his statements. Bro. Holmes has placed his foot upon ground which he need not have approached, and as some "rush in where angels fear to tread," so has our brother ventured upon treacherous places and they have let him in. I will spare your readers to my utmost power, and be as brief as possible in my replies.

1. I repeat that in 1853 "Grand Conclave having no faith in its claims abandoned the Masonic Order of Malta, but in 1852 set up a new Masonic Order" of the same name; I say emphatically an entirely new Order. This is a mere fact, and beyond the necessity for controversy.

Perhaps in inadvertently conveying the impression that the Grand Conclave enjoyed the exclusive merit of inventing the ritual for the new Masonic degree at the same time, I was not literally correct; I should perhaps have distinctly placed on record the sources whence that farrago of absurdity, which Bro. Holmes, with all his Masonic acumen, must well know is a ridiculous concoction, was derived; but I will now, since he will have the whole truth, put myself in a position of more perfect accuracy. The ritual of the Masonic Order of Malta which was severed from the Temple and abandoned in 1853, is very simple, consequently not wanting in some dignity, and is in strong contrast with the ridiculous concoction which was not brought from Malta, but was, in fact, the selected ritual of two curious specimens from the respective manufactories of Bros. Emly, and Shuttleworth and I am bound to say that it bears complete impress of its brilliant origin. There were no Masonic Templars at Malta until the, not very archaic year 1850.

2. It is a simple fact that the Masonic Templars in England did "appropriate," and usurp, the jewel of the "Ordre du Temple." I am unable to say how they attempted, if at all, to justify the act, but I may confess to some surprise that Bro. Holmes should think such a proceeding creditable: Would Bro. Holmes think the "Good Templars" justified in adopting the regalia of Grand Conclave? I am in a position to give considerable information relative to the "Ordre du Temple" and its insignia; but *cuilibet*? It is utterly beside the present question; it was not a Masonic body; the Masonic Templars in England have no connection with it, and the usurpation of the jewel by the English Masons could in no greater degree give them additional claims, than would the purchase of the insignia of the Garter entitle Bro. Holmes to a stall in the Chapel Royal at Windsor.

3. I called attention to the Baldwin document some weeks since, so it is no novelty to your readers. The private jewel of that Encampment has no resemblance to the cross of the French, or any other Knights of the genuine Order of St. John. It is an interesting jewel to the Masonic Templars, as it bears, in its engraving, a combination of the emblems of the High

Grades, and is no doubt a relic of the period when these Masonic degrees could only be obtained in an Encampment. The kindly observations of the Baldwin brother do him much credit; he will now have seen that the sections of the genuine Order of St. John are, and have been since the fall of Malta, independent institutions; that the Order was lawfully revived in England by an overwhelming majority of its remaining divisions; that its validity has never been impeached, and that it stands in the same position as the Priorities of Russia, Austria or Poland. As the language of the Baldwin document has been quoted, I may here express my belief that the introduction of a Maltese degree into the Masonic Templar Order had its origin in the absurd confusion of names at a period before any popular historic knowledge of the original Order had been disseminated. In old Masonic books and magazines they were styled "Knights Templar of St. John of Jerusalem;" the titles were used synonymously and the old lectures exchange them with charming confusion. This absurd admixture no doubt became apparent with the dawn of more extended information, and I conclude, and believe, that in seeking the explanation of such a jumble it was assumed that, in the confusion of the one name, two Masonic degrees must necessarily exist.

4. Bro. Holmes has the hardihood to affirm that the members of the English Langue of the Order of St. John "seek to crush the Masonic Order of Malta;" But Bro. Holmes knows full well that they have never interfered with Masonic, or any other Order; that they do not now object to its only proper title, the "Masonic Order of Malta;" that they made no sign whatever, even respecting recent occurrences, and he as well knows that he himself made a public, voluntary, and entirely unprovoked attack for which his utmost ingenuity can find no palliation, but for which his sense of justice should induce him to apologise in the same public manner.

5. Bro. Holmes says he has "yet to learn that in the Masonic Order we have an equal number of men of rank and family with those gentlemen who have joined the Manchester branch." I assume he means he still has to learn that we have not an equal number; but I have never cast any reflection upon the social status of the Masonic Templars, nor do I treat their Masonic title with the terms of discourtesy and disrespect in which I regret that Bro. Holmes should permit himself to indulge. The exclusiveness which our brother seems so much to desiderate appears hardly consistent with the principles of the ancient Craft. I have been under a considerable delusion if Freemasonry does not aim at an universal brotherhood of all classes. The "men of rank and family," suggested by Bro. Holmes, in entering the Masonic Fraternity, show that they do not consider themselves out of the pale of common humanity, and that they know they form part of the universal brotherhood of man; each one thus declares with Terence; *Homō sum humani nihil a me alienum puto*. Would our brother exclude from the association of these men, their fellows who are less fortunately placed in life? Would he preach a new doctrine

of Masonry, and remove those ancient landmarks which throughout so long a period have bound together, by common ties, a great and grand brotherhood extending from the rulers of Empires down to the humble trader?

6. I have never said that the Stuarts had no connection with high-grade Masonry. I said "it is not well known that the dethroned Stuarts revived the Templar Order," and I gave historic evidence (on the 15th of February) for my scepticism. Bro. Holmes is very ingenious, no doubt, in referring to imaginary statements, but let me adjure him, in the words of the old play, "of your courtesy I pray you read the preface."

7. I cannot conceive what benefit can possibly result from Bro. Holmes, perpetually hammering at the election of the Emperor Paul, which has been in no way at issue. Col. Porter, has no doubt said that the "great body" of the Knights went to Russia; he has also said that a "large number" went there; but he said also that the election was notoriously illegal; Bro. Woof, in his little book on the Masonic and other Orders, called them a "considerable number"; but he said that the election was utterly informal: Sutherland, a great authority, described them as "a few refugee Knights," and characterises their proceeding as shattering the very basis of the Order. Surely then, I, your humble contributor may be permitted, with all diffidence, to adopt the expressions of so great an authority as the last named; but, be this as it may, the Knights unfortunately were refugees, and whether their number was great, large, considerable, or few (and Bro. Holmes shall take his choice) the fact remains the same, it was an illegal act. The Roman Council derives its only title through this source, and is compelled to accept the act of a miscellaneous assemblage of Knights, not representing any one division of the Order, as a body, who assumed the very grave power of placing "a heretic" at the head of the institution when its lawful Grand Master was yet living. All the historians of eminence agree that the act was illegal, and Bro. Holmes himself has advanced the same opinion on the part of Sir Geo. Bowyer. What, then, can be the use of forcing the question in a manner so very unnecessary and uninteresting to your readers, threatening them, moreover, with almost a reprint of Colonel Porter's book, when a few lines, which I will reprint for Bro. Holmes's especial benefit, would explain that accomplished author's view. He tells how the Knights on proceeding to Russia "were received in the most gracious manner by the wily monarch, whose ambition prompted him to desire the post of Grand Master, in order that he might upon that title found a claim to the island of Malta, should it be wrested from the grasp of the French republic. This desire on his part speedily became known to the Knights, and on the 27th of October the farce was enacted of nominating the Emperor Grand Master of the Order, notwithstanding the fact that Hompesch who was still at Trieste, had not as yet resigned his office. Paul, however, did not consider his appointment free from cavil so long as the election of Hompesch remained unannulled. He therefore, caused such a pressure to be brought to bear upon that unfortunate knight that on the

6th of July, 1799, a formal act of abdication was forwarded to St. Petersburg, and from that date Paul was left in undisturbed possession of his new dignity."

I think after this, your readers will require no more reprints of Colonel Porter. I have already said that there were circumstances which excused the action taken by these knights, who, themselves proclaimed as their reason that any lawful action was then impossible; and I have fully assented to Sir George Bowyer's statement that it is "recognised though irregular."

I have not wished to raise these questions; I think it a great misfortune that they should be rashly forced upon me, and I refer to the subject with reluctance and regret.

8. Bro. Holmes tells us that Masonic Knights of Malta existed in 1780, which, in itself is distinct proof that they had no relation to the genuine Order which did not leave Malta until eight years after that date. I have examined minutes of Masonic bodies as early as the time of Malta's fall, but I find no traces which will in any way help Bro. Holmes; no copies of correspondence with the Grand Master Hompesch; no allusions to observance of Statutes or qualifications of entrants; indeed the Masonic Knights of that period appear to have been received in very free-and-easy manner, and to have attained their honours for the very modest foundation of seven-shillings and sixpence.

9. I have already explained, I trust to Bro. Holmes's satisfaction, how it came about that Prince Albert received the decoration of the Order from the Roman Council. He seems to have been anxious on this point, and to have hoped his unscrupulous assertion would touch a weak place; but now he knows the truth I think he would do himself no discredit in the estimation of your readers if he expressed his regret that he had been tempted to make an experimental assertion for which he can offer no justification.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

A POINT OF MASONIC HISTORY.

We have a great many discussions, now-a-days, in *The Freemason*, about questions of Masonic archaeological interest, ranging back sometimes through several centuries; but I propose to call attention to-day to a much later date, and to a fact in our annals, about which *à priori*, we might have thought there could not be much great difficulty, and certainly not any discrepancy among our Masonic Historians.

The date 1715, is familiar to us all, as the era of what is often and commonly called the "Masonic Revival," and to which some Brethren would also apparently limit the real antiquity of our Order, though most unwisely in my opinion.

Well, even about this memorable date, several discrepancies exist in our Masonic historians, and practically the proper date in all probability should be 1716, or 1717.

Smith in his *Freemasons' Pocket Companion*, 1736, gives us no account whatever of the Revival, though he adopts Anderson's history of the Order, in the *Constitutions of 1723*; and says, that at the date of his publication, 1736, "the number of Lodges" had "prodigiously increased within these few years in Great Britain and Ireland."

Anderson in his 1723 edition, says nothing of the Revival, but in his edition of 1738, gives us for the first time a history of that transaction. According to him in 1716, four lodges met at the

Apple Tree, "constituted themselves a Grand Lodge," "revived the Quarterly Communication of the Officers of Lodges called the Grand Lodge," and "resolved to hold the Annual Assembly and Feast, and then to choose a Grand Master from among themselves."

And we are told, that, "accordingly on St. John the Baptist's day, in the third year of King George, A.D. 1717, the Assembly and Feast of the Free and Accepted Masons were held at the Goose and Gridiron" and Mr. Anthony Sayer was elected by a majority of hands, Grand Master of Masons.

Such was in 1738 Anderson's history of the Revival which is repeated in Entick's Edition of the *Constitutions 1767*, and in Noorthouck's Edition of the *Constitutions of 1784*.

Preston's first edition of the "Illustrations of Masonry," appeared in 1772, in which however he does not give us any historical detail whatever of the Revival. His second edition appeared in 1775, and in that edition, he thus records the Revival. I give his words *in extenso* partly on account of their somewhat peculiar vagueness, and partly for the purpose of comparison with Anderson's statement on which they are evidently based as he admits himself, in the ninth edition 1796, page 239.

"On the accession of George the First, (that was as we know in 1714, as he entered London September 20th 1714.)" the lodges resolved to cement under a new Grand Master, to be annually elected as in former times, to revive the communications and festival of the Society, to regulate the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity, and to establish such modes only as might correspond with the practice of the Members of which the lodges were now principally composed." This statement of Preston is in itself somewhat vague, and might be *primâ facie* understood to refer to a meeting of the Order in 1714, or 1715, for anything which appears to the contrary. Indeed the opening clause of the sentence seems to allude to the contemporary date of 1714. But then Preston goes on to say "Accordingly on the festival of St. John the Baptist, in 1717, a General Assembly of the Fraternity was convened. Four lodges attended in form and a Grand Lodge was constituted, the oldest Mason present being in the chair, the brethren proceeded to elect a Grand Master for the ensuing year, when the choice fell upon Anthony Sayer, Gent., who was declared duly elected."

So far the accounts of Anderson and Preston seem mainly to agree, but in his ninth edition which is the next I have, though probably also in one or more of the intermediate editions, Preston varies considerably his original account, and gives us that fuller record which is to be found in all the subsequent editions of his valuable work.

For he there talks of a preliminary meeting at the Apple Tree, in February 1717, as precedent in the same year, to the election of Anthony Sayer as G.M., St. John's Day, 1717. Thus he apparently gives up Anderson's statement of the meeting in 1716, and limits the Revival to 1717. The author of "*Multa Paucis*," whose work alike anonymous and undated, from internal evidence, was published not later than 1764, tells us a completely different story. Let us hear his words:

"The Masters and Wardens of six lodges assembled at the Apple Tree on St. John's Day, 1716 (and after the oldest Master Mason, who was also the Master of a Lodge, had taken the chair), they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge "pro tempore" and revived their Quarterly Communication, and their Annual Feast."

The author of "*Multa Paucis*" then goes on to record in almost "ipsisimis verbis" with Anderson and Preston, the meeting in 1717 at the Goose and Gridiron, and the election of Anthony Sayer as Grand Master. Thus we see, that while he agrees with Anderson as to 1716, being the date of the preliminary meeting, and concurs with both Anderson and Preston as to the election of Anthony Sayer in 1717, he entirely disagrees with them both as to the number of lodges represented, which he asserts to be *six* instead of *four*. Now the question is, which of these accounts is the correct one?

In what year did the Freemasons first assemble, was it 1715, or 1716, or 1717? And how many lodges were represented or congregated?

And when we remember that we are now dealing with the principal date of our speculative organization, it only serves to show how important is accuracy in small details as in larger matters, and how careful we should always be to give ourselves, or hand on to others, a perfectly correct and reliable account of transactions in which we take a part, or of matters in which we feel a personal interest. And this little difficulty at so late a period, as regards a point of Masonic History serves also to convince us how many are the difficulties attendant on the annals and chronology of earlier periods, and how much allowance we should always make for unavoidable errata and inevitable discrepancies.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

February 25th, 1873

THE ST. CLAIR CHARTERS.

The *Freemason* of June 8, 1872, contains a communication by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, in which he professes to give copies of the St. Clair Charters "from Hay's MSS. in the Advocates' Library." These copies, minus the copyist's or printer's errors which they contain, appeared to me at the time to be a literal transcript of the copies from the originals made by myself for the "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel)" and published in *The Freemason* of August 27, 1870. I have since examined the Hay MSS., and am confirmed in that opinion. The document given by Bro. Paton is not a copy made from the Hay MSS. It differs considerably from it in orthography, in abbreviations, and in the arrangement and rendering of some of the signatures—and is simply a copy of my transcript of the originals published two years ago. I had previously, through *The Freemason*, informed Bro. Paton of the existence of the original Charters—a fact of which he was ignorant. If Bro. Paton was unable to decipher the original Hay MSS., he should not have palmed off my transcription of the original charters as copies of them, nor should he have appropriated my work in any case without the courtesy of acknowledgment.—D. MURRAY LYON.

JACOB NORTON.

The *Trowel*, Springfield, Illionis, which (as well as some other journals) has spoken severely of Jacob Norton, publishes a letter from a friend of his, objecting to the criticisms. We will add our testimony to that of the letter writer. While we think Bro. Norton frequently speaks too harshly, and imputes wrong motives to his brethren, whom he detects or thinks he detects in error, we have the highest respect for his motives and the highest appreciation of his Masonic labours, and when he occasionally drops in upon us we enjoy his visit, and can assure Bro. Reynolds that he will find him a genial and pleasant acquaintance, if he ever meets him. We think it safe to lay down as a general rule that when a Mason is sufficiently interested in Masonry to discuss it, he does so because he loves the Craft, and any man who loves the Craft should be criticised with loving kindness.—*Masonic Token*, U.S.A.

FREEMASONS' MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

Can any American brother kindly procure for me a copy of the "Freemasons' Monthly Magazine," Boston, April, 1863. If sent to the care of Bro. G. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, it would reach me.—A MASONIC STUDENT.

SEDENT.—The only guaranteed cure for Toothache.—This extraordinary application, marvellous in its effects, gives immediate relief, without injuring the tooth, and forms a temporary stopping. rs. 1/6; post free rs. 3d. The CORALINE TOOTH PASTE, for cleansing and improving the teeth, imparts a natural redness to the gums, and gives brilliancy to the enamel. Price 1s. 6d. The ROYAL DENTIFRICE, prepared from a recipe as used by her Majesty, gives the teeth a pearl-like whiteness, and imparts a delicious fragrance to the breath. Price 1s. 6d. Sold by all chemists and perfumers and by the proprietors, MESSRS. GAMMON, the old-established Dentists, 72, Ludgate-hill, and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London.

OLD MASONIC BOOKS.

Whatever may be the actual value of the pamphlet Bro. Jacob Norton, dilates upon in *The Freemason* of the 15th, we must all feel obliged to him for his interesting communication. Bro. W. J. Hughan, is quite right in saying, that Bro. Dr. Oliver, alludes to "the Grand Mystery," published in 1724, folio, of which I have a copy, and not to Briscoe's publication.

But Bro. Hughan, seems to overlook the fact that Bro. Dr. Oliver, does mention Briscoe's pamphlet at page 31, in the edition of the "Revelation of a Square" in 1855, where he gives the date at 1725.

It is quite clear, however, that Bro. Jacob Norton is in error, when he states that he has discovered "that our Bro. Dr. Oliver, describes Briscoe's pamphlet" in the beginning of the fourth chapter of the "Revelation of a Square;" all he says, is that the pamphlet itself was published in that year? Dr. Oliver alludes to Briscoe's pamphlet, undoubtedly, but his observations mainly refer to "The Grand Mystery"—published in 1724.

Neither does Dr. Oliver mention the 2nd edition of Briscoe's pamphlet in 1725; all he says is, that the pamphlet itself, or the work itself, was published in 1725. That a 2nd edition of Briscoe's pamphlet was published in 1725 is true, as there are two copies of the 2nd edition in the British Museum, and one of the first edition undated, or with the date cut off by the binder. In all probability Briscoe's pamphlet was issued after "The Grand Mystery," in 1724, and very little anterior to the 2nd edition in 1725.

I confess, that, my studies have not led me to attach much value to such works as Briscoe's pamphlet, which, sensational in themselves, are utterly unreliable as to data.

Many of the explanations they give are absurd in themselves, and many of the observances purely imaginary, meant, in fact, as a "skit" upon the order—resembling Dean Swift's more humorous but equally idle attack on Freemasonry. This is especially the case as regards a portion of Briscoe's pamphlet.

One cannot accept such works as authority on any moot questions which rest almost entirely on the "mala fides" of the publisher.

The writer of Briscoe's pamphlet may have seen the Harleian 2054 as Bro. Hughan thinks, but with all deference to him I should be inclined to think that he is more likely to have seen Roberts', reprint of 1722, or the original of the one printed for Mrs. Dodd, 1739. It is quite clear that if the writer of Briscoe's pamphlet saw 2054 he has completely altered its verbiage, modernised its archaisms, and departed from it in numberless instances, in some points very remarkably so.

The conclusion no way resembles the Harleian 2054, and we may have in Briscoe's pamphlet the transcript of another Constitution, varying from all the others in several interesting particulars. I confess I cannot believe that Briscoe copied Harleian 2054, though the M.S. he saw had much in common with Harleian 2054.

Interesting as Briscoe's pamphlet is in one respect, I attach little value to its contents for any purposes of Masonic History or Archæology.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

March 25th, 1873.

FUNERAL OF A ROYAL BROTHER.

The *Honolulu Commercial Advertiser* gives the following account of the funeral of his late Majesty Kamehameha V., on the 11th of January:—"A little before noon the order was given to start. The cavalry under the command of Captain Judd, led off, numbering some 40 rank and file. Following them was the fire department, headed by Acting Chief Engineer Waller, numbering about 75 strong. The Mechanics' Benefit Union came next, then the Good Templars, numbering 30; Knights of Pythias, 16; Oddfellows, 7; Masons, 24; Royal Arch, 17. A long line of natives in black, the Konohikis of the Crown lands and King's private lands followed, and then came the Governor of Oahu and his staff. The Hawaiian military band followed, playing a

splendid funeral march, after which came the military—viz., the Artillery, Captain Brown commanding, numbering 46 all told; Honolulu Rifles, Captain Gulick commanding, 35; Marine Corps of the United States ship *Benicia*, Lieutenant Ellsworth commanding, 20; and the household troops, Major Moehonue commanding, 40. Then followed the late king's purveyor and servants, and then the clergy. The various insignia of rank belonging to the late king were borne immediately in front of the hearse. This was composed of a substantial platform on wheels, drawn by four fine horses, with heavy black housings and with running footmen at their bridles; at each corner of the platform was a pillar upholding a canopy surmounted by the crown. The large and heavy case containing the remains of the late king was firmly secured beyond the possibility of displacement while on the way to the mausoleum, extraordinary pains having been taken with every detail on account of the great weight—something over a ton—of the coffin. Around the hearse were borne the large and small *Kahilis*, the many coloured feathers of which they are composed, together with their size and beauty, attracting much attention. Immediately following the hearse came the carriage, drawn by four horses, containing his Majesty and her Excellency Ruth Keelikolani, and the Hon. Mrs. Bishop. In the second carriage were Queen Emma and the Hon. Mrs. Naca. Next came mourning carriages containing the Chancellor, members of the Cabinet of the late King, foreign representatives, the captain and officers of the *Benicia*, Judges, Privy Council, Legislative Assembly, Governors of the Islands, Consular Body, clerks, Postmaster and Collector General, Marshal and Sheriff, members of the bar, &c. Upon the arrival of the head of the long line at the mausoleum grounds, the hearse was backed up to the platform built out over the steps, and the coffin, covered with a black velvet pall and the Royal feather cloak, was moved out on rollers. The chief mourners, together with the officiating clergy, Bishop Willis and his attendants, entered the mausoleum, and the coffin being moved into its place, the burial service was read, after which the Masonic ritual was performed. Upon the conclusion of these ceremonies a Royal salute was fired by the troops, and a requiem march played by the band. While the services were being gone through at the tomb a drizzling mist and rain made it uncomfortable for those who were without umbrellas. Upon the conclusion of the ceremonies, the procession escorted the King back to the palace, amid loud cheers for Lunalilo the King."

CONSECRATION OF THE CAMPBELL LODGE, No. 1415.

The fifteenth lodge in the Province of Middlesex was consecrated at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday the 8th inst., under very favourable auspices. The name of the lodge is derived from its worthy first Master, Sir Gilbert Edward Campbell, Bart., and its inauguration was attended by a goodly number of brethren, many of whom are distinguished members of the Craft. Colonel Burdett, the ever genial and popular Provincial Grand Master was unfortunately unable to be present, but he was represented as Consecrating Master by Brother Robt. Wentworth Little, Provincial Grand Secretary, whose impressive working elicited the warmest encomiums from the brethren.

At four p.m. the procession entered the lodge, when the chair was taken by Bro. Little, who appointed the following officers, pro. tem.:—Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of England, S.W.; Sigismund Rosenthal, Prov. S.G.W., J.W.; T. W. White, W.M. 21, D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M. 142, I.P.M.; W. Mann, P.M. 144, 186, &c., I.G. The ceremony of consecration was then performed with the accustomed chants and anthems which were admirably rendered by the musical brethren.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, Bro. Little proceeded with the installation of the W.M. Designate, who was placed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of some twenty installed masters.

The officers appointed or elected were—Bros.

Edward Kimber, M.A., Ph. D., S.W.; Henry Carter, J.W.; Thomas Cubitt, Treasurer; Donald M. Dewar, S.D.; Thomas Keene, J.D.; Antonio J. Codner, I.G.; Wm. R. Woodman, M.D., D.C. The addresses were severally delivered by Bros. Little, J. C. Parkinson, and H. Muggeridge, and were each received with marked Masonic applause.

Sir Gilbert Campbell then said that he had a most pleasureable task to perform, namely to propose as honorary members of the lodge several brethren to whom they were all much indebted for their successful inauguration. Upon the W.M.'s proposition the following brethren were unanimously elected honorary members:—Col. Fras. Burdett, P.G.M.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; R. Wentworth Little, P.G.Sec.; Thomas W. White, W.M., 21, the D.C. Bro. Little having returned thanks for all, several propositions for initiates and joining members were made, and the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which succeeded, great satisfaction was manifested at the catering of "mine host" of the "Greyhound," which was of a very superior character. When the cloth was cleared the W.M. proposed the usual toasts which were duly honoured.

The names of Bros. J. Hervey, G. Sec., and J. Coutts, P.G. Purst., were coupled with the "Grand Officers," and evoked a kindly and cordial response from the first-named excellent representative of that body.

Colonel Burdett's health was drunk amidst general expressions of regret at his absence, and the health of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Thomas, was also enthusiastically received. "The Visitors" had a capital spokesman in Bro. J. C. Parkinson, W.M., "Bard of Avon," 778, P.M. 181, P.G.S., who eloquently expressed their feelings of gratification at the entire proceedings of the day; while the "Consecrating Master," a toast most felicitously proposed by the W.M., was appositely responded to by Bro. Little, who had officiated in that capacity. The S.W., Bro. Kimber, replied for the "Officers," and the proceedings of a very charming Masonic festival was brought to a close, in the usual manner, by the Tyler's toast.

Besides the brethren already mentioned, there were present Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S., Colonel J. Peters, J. G. Marsh, A. A. Pendlebury, F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D.; H. C. Levander, S. C. Davison, C. B. Payne, W. Bristow, &c.

Scotland.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHAPTER GENERAL OF SCOTLAND was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, March 11, 1873, Sir Knight J. Whyte Melville, Esq., of Bennoch, presiding. Amongst those present were the G. Chancellor Dr. Somerville, Bro. H. Ramsay, G.T. and G. Registrar, Prior of the Lothians; G. H. Harriett, G.P., J. Laurie; G. Chamberlain; R. Bell, M.N.C. St. Mungo; John Tweed, D. Commander; G. W. Wheeler, Secretary St. Mungo; and J. Bryce, G.S. Captain Shanks, P.E.C. of the Royal Veteran (E.C.) and P.G.S.B. was also present. The Chapter General having been duly opened the G.R. read the minutes of the last meeting, and also extracts from the correspondence received from the Priors of Sydney, Otago, St. John's and St. Mungo's. He then read the minutes relative to the admission of the Girvan Encampment to the Order, and the report of his visit to Glasgow, to confirm the Charter and instal the officers; speaking highly of the way in which the deputation had been received.

The report of the Council relative to the treaty with England and Ireland was then read, which stated that the Council were unanimously of opinion that they should decline to sign the treaty, as it contained provisions quite opposed to those which were originally suggested as the basis of the treaty. He also stated that he had received a letter from Aberdeen from the unrecognised body there, asking on what terms they could be received into communication with the Chapter General; he had replied that they could be re-

ceived on the same terms as the Girvan Encampment, but had got no direct reply, though one of their own old body had informed him that they were about to make an application to be received under the English Constitution.

Captain Shanks, as a member of the E.C., begged that they would not think of that for one moment, as he knew Sir P. Colquhoun and the other officers would not think of invading another territory, on the contrary he knew they were desirous of doing all in their power to conciliate their friends on this side of the border.

On the question of the confirmation of the Council's report, the most Eminent Grand Master asked if the Commander of St. Mungo's had anything to add to his letter in favour of the treaty.

Sir Knight Bell said: I approve entirely of the union, 1st. because I find each jurisdiction is to have the management of its own internal affairs; 2nd. I perfectly agree with the mode of electing the Grand Master, in fact it gives Scotland the greatest favour, making her equal to the other nationalities, while her population is less; 3rd. because I believe that Templarism would flourish better under one head than under three, and instead of remaining stationary, or nearly so, we might then expect to increase; 4th. unity would create uniformity of law and ritual, and greatly promote the peace and harmony of the Order, and give us a dignity and standing in the world equal, if not superior, to any other degree of Masonry; 5th. seeing that Knight Templarism is a Christian Order, I consider it the duty of every member to foster union. As we have but "one head, one faith, one baptism," so should we be but one body under Christ our head; and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to see every nation appointing delegates to a confederation for the purpose of assimilating Freemasonry in all its branches. Such a union would form a grand foundation on which to continue the erection of our moral temple; then we might construct some world-wide scheme of benevolence and make ourselves more and more like our Head, who was never weary of doing good but sacrificed Himself for the good of the poor. This would truly open up the way for evangelising the heathen, and promote that virtue which is yet to raise us above the ranks of seraphs, even to a union with the Godhead itself. Having devoted ourselves to the service of the Temple let us keep this glorious union in view, for I believe it to be the chief end of Masons. No other organisation is so well adapted for labours of love, hence the necessity of our remaining united. I trust, therefore, Most Excellent Grand Master that you and Chapter General will put forth every effort in your power to hasten a treaty with England and Ireland.

The Grand Registrar said that union was all very well, but if they read the terms of the treaty they would see that England would entirely swallow up Scotland. The whole power would be vested in the Grand Council sitting in London—there, too, would be situated the fountain of all the honours of the Order, and to London they must go if they had any appeal to make against the decision of any Preceptory. He was afraid that their friends of St. Mungo's had not well considered the terms of the treaty, or they would not consent to become a mere Province instead of the head of the Order.

Dr. Somerville, G.C., though one of the committee for drawing up the treaty, must confess that he was not well acquainted with some of its provisions, but he decidedly objected to Scotland being made a province of England, or subservient to it.

The Most Excellent Master said that along with the Grand Registrar he had no objection to a treaty to be formed between two equal powers for mutual aid and assistance, but he had a repugnance to being absorbed by any other body under the name of union.

Sir Knight Wheeler begged to assure the Chapter General that along with Sir Knight Bell he had given the terms of the treaty a most careful consideration, and yet he had come to quite a different conclusion to their Most Excellent Master and the Grand Registrar, for by the terms of that treaty Scotland, so far from having any right to complain of being swallowed up, or being treated as a mere Province, has had full justice

meeted out to her. Their G.M., like the G.M. of Ireland, might have had his rights fully protected, and had he, like the Duke of Leinster, resigned in favour of the Prince of Wales, no doubt he would have been appointed Grand Prior. Then, in future elections, Scotland was to have quite as much power as either Ireland or England—surely that was not treating her as a Province. True that the Prince of Wales would be the fountain of honour, but that was the right that must vest in whoever was the Grand Master, and the statutes provided how these honours were to be decreed. Where was the injustice to Scotland? She was to have as many of her sons entitled to honours as Ireland, though only half as many as England, and this though Ireland had nine Encampments, England twenty-nine, and Scotland one! Did this, he asked, look like being swallowed up and treated like a Province? Again, the meetings of the Convent General are to be held alternately in the three nations, so that if they might have to go to London to present an appeal, the Londoners might have to come to Edinburgh, or go to Dublin, to do the same. The M.N.C. of St. Mungo had dwelt so much on the advantage of union that he would not travel over that ground, but on the lower one of expediency he would ask them to consider it. He would not ask them to sacrifice any principle for expediency, but he would ask them to sacrifice some of their privileges for the sake of the good that undoubtedly would accrue to the order at large by their acceding to this treaty and forming a truly fraternal union.

The Grand Registrar remarked that small bodies had always suffered from union with large ones, and though the present rules might seem pretty equitable, they must remember that the English knights being much the largest body could outvote both the Irish and the Scotch, and so pass any fresh laws that they pleased at a future time.

The report of the Council was then passed.

The Grand Master then proceeded to nominate the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. He had first to announce with regret the death of two of those officers, T. C. Macritchie and A. J. Stewart, who had only died that week. Their loss would be severely felt, not only in that Order, but in the other degrees of Masonry. He would now appoint the following as the Grand Officers:—Seneschal, Viscount Strathallen; Preceptor, Earl of Roslyn; Constable, Colonel Kinloch; Admiral, Lord James C. P. Murray; Hospitaller and Almoner, Dr. Somerville; Chancellor, G. R. Harrall; Treasurer and Registrar, Major W. H. Ramsay; Primate, Rev. V. G. Faithfull, M.A.; Provost, G. W. Harrall; Beaucennifer, G. F. Colt; Bearer of the Vexillum Belli, H. Inglis Tarrance; Chamberlain, J. Lowrie; Steward, Vacant; Aide-de-Camp, Vacant; Jeweller to the Order, Francis L. Law.

This terminated the business of the Chapter General. There was no banquet, but the Sir Knights of St. Mungo and Capt. Shanks were entertained by the Prior of the Lothians previous to their return home.

NEW MUSIC.

L'Assemblée des Fées and *The Fairy Harp*, by HENRY PARKER. Sheard: 192, High Holborn.

WE have received a copy of "L'Assemblée des Fées," and have great pleasure in adding another to the numerous favourable critiques that have already been awarded to it. There is a marked and charming melody running through this piece—a fact that is in itself no small recommendation to those who hear much of the modern style of pianoforte music. The piece commences with a strikingly original subject in the martial style, followed by arpeggios of a singularly graceful character in the right hand, and concludes with a return to the first subject.

To the "Fairy Harp," we can also give much the same praise, and can cordially advise our musical readers to become personally and practically acquainted with both pieces. They will, we are sure, do much to increase the reputation of their composers.

HELP FOR A MASON'S FAMILY.

On the 8th October last, the steamer Scandaria, commanded by Bro. Capt. Upton, sailed from New York for a port in Wales, but, like many other noble ships, she has never since been heard of. The story is a sad one, and appeals directly to the hearts of every right-minded man. Bro. Upton has left a young widow and two fatherless children, to whom the loss of the bread-winner has proved a loss indeed. With the view of raising money to help our deceased brother's widow and family, a Concert of miscellaneous music was given at Bro. Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, on the evening of the 18th inst. While the general public took a warm interest in the scheme, several brethren of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035, of which Bro. Upton was a member, took an active part in organising and carrying it out. Bro. Turley, P.M. 1035, especially deserves credit for the zeal he displayed, and he was admirably assisted by Bros. Capt. Tobias, G. Morgan, P.M., T. Fozzard, P.M., S. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., and Bro. Capt. Mott, P.G.S.W., Cumberland and Westmorland. As the spacious and elegantly appointed hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, there is good reason to expect that about £60 will be realised from the concert, and this sum, along with £10 voted by the members of 1035, will probably be ultimately increased to £100 from other sources. An excellent programme was furnished for the occasion, and it is due to the artistes engaged to state that all who appeared during the evening gave their services gratuitously. The singers were Miss T. Clensy, Miss Brown, Miss Newall, Miss Webster, Miss H. Webster, Miss H. Lowthian, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hobart, Mr. J. G. Clensy, and Mr. R. Peake. The efforts of the soloists were greatly appreciated, and more than one *encore* was given. Dr. Churchill also gave a reading between the parts, and the Highfield Musical Society, under the conductorate of Mr. Carmichael (which has only been in existence six weeks), sang several pieces in a highly creditable and intelligent manner. Bro. J. L. Parry fulfilled the duties of accompanist and director in a highly satisfactory style.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 4, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, March 29.

- Red Cross Conclave No. 3, Rose and Lily, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
 Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.
 Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, March 31.

- Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 831, British Oak, Beaumont Hall, Beaumont-square Mile-end.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Moulack, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Paul's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.25; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, April 1.

- Colonial Board, at 3.
 Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall,

- Lodge 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.
 " 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington.
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, Preceptor.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, a 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 2.

- Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, April 3.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
 " 1351, St. Clement Dances, 265, Strand.
 Chapter 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday, April 4.

- Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
 Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 Mark Lodge (8), Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 35, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggenidge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Union Improvement Lodge of Instruction for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
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 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 5, 1873.

Monday, March 31.

- Lodge of Lights (148), Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, April 1.

- St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 2.

- Chapter of Fidelity, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, 6.
 St. John's Lodge, No. 673, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 Royal Victoria Lodge (1013), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 West Lancashire Lodge (1413), Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (No. 1356) 140, North-hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30

Thursday, April 3.

- Mariners' Lodge (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.
 Cestrian Lodge (425), Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, 4.
 Bridgewater Chapter, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, 6.

Friday, April 4.

- Sefton Lodge (680), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, 4.30.
 Neptune Lodge (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.
 Walton Chapter, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, 6.

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For the week ending Saturday, April 5, 1873.

Monday, March 31.

- Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170 Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, April 1.

- Lodge 32, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
 " 458, St. John's Busby, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

Wednesday, April 2.

- Lodge 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 117, Patrick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 128, St. John's, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, April 3.

- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, Freemasons' Hall, 213 Buchanan-st.
 " 354, Commercial, 19, Croy place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garnyad-rd.

Friday, April 4.

- Lodge 116, Royal Arch, Rutherglen.
 " 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
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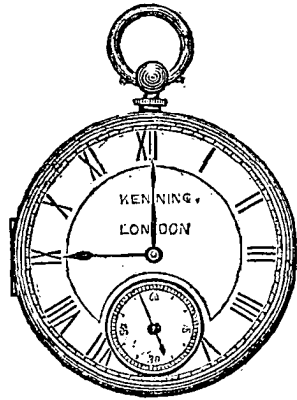
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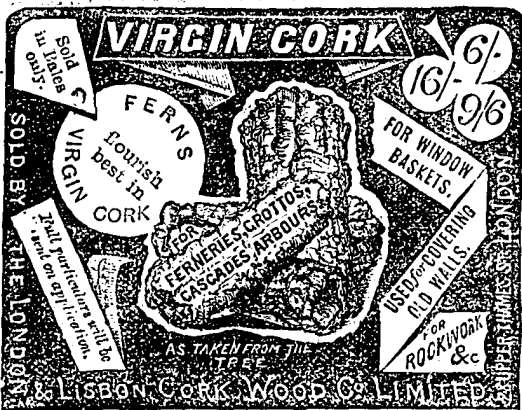


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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SHERNESS.—*Adam's Lodge* (No. 158).—The ceremony of installation of W.M., and the appointment of the various officers for the ensuing year took place on Thursday last, Bro. George Beckwith being favoured with the distinguished honour. Forty-five of the brethren assembled at 2.30 p.m. at the Britannia Hotel, the spacious room having duly prepared for the ceremony, which was impressively performed according to the accustomed rites, &c., by Bro. Spears, P.M. and Treasurer (158) B.Z. and P. Prov. G.O. The lodge having been worked in its several degrees by the retiring W.M., Bro. Carpenter, the W.M. elect, Bro. Beckwith, was presented by Bro. Bagshaw, P.M., for the installation ceremony, which being completed with much carefulness by Bro. Spears, the newly installed W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers which are as follows:—Bros. A. Oyston, S.W.; Woodley, J.W.; T. Townsend, P. Prov. G.R., P.Z., P.M., Secretary; Spears, P.M., Treasurer; Mitchell, S.D.; Thurlow, J.D.; Kelly, I.G.; Foster, O.G.; Simmonds and Dustan, Stewards; and Carpenter the I.P.M. After the several official appointments, the lodge was addressed by Bro. Spears, and closed according to ancient custom with solemn prayer. Subsequent to this the brethren adjourned to their Masonic Hall where a most recherché banquet was provided by Mrs. Green, of the "Britannia," and widow of the late much respected and lamented Bro. John George Green, P.M. and P.P.J.D. of Kent. Eulogies were deservedly awarded for the very great care taken in providing for the necessary creature comforts, the tables being most tastefully decorated, independent of the delicate though substantial bill of fare. The lodge room presented quite a fairy-like appearance. There were present at the banquet fifty-six of the Craft, among whom were the following from various lodges.—No. 1174, Pentangle, Chatham, Bro. Blakey, P.M. and P.P.A.D.C. of Kent; The Gundolph, 1050, Rochester, Bro. Geo. Watson, W.M. and P.G.S. of Kent; The Lodge of Antiquity, 20, Chatham, Bro. Edwards, W.M.; and a strong muster of brethren from the "De Shurland," 1089, Sherness, comprising the subjoined:—Bros. J. Hancock, W.M.; W. Parnell, P.M. and P.G.D.W. of Kent; M. W. West, P.M.; F. Jones, P.M.; J. M. Rigg, S.W.; A. Ingleton, J.W.; H. Bourne, Sec.; Lieut. Joffe, R.N.; W. J. Duttall, H. G. Clarkson, and E. Penny, R.N. The accustomed loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with enthusiasm, combined with songs and appropriate speeches, in which latter Bro. A. Spears gave a most lucid and graphic history of the ancient Craft, which was well received. Harmony in every sense was pre-eminent, and the brethren dispersed about eleven p.m., with expressions of general satisfaction.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, March 25th. Present Bros. Hogard, W.M.; Ayden, J.W.; Waylett, S.D.; Buckland, J.D.; Jacobs, I.G.; Hall, M.C.; Cook, P.M. and Treasurer; Cohen, P.M. and Hon. Sec.; also Bros. Littam, P.M.; Emmanuel, P.M.; F. S. Jones, P.M.; and other brethren. The W.M. in a masterly manner initiated Messrs. D. McLeod, T. V. W. Schade and E. Hood into our ancient Order, after which he passed Bro. S. Witmann, and raised Bro. Naylor in a very impressive way. The names of eight gentlemen were proposed for initiation, subject to the ballot, this with six left from last summons will make fourteen waiting to join this lodge, so justly celebrated for the beautiful way in which all the ceremonies are given, and will no doubt cause the W.M. to call a lodge of Emergency either before or after the next regular lodge. This being an off night the brethren sat down to a cold collation, which was quite appreciated and the evening concluded in peace and harmony.

STONEHOUSE.—*Metham Lodge* (No. 1205).—The members of the Metham Lodge met at their lodge room, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, on Monday afternoon, March 17th, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance, and amongst those present were Bros. Powell, W.M. (who presided), J. Elliott, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. W. Cole, P.M.; W. Browning, P.M., P.P.A.D.C. (223); J. May, P.M. (223); J. E. Alexander, P.M., P.G.O. (666); J. Baxter, P.M. (254); E. Aitken Davies, P.M. P.G. Supt. Works (1299); J. Austin, P.M. (1399), P.P.G.O.; L. D. Westcott, P.M. (70), P.P.G. Supt. Works; C. Leigh, P.M.; J. Montgomery, P.M., P.G. Steward; R. R. Rodd, P.P. G.S.W, Cornwall, P.P.G. Regis., Devon. The attendance also included the Rev. W. Whittley, the Rev. T. Lemon, and W. Ventham. Bro. Daniel Cross was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by the W.M. of the past year, Bro. W. Powell. At the close of the installation, the W.M. appointed the following brethren his officers:—Bros. J. Oxley Oxland, S.W.; E. Northey, J.W.; J. Montgomery, Treas.; Alexander White, Sec.; Lieut. W. F. McIlwaine, R.M., S.D.; W. Harris, J.D.; A. Staite, D.C.; T. Gibbons, Org.; W. H. King, I.G.; Charles Hall, and E. Graves, Stewards; T. Moore, Tyler. The annual banquet was held in the evening at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, the W.M. elect, Bro. Daniel Cross, presiding. There were about eighty brethren present. The W.M. then gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen," which was received with much enthusiasm. The D.P.G.M. Bro. Metham, next proposed "The Prince of Wales and the Craft," and in so doing he remarked that Masons, at any rate, should be true and loyal to the Prince, because he had been true and loyal to the Craft. There had not been one occasion on which the Craft had called upon him to exercise the influence of his exalted position for the benefit of the Craft that he had failed to do so, and his Highness had lately exercised it in a manner that had carried comfort to the firesides of many of their distressed brethren, for he had presided at a dinner which had enabled the Committee of Decayed Masons to extend the benefits of the fund from £26 to £36 a year, and to the Widows' Fund a proportionate increase. In addition to this, his Highness had condescended to become the Master of a lodge at Oxford, in which lodge he intended to initiate his own brother—(hear, hear). He was sure they would all join with him in wishing that the Prince might live for many years, and that every year might foster in him those virtues which he could not but believe were sown in his breast from his birth, virtues which he derived from his excellent and noble father; in hoping also that he might live to be regarded and respected as his father was, and that Masons might always feel a delight in calling him Brother—(applause). Br. Leigh proposed "The Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master; the Past G.M., the Earl of Zetland, and the Past and Present Grand Officers." Br. Metham responded, and said that the whole of the Grand Officers ruled the fraternity throughout the

country, not only with a great deal of urbanity, but also with a great deal of zeal and talent. The best proof they could have of this was, that among the many thousands of Masons who lived in England, there was seldom or ever any cause of complaint as to the manner in which the duties of the Grand Officers were discharged. He made bold to say that as a body, not only on account of their illustrious rank, but also on account of their private and public virtues, they stood unequalled by any other body in this or in any other country—(applause). The W.M., proposed "The R.W. Br. the Rev. J. Huyshe, G.M. of Devon." He had not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with their excellent Provincial Grand Master, but he knew enough of him to justify him in saying that in Br. Huyshe the province had been blessed with a good and faithful P.G.M.; and his only fear was that, considering the great age which Br. Huyshe had reached, he would ere long be compelled to relinquish his high office, the duties of which he had so well and so worthily discharged—(hear, hear). P.P.G.S. Br. Latimer responded to the toast. The next toast on the list was that of the "Deputy Grand Master of Devon, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," proposed by the W.M. Bro. Metham acknowledged the toast, and replying to an observation of the W.M. that he attended to Masonry, probably to the sacrifice of his other duties, he stated that he never did a thing which was Masonic or otherwise until he had first attended to his professional duties. This was one of the best lessons a young Mason could have. Masonry was to him, and ought to be to every one else, a great luxury. Let them first complete their daily avocation, and when that was over they might go to their lodges and do the business which had there to be done in the same spirit and with the same conscientiousness as they discharged their other private and public duties. If they acted differently to this they were not true Masons. He was proud to be able to tell them that at the recent meeting in London the province of Devon sent up the noble sum of £4000, which was three times as much as that forwarded by any other province in England—(loud applause). Br. Col. Elliott proposed the "Worshipful Master," a toast which was very warmly received. The W.M., in returning thanks, assured the brethren that whether he was in office or out of it, it would always be his aim to do what good he could to the lodge and to Masonry in general. The W.M., then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Br. Powell, to whom, he said, must in a great measure be ascribed the success of Metham Lodge. All who had been present at their meetings must have noticed the excellent manner in which the duties of the lodge had been carried out by the I.P.M., who had thoroughly mastered the various rituals connected with the many offices through which it was necessary to pass before the W.M.'s chair was reached. During the last twelve months Br. Powell had not been absent from a single lodge meeting, and in addition to thanking him for his services he had great pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel. The W.M., then affixed the jewel to Br. Powell's breast, and the I.P.M., acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms. In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M., spoke in high terms of the valuable services which had been rendered to the Lodge by Bros. Col. Elliott and C. Leigh. To the former must be ascribed not only the prosperity, but the foundation of the lodge, whilst the latter, although a Past Master, had been most regular in his attendance, having been present at no less than twenty meetings during the last twelve months. Br. Col. Elliott, in responding, said he took a very great interest in Metham Lodge, and regretted that his many other duties prevented him from attending oftener than he now did. Speaking of Br. Powell, he observed, that in the whole of his Masonic career he never met with an Immediate Past Master who performed the ceremony of installation in the able manner in which it was done that day by the I.P.M. (Hear, hear). Br. Cole, P.M., added that it was about the finest piece of Masonry he had ever witnessed in his life. (Applause). Bro. Montgomery, P.M., P.G.S., Treas., returned thanks, and expressed his

best regard toward the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Leigh, P.M., also returned thanks. The toast of "The Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge" was suitably acknowledged by Br. J. Oxley Oxland, S.W., and Bro. E. Northey, J.W., and the toasts that followed were—"Visiting Brethren, and Success to all Sister Lodges," responded to by Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren." In proposing the latter toast, the D.G.P.M. of Devon asked for the support of the lodge on behalf of a child of a deceased brother, who was seeking admission into the Orphan Asylum at Stoke. The deceased was formerly a member of Metham Lodge, and therefore the case was essentially their own. It was decided that the matter should be considered at the next lodge meeting, but the W.M. and S.W. expressed a strong feeling that an effort should be made to obtain the admission of the child into the Asylum.

ST. IVES.—Tregenna Lodge (No. 1272).—On Friday the 21st ult., this young but flourishing lodge held its annual meeting, when Bro. John Richards, the W.M. Elect, was placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient form, by the W.M. Bro. Charles Trevithick, as Installing Master. The lodge was summoned at high Twelve, at which hour a large number of the brethren presented themselves, as well as many visitors from the neighbouring lodges, especially from the mother lodge, Cornubian, Hayle, 450. The lodge was opened in the first degree by the W.M., assisted by his officers, when the minutes of the last regular lodge and intermediate lodges of Emergency were read and confirmed. The Treasurer, Bro. Dunn, I.P.M., then presented his accounts, which showed the year then closing to have been a highly prosperous one, upwards of £70 having been added to the funds of the lodge, out of which all existing liabilities were paid, and an appreciable balance left in the Treasurer's hands. After sundry congratulations, the lodge was opened in the second degree, when the Installing Master proceeded with his work in such a way as to leave no doubt that he was equal to the occasion (which the sequel fully proved); for although a Mason of only two or three years' standing, we have rarely, if ever, witnessed that impressive ceremony more ably performed. The W.M. then invested the officers, with a few words of congratulation and encouragement to each:—Bros. C. Trevithick, I.P.M.; A. R. Harry, S.W.; J. Wearm, J.W.; J. B. Jones, Chap.; J. T. Short, Treas.; T. B. Williams, Sec.; T. T. John, S.D.; S. Thomas, J.D.; W. Trevorrton, I.G.; H. D. Edwards, O.; R. Penberthy, D. of C.; T. Stevens and M. D. Gyles, Stewards; J. P. Trevorrton, Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Jas. Pool, W.M. 450; F. H. Pool, I.P.M. 450; T. G. Greer, 833; G. Hamlyn, 450; E. Temby, 450; W. H. Thomas, 450; M. L. Nicholls, 450. Bro. Coombe, the retiring J.W., P.M. 453, P.P.G.D., read some extracts from the minutes of the Old Ship Lodge, formerly held at the Ship Inn, St. Ives, from 1765 to 1780, which were highly interesting and instructive, as showing that the consumption of "toddy and tobacco at the expense of the lodge," which seems from the minutes to be one of the cardinal virtues of the crew of the "Old Ship," was by no means conducive to keeping her afloat, seeing that she got water-logged in fifteen years. Knill, the first W.M., whose mausoleum still adorns an adjacent hill top, willed an amount (in 1797) of £10, to establish a "quinquennial celebration and divers charities in the Borough of St. Ives." A portion of the rejoicings consisted of ten girls, not exceeding ten years of age and natives of the said borough, between the hours of ten and twelve in the forenoon, dancing on the ground adjoining the mausoleum. The £50 is divided into something like twelve or fourteen portions. (Considerations of space prevents us giving more copious extracts of this strange bequest; should, however, any of our readers wish for a copy of the document, the writer will be pleased to get it transcribed, on receipt of the fee the professional writer may charge for the work. The address can be obtained through Bro. Kenning.) A vote of thanks from the chair, supported by many of the brethren, having been presented to Bro. Coombe, for his excellent paper, the lodge was closed, when the brethren proceeded to Bro.

Geo. Richards', White Hart Hotel, where a sumptuous repast awaited them, to which they did ample justice. After the cloth was removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given by the W.M. and duly honoured and acknowledged by the brethren. In responding for the P. G. Officers, Bro. Coombe gave a short but interesting account of the Prov. G.L. of Cornwall, commencing with the year 1752. Amongst his statements were the following:—"In 1752 there were only five Master Masons in the Province; the P.G. officers consisted of five only; from 1786 to 1839 Sir John St. Aubyn reigned as P.G.M., occupying the position no less than fifty-three years; from 1839 to 1844 there was an interregnum of five years, in consequence of no one being at once "able and willing to undertake the management of the work." (It is impossible to give anything like a lengthened report of this interesting and instructive speech, but if he could be induced to put his Masonic facts and data into a pamphlet, many of his brethren would be amused and instructed.) At length the Tyler's toast brought the formal part of the proceedings to a close. Cigars, coffee, &c., coming on, a pleasant and lively conversation was continued until about nine o'clock, when the brethren separated in peace and harmony, amid mutual congratulations on the enjoyable day that had been spent.

ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous and well established lodge was held on Saturday, March 8th, at the Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar, Middlesex. Bro. John Henry Butten, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, W.M., opened the lodge. The ballots for the five gentlemen who were candidates for initiation, taken separately were unanimous in favour of their admission. The veteran Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M. and Sec. in an able and fluent manner raised Bro. H. D. Martin to the third degree. Bro. J. H. Butten, W.M., then resumed the chair, and in an able, painstaking, and impressive manner initiated Messrs. Coltman and George into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. He then stated it was his intention, in conjunction with the S.D., Bro. Richard Limpus, to represent the Lodge as one of its Stewards at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School, to be held on Wednesday, May 14th, 1873. He was promised a liberal support, and the business of the meeting being ended the lodge was closed. A good banquet followed, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Selby, who was, as usual with him, indefatigable in his exertions to please all present, and succeeded, as every one expressed their satisfaction. Bro. R. Limpus with his friends amused all by the exquisite manner they rendered the splendid music. Their harmony was well appreciated; all seemed pleased and delighted at their exertions. A few hours having been well and agreeably spent the brethren returned to town. The next meeting was arranged to be held on Wednesday, April 9th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m. There was a larger number of members present than on any former occasion. The visitors were well represented by Bro. G. A. Taylor, P.M. 217, who responded for them.

EBURY LODGE.—(No. 1348).—On Tuesday March 23d, at the Morpeth Arms Hotel, Pensonby-street, Pimlico, this well established and prosperous lodge held its regular meeting. We were gratified on entering the lodge room to observe a new organ had been placed there since the last meeting. Bro. G. Stacey, P.M. 209, and Organist of the "Ebury" Lodge added to the beauties of the ceremonies by the admirable manner he rendered the music. The work done in efficient style was raising Brothers Bowler, White, and Hooper, to the third degree, passing Brothers Browne, Thomson, Taylor and Buckland to the second degree, and initiating Messrs. J. F. Lowden, and J. Hayes. The initiation fee is raised to seven guineas. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Brother J. Stacey for the delight he had given to all present, as the Organist. Business being ended, the brethren partook of a cold collation which had been provided by Bro. Palmer with his usual good judgment. The regular toasts were given and responded to. Bro. W. Bourne, W.M.P.M. 749, presided with his usual well known ability, supported by Bros.

J. Summers, S.W.; T. Verity, J.W.; J. Elliott, Secretary; J. Verity, J.D.; A. J. Treton, I.G.; Funian and Harrison, Stewards, and others.

LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—This young but progressing Lodge held its last regular meeting for the winter session on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. Charles Lacey, and the following brethren were present, viz., Bros. T. Mortlock, I.P.M.; G. T. W. Mugliston, S.W.; G. E. Slee, J.W.; Geo. Levick, Treasurer; C. W. Ashdown, P.M., Hon. Sec., R. G. Owen, S.D.; B. Cundick, J.D.; Jno. G. Stevens, D.C.; H. Carter, W.S.; Geo. Hollington, I.G.; W. Stedman, Tyler; T. F. Kirby; W. Grover; T. J. Barnes; W. Shearman; T. Taylor; R. J. Donovan, and H. N. Taylor. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the former meeting having been read and duly confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Donovan and Taylor, candidates for the degree of M.M., having answered the usual questions and retired, the lodge was opened in the third degree, those brethren readmitted and duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; the ceremony being ably and impressively rendered by the W.M. The lodge was then resumed to the first degree, when two candidates were proposed for initiation, the W.M. announcing his intention to call a lodge of emergency for the purpose of initiating those gentlemen, together with the candidate who was unable to attend that evening. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to partake of an excellent banquet, which was served in first-rate style by the worthy host, Mr. Morley, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and which reflected the highest credit upon the establishment. The W.M. presided, and on the removal of the cloth, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, the health of the host and hostess being very warmly received. The Tylers' toast brought a most happy and pleasant meeting to a close at 11 p.m. The visitors who honoured the lodge with their presence on this occasion were Bros. T. Austin, W.M. 933; Brayshaw, W.M. 1076; W. A. Thorp, P.M. 49 and 1228; S. Watkins, P.M. 212 and 1076; T. Cohn, S.D. 192; Lewis Angell 33 and 1228; S. J. Girling, 1000; Jno. Rugg, 781; T. Fisher, 1228; H. B. Mugliston, 1228; T. Johnston, 1000, and S. H. Rawley, 174.

Royal Arch.

HERTFORD.—Hertford Chapter (No. 403).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Thursday, March 27, at the Town Hall, Hertford. The companions present were E. Comps. H. B. Hodges, M.E.Z.; J. R. Cocks, H.; H. L. Thomas, J.; J. Terry, P.Z.; T. H. Wilson, P.Z. 404; H. C. Finch, P.Z. 404; T. S. Carter, S.E.; L. B. Harvey, S.N.; H. C. Heard, Prin. Soj.; E. H. Edwards, 2nd Asst. Soj.; R. T. Andrews, E. A. Simson, J. Lowthin, W. Cutbush, W. Warrenner, D. Roberts, and H. T. W. Greene. Bros. the Rev. Lewis Deedes, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Herts, Chaplain Hertford Lodge 403; J. Hargreaves, Cecil Lodge 449; J. Livingston, M.D., Gladsmuir Lodge 1385, and Hayward Edward, 1385, were exalted. The following Comps. were installed and inducted officers for the ensuing year viz. E. Comps. J. R. Cocks, M.E.Z.; H. L. Thomas, H.; H. C. Heard, J.; H. B. Hodges, I.P.Z. and Treasurer; S. S. Carter, S.E. (re-elected); E. A. Simson, S.N.; R. T. Andrews, Prin. Soj.; J. Lowthin, 1st Asst. Soj.; D. Roberts, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and T. Wright, Janitor. The whole of the ceremonies were very carefully conducted and reflected great credit on all engaged. E. Comp. J. Terry acted as Installing Officer. E. Comp. Hodges, I.P.Z. kindly presented the chapter with a charity box and a vote of thanks was accorded to him. The companions afterwards partook of a sumptuous dinner, which was well supplied by Mr. E. M. Davis, of the Salisbury Arms Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. E. Comp. Hodges was presented with a neat gold jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members of the chapter.

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Mark Lodge*, (No. 221).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on March 26th, at the lodge room, Commercial Hotel, Bolton, when there were present Bros. Wm. Hamer, W.M.; Jas. Newton, S.W.; Jno. Alcock, S.W.; Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Master; C. F. Matier, Grand Junr. Warden; G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Warden; Wm. Flitcroft, Prov. S. G. Deacon; Dr. Allison, P. Prov. G. Deacon; Geo. Cornfield, Prov. Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Thos. Morris, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; John Brandwood, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; W. H. J. Jones, M.O.; Jas. Horrocks, S.O.; Jno. Harwood, J.O.; Richardson, Allen and others. The Lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed the ballot was taken for a number of candidates, for advancement, which were all unanimously elected viz: Bros. Robt. Glaister, Jno. Clough, H. Greenwood, Jas. Mason, Chas. Williams, and S. Pickard, and being in attendance were then admitted and advanced to the honorable degree of Mark Master Mason by the R.W. Bro. Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Master. All business being concluded the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to the refreshment board.

RAMSGATE.—*Holmesdale Lodge* (No. 129).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on Thursday, March the 27th, at 3.0. p.m. There were present:—Bros. the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, M.A., R.W. Prov. G.M.M. (who kindly acted as Chaplain); Thos. H. Grove Snowden, R.W. D. Prov. G.M.M., S.W.; Lewis Finch, Prov. G.M. Treasurer W.M.; J. L. Ellerm, J.W.; B. L. Hiscocks, Registrar and Secretary; James W. Smith, G.M. Steward and Prov. G.M. Secretary, S.D.; John Finch, Prov. G.M. Asst. D.C., as J.D.; George Page, Prov. G.M. Sword Bearer, as I.G.; and other brethren. Five candidates for advancement were duly balloted for, and unanimously approved. They were Bros. Thos. Ovenden, W. B. Wallace, W. Larkin, W. Adams and W. Crawford. All were present except the first, and were advanced to the honourable degree by the W.M., who worked the ceremony in an able manner, and in strict accordance with the improved ritual. The lecture was necessarily omitted on this occasion, for want of time. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. James Stevens, R.W. Past G.O., and Prov. G.M. Sec. for Middlesex and Surrey. Bro. Snowden, the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Finch the retiring W.M., and the ceremony of installation was impressively worked by Bro. Stevens, the addresses after installation being especially admired. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. J. L. Ellerm, S.W.; Thos. S. Clarke, J.W.; James W. Smith, M.O.; George Miles, S.O.; Edward J. Smith, J.O.; the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore Chaplain; Lewis Finch, Treasurer; Bedford L. Hiscocks, Registrar and Secretary; George Page, S.D.; Horace Friend, J.D.; Wm. T. C. Harrison, I.G.; Thos. J. Foley, D.C.; William Larkin, Org.; R. Joynes Emmerson and John Finch, Stewards; George Meager, Tyler. The wages having been paid and the working plans deposited, the newly installed W.M. gave orders for closing the lodge, doing his work in such a manner as augurs well for the future of the lodge, under his guidance. The valedictory address was delivered by Bro. W. Smith, M.O. After labour came refreshment, in the form of a banquet; in serving which, Bro. Hiscocks excelled even himself, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all present. A long list of toasts followed, all being received with the heartiest enthusiasm; songs and Masonic recitations were interspersed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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Knights Templar.

PRESCOT.—*William de la More Encampment*.—A conclave of this encampment was held at the New Court House, Prescott, on Thursday, the 20th inst. Present, Sir Knight J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C.; R. Brown, Prelate; S. Morris, 1st Captain; J. Kellett Smith, 2nd Captain, Reginald Young, Registrar; Joseph Wood, Treasurer; Moses Mawson, 1st Standard Bearer; Thomas Ashmore, Captain of Lines; J. T. Birchall, 1st Herald; G. Morgan, 2nd Herald; and T. Sephton, Equerry. After the transaction of some formal business, Sir Knight J. K. Smith, (in the absence of the E.C.) presented a very splendid crystal star jewel, to Sir Knight J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C., in a highly appropriate speech. The jewel, which was supplied by Sir Knight G. Kenning, of 2, Monument Place, was a fine work of art, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Sir Knight J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C., by the Sir Knights of the William de la More Encampment, as a token of their regard and esteem, March 20, 1873." Sir Knight Fowler, acknowledged the presentation in suitable terms.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

FALMOUTH (JAMAICA).—*Athole Union Lodge* (No. 367 S.C.).—The members of this lodge had their annual meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 29, for the purpose of installing Bro. D. C. De Souza, W.M. for the ensuing year, and also the officers. The R.W. M. A. Nunes having resigned the chair (his term of office having expired), the R.W. S. Constantine Burke, Prov. G.M. for Scotland, took the chair, and summoned the Master Elect to the Pedestal, and delivered the usual charges and installed the W.M. After a complimentary address the W.M. proceeded to instal his officers, at the conclusion of which the W.M. addressed the brethren and officers, and thanked the R.W. S. Constantine Burke for the honour he had done them in travelling a considerable distance to attend the installation. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren marched in procession to the Court House, where an assembly of fully 150 ladies and gentlemen were assembled. The brethren having marched into the ball-room then received the Prov. G.M., after which dancing was commenced and kept up with great spirit until one o'clock, when the company was conducted to the supper-room, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the R.W. S. C. Burke proposed "The Ladies;" a return was then made to the ball-room, when dancing was renewed, and kept up without flagging until 5.30. The company then retired highly delighted with the entertainment of the evening.

FREEMASONRY IN TASMANIA.

"We extract the following from the *Hobart Town Mercury*" of 31st. Dec. last."

"**FREEMASONS' HALL COMPANY.**—An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Freemasons' Hall Company (Limited), was held at the Victoria Tavern, Murray-street, last evening. The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving and confirming the report of the directors on the tenders for the proposed hall, and also to give power to the directors to borrow a further sum of money for the completion of the building. D. Lewis, Esq., was in the chair, and there were nearly 1,000 shares represented. The report of the directors, which stated that they had accepted the tender of Mr. Gregory for the building of the hall, for the sum of £2,568, was read. Several shareholders inquired why the tender of Mr. Wiggins, which was the lowest by £48, had not been accepted, and on it being proposed that the report be adopted, a ballot was taken, when the action of the directors was confirmed by a large majority. A resolution was carried that shares lately forfeited by the directors for non-payment of calls may be resumed by the several shareholders on payment of the amounts due thereon within 10 days. The following motion was also agreed to:—"That to enable the directors to carry out the work, they may be,

and are hereby authorised to borrow such further sum or sums of money, as in their discretion may be taken to be requisite to complete the proposed building, not exceeding £1000." The directors reported that they had authorised another issue of shares on the following terms, viz., 5s. per share cash, and 5s. per share promissory notes, at 3, 6, and 9 months, bearing date January 1st, 1873, for new shareholders; present shareholders to be allowed additional shares by giving four promissory notes at 5s. per share each at 3, 6, 9, and 12 months, from the 1st January. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman."

GRAND MASONIC BALL.

A grand Masonic ball (the proceeds to be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was given on Wednesday, 25th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, by the members of the Lodges and Chapters meeting at that place. Dancing began about ten o'clock to the strains of Coote and Tinney's magnificent band of twenty-five performers, and was continued until one, when supper was served in the upper hall, the chair being occupied by Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart. This over, and the toasts of the "Queen" the "Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon, the Prince of Wales, and all other past Grand Masters," having been duly honoured, the chairman proposed the "Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," remarking that he was sure it must have added to the pleasure of all present to know that while they were enjoying themselves they were at the same time contributing to the support of such a really good and deserving institution as that was.

Bro. Little responded, and observed that it was one of the first and oldest Masonic Charities in the world, and, although they were not able to present it with any great sum, yet they were adding their mite to the great aggregate of Masonic charity.

The health of the Chairman was then drunk in bumpers, and one other toast, "The Ladies" (for whom Bro. Yeoman replied), brought the list to an end.

Dancing was then resumed, and continued until about five o'clock.

The company present numbered nearly three hundred, and the ball altogether, thanks to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. G. Kenning (hon. sec.) and Bro. Sidney Spencer, was one of the most enjoyable and successful of the season.

The brethren were all in full Masonic costume, which added greatly to the brilliancy of the scene. The staircase and ball-room were beautifully decorated with the banners of the "Lion and Lamb Chapter" and the "William Preston Lodge," whilst conspicuous on one side of the room were three fine banners (kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. Kenning), representing the "Freemason's Arms," "the Knights Templars," and the "Red Cross of Rome and Constantine."

Great praise is due to Bros. Bates, George Newman, J. T. Moss, George Abbott, Hogard, Levander, Yeoman, and Dubois, for the energetic part they took in carrying out the arrangements.

"After thoroughly testing it, I believe your Vegetable Pain Killer to be the best medicine for diarrhoea I have ever known. It gives speedy and permanent relief without any shock, or causing constipation. It is a most useful and valuable family medicine.—E. T. BARRETT, Surrey Chambers, Strand, July 1869.—To Perry Davis & Son, London."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Many persons are apt to regard the winter past when a few bright days enliven them, and some are rash enough at once to change warm for lighter clothing; much risk attends their imprudence, though the inevitable ill-health resulting from it, can be readily set aside, by recourse to these purifying and corrective Pills, invaluable to the sickly at all times and doubly useful at this season, when they cast out the impurities of winter and fortify the system against the sudden variations, and frequent epidemics attending Spring. Holloway's medicine relaxes the skin, permits free transpiration through its pores and thus rids it of the irritation and harshness which increasing temperatures make annoying to the nervous and sensitive.—ADVT.

MASONIC BALL AT BRIGHTON.

Owing to the thorough success of the late Masonic Ball a few weeks ago, by which twenty guineas were cleared and equally divided between the Boys' and Girls' Schools maintained by the Craft, and likewise, and in no small measure, in consequence of the thorough enjoyment which was obtained on that occasion, it was resolved to repeat it, at an early date, in aid of the Brighton and Hove Dispensary, and it took place at the Royal Pavilion on the 10th ult. Perhaps we are not strictly correct in calling it a "Masonic Ball," when the circulars describe it as a "Private Invitation Ball," but the Masonic element was so far paramount last evening, that we feel bound to give honour where honour is due. All the Stewards were Masons, the M.C.'s were Masons, the Committee were Masons, the Hon. Sec. a Mason, the caterer of the creature comforts and the necessary florist were Masons, and the band was led by a Mason. How then could we shut our Masonic eyes to the fact, especially after the gratuitous inuendo made not long since at a public meeting with reference to the Craft and local charities. It is not our desire to rake up this old grievance, but we merely throw aside the cloak on this occasion to show that beyond maintaining their own charities, the Freemasons some time do good by stealth, and thus hide their blushes. However, the ball last night was "awfully jolly," and the enjoyment was participated in by about 160 guests.

Between the first and second part there was an interval of forty-five minutes, and the guests improved each shining quarter-hour by the making of tissue and sustaining of stamina by the agreeable process of sitting down to supper in the drawing room—the repast being served by Mr. Albert Cowley, of the West Pier restaurant in his usual admirable style. The following gentlemen acted as M.C.'s, Mr. J. Robinson, Mr. J. W. Staples, Mr. C. W. Hudson, and Mr. G. Emery, and Mr. A. J. Hawkes was the indefatigable Secretary of the indefatigable Committee, who carried out all the arrangements in the most perfect manner.

GRAND MASONIC BALL AT BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

The most brilliant affair in the matter of balls which has ever been held in this town took place on the 25th ult., under the auspices of the "brethren of the Mystic Tie" of Barrow. The ball was got up for the benefit of the Masonic Charities. A dispensation was granted by the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, for the purpose, to the Hindpool Lodge, No. 1225, and it was carried out under the auspices of the brethren of that lodge and the brethren of the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, and by their united efforts was one of unequalled success. The ball was under the patronage of Bro. Sir James Ramsden, W.M.; Bro. H. W. Schneider, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Bro. J. T. Smith, Esq. (Mayor of Barrow), P.M.; Bro. H. Cook, Esq., P.M., P.P.G.R. for Cumberland and Westmoreland; Bro. Robt. W. Graham, W.M., and the officers and brethren of the neighbouring lodges. The arrangements were entrusted to the hands of an active committee, whose exertions deserve great commendation. The decorations were conducted by a sub-committee, consisting of Bros. J. Lewis, B. Townson, and W. Gradwell, junr.

The doors of the hall were thrown open at half-past eight o'clock, and shortly after that time carriages rolled up and deposited their beautifully-decked occupants at the entrance, which was laid with richly-coloured carpets, as were also the stairs, at the sides of which and on the landing were placed beautiful plants and flowers in pots, kindly lent for the occasion by Sir James Ramsden, His Worship the Mayor (J. T. Smith, Esq.), Joseph Fisher, Esq., Fairfield, and other gentlemen. The ante-room on the ground floor was set apart for the gentlemen's dressing room, and was attended to by Bro. Gabbat. The corresponding room upstairs was most tastefully fitted up as the ladies' dressing room, and was attended to by Mrs. Gabbat. The ball room itself was a most magnificent display of taste, and the greatest credit is due to Mr. J. Lewis, under whose personal supervision and direction the whole was carried out, for the grand effect produced.

The refreshments were provided by Bro. R. T. Taylor, and were set out on the platform. The table was most beautifully laid with all that the heart could desire, and in a style which could not but please the most fastidious eye, and with a taste which did great credit to the purveyor. This department was brilliantly lighted by a massive gasalier with six branches, each branch having seven jets, and in front of the tables were placed settees for the accommodation of the company.

There were in all about 90 couples present. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock to the excellent music of Mr. Kearsley's band. Mr. M. Haslam and Mr. W. Gradwell, junr., acted most ably as Masters of Ceremonies, and the Stewards were most assiduous in their attention to the comforts and convenience of the large company. We must especially thank the Committee and the two Secretaries, Bros. Kershaw and Milner, for the attention they paid to the representatives of the Press.

Dancing was kept up with great spirit until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday morning, when the party broke up highly delighted with the ball, which in every respect was one of the greatest successes.

An excellent photograph of the ball room has been taken by Messrs. Richards and Ludlam, which they have printed, and copies are now on sale.—*Barrow Pilot.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., the half-yearly communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was holden at the Alfred Lodge Rooms, Leeds, at the invitation of the Copley Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 111. A Mark Masters Lodge was opened at 12, and at 12.30 the P.G.M.M., accompanied by his officers (there being only two absentees), entered the room, the P.G.L. was opened, and the P.G.M.M., formally saluted. On the roll of lodges being called over, every lodge in the province was found to have representatives present. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and the usual routine business transacted, the P.G.M.M., proceeded to invest the officers for the ensuing 18 months, as follows:—Bros. Thomas Burgess, 14, P.S.G.W.; Thomas Schofield, 111, P.J.G.W.; Thos. S. Higgins, 137, P.G.M.O.; Wm. F. Wilkinson, 58, P.G.S.O.; Allen Jackson, 137, P.G.J.O.; Rev. Thos. C. Smyth, D.D. 111, P.G. Chap.; Geo. Normanton, Past P.G.J. of W. 58, P.G. Treas.; W. H. D. Horsfall, 58, P.G. Reg.; W. Cooke, Past G.S.O. 58, P.G. Sec.; J. Holroyd, 14, P.G.S.D.; Thos. Oakden, 14, P.G.J.D.; John Sykes, 110, P.G.J. of W.; John Armitage, 127, P.G.D. of C.; John Sobley, 127, P.G.A.D. of C.; J. P. Crossley, M.D., 111, P.G.S.W.B.; R. Williamson, 137, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Whitaker, 58, P.G. Org.; Henry Haigh, 111, P.G.J.G.; Wm. Tasker, 58, Mark Newsome, 127, John Stones, 110, H. W. Wrigley, 14, P.G. Stewards; The P.G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Griffin Hotel, where a banquet had been provided. The P.G.M.M. presided, and after the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant time was spent, everything tending to show that the establishment of a P.G.L. in West Yorkshire was giving an impetus to the Mark Masters' degree.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At the first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival, held on the 18th ult., Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, was elected President; Bro. J. B. Monckton, S.G.D. Treasurer, and Bro. Wentworth Little, Secretary. Bros. Monckton, Baldwin, Bullen, Cubitt, Morton, Moss, and Roberts were elected members of the Musical Committee, and Bros. Monckton, Cubitt, Hopwood, Kenning, and Levander, as a committee to superintend the arrangements for the Festival. The Stewards' fee was fixed at three guineas, and the Secretary intimated that he should be glad to receive the names of additional brethren willing to serve as Stewards.

Masonic Tidings.

A Provincial Grand Chapter of the Western Division of the County of Lancaster, will be held at the Guildhall, Preston, on Wednesday, the 16th April, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of installing the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale as M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent, and for the transaction of other business.

The M.W.G.M. has been pleased to grant a warrant for the constitution of a new lodge to be called "The Great City," No. 1426, to be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 70, 105, 441; Bro. Nathan B. Headon, 771, and Bro. Jas. H. Townend, P.M. 715, are the principal officers designate.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—On Monday evening, March 24th, Bro. Beckett, Preceptor, worked the first ceremony, and gave the lecture on the tracing board, supported by Bros. Rutter, S.W.; Sickle, J.W.; and some 20 other brethren. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded for the manner in which the W.M. gave the ceremony.

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE "SECRET HISTORY" MASONIC CONSTITUTIONS.

Since my last communication in *The Freemason* (of March 15th) and Bro. Norton's article on Briscoes' work, Bro. Charles Molly, P.M. (of Manchester) has kindly directed my attention to page 125 of Dr. Kloss's "Bibliographie der Freimaurerei" (No. 1832,) where I find that the "Secret History" is mentioned of date 1725. It did not appear to me to be so old, so it will probably turn out that Bro. Norton was right, and myself wrong, as to the year in which the pamphlet first appeared. Dr. Kloss states that the "Secret History" gives a copy of *Coles' Constitutions*. This is not correct, for I have compared the two carefully. Another Masonic Student has written me to the effect that Briscoes' work of 1725 contains a transcript of Roberts' MS., published in 1722, lately reprinted by Bro. R. Spencer (of London). This also is incorrect, as the two have been carefully collated by me, and also at the same time, word for word with the "Harleian MS. 1942," but it is quite evident to me that the author (or compiler) of the "Secret History" of 1725 never copied in any way from either the printed pamphlet of 1722, or the MS. of about A.D. 1670. (No. 1942). On the whole I am inclined to believe that the Harleian MS., No. 2054, was the text for Briscoes' pamphlet, for with one or two trivial exceptions they read as one document. "Roberts' MS," and "Harleian MS. 1942" are so peculiar, they differ so radically from all other MSS., in having the "New Articles," and agree only with two or three others in containing the "Apprentice Charge" (which peculiarities are not to be found in "Briscoes' MS."), that it is quite easy to decide when they are used by any one as the text for a "Masonic Constitution."—W. J. HUGHAN.

A QUERY FOR BRO. J. FINDEL.

Do you know anything of two Manuscripts said to be in the library of "Donau Eschingen," mentioned by a person of the name of "Barack" in a catalogue of the manuscripts there.

One purports to be a "Geschichte der Fraumaurerie," and the other to be a list of Masonic books.

Donau Eschingen is the seat of Prince Fürstenberg apparently in the Grand Ducny of Baden.—A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

Original Correspondence.

BRO. HOLMES'S NOTES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am not surprised to see your desire that the correspondence anent the chivalric Orders shall now terminate; but as allusion is made to myself, I would crave your indulgence for these final lines. I thank Bro. Holmes for his courteous allusion to myself, and I trust I may never forfeit his favourable opinion. I much regret that he has followed his friendly expressions by two allusions to our past controversy, in which I have met him with fairness and with facts. These allusions are in defiance of all the rules of proper argument, inasmuch as they have been previously met and utterly refuted by me. I have shown your readers that the late Prince Albert accepted his Cross before the English public had ever heard of him, and before he ever heard of the English Langue of the Order of St. John; it is therefore, to say the least, ungenerous on the part of Bro. Holmes, to revive what he now knows is a misrepresentation, for no other apparent purpose than to damage an institution which interferes with no one.

I could have given documentary proof of the courteous attention of Prince Albert to the English Langue had I thought my statement would be treated with doubt.

The English Langue needs no acknowledgement from any existing person (unless Her Most Gracious Majesty should think it proper to render it a public institution of England). There is no present Governing body of the Order, its institutions are independent and distinct, and the English Langue is in perfect and lawful existence. It is impossible to say with reason that five-sevenths of the Order, representing five distinct divisions, each having separate power, could not by their will and act revive a dormant langue, when it is admitted, nay urged, that a handful of members of the Order, not having authority to represent any one langue, could elect a Grand Master at a time when the office was full. Bro. Holmes's opinion is in curious contrast with one written in 1837, and which lay before me as I read his letter; it was the opinion of the Baron de Reinach, a Commander of the Order, who was at Malta, at the time of the capitulation. The Baron was a distinguished member of the Order, and had its sovereignty continued he was the chevalier who in point of rank and standing would probably have become Prior of Germany.

This eminent Knight expressed an opinion on the 26th of December, 1837, distinctly adverse to the view which Bro. Holmes so positively puts forward at the close of his letter. The Baron expressed his gratification at the restoration of the Order in England, and said that the proceedings for that purpose were quite regular. The Baron Ferdinand von Hompesch, a nephew of the 69th Grand Master, held the same view, and inscribed his name on the roll of the English langue. I think the opinion of Bro. Holmes will be found wanting in the balance against these knights, who ought to know a little of their own institution. I am happy to receive Bro. Holmes's friendly expressions, I reciprocate them with all the courtesy to which they are entitled, and with sincere thanks to yourself for the patience with which your space has been afforded me, I am,

Fraternally yours,

LUPUS.

A Past Deputy Grand Commander, and a Past Grand Officer of the Late Grand Conclave.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On reading your report of the Prov. G.L. of Cornwall at page 202, of your last, I find that it was held at Truro, on the 13th inst., and that it was attended (inter alia) by the following brethren, viz:—The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. designate, &c., and the first paragraph concludes by stating that the lodge was opened and closed by the

D.P.G.M., the P.G.M. being unable to perform that duty until his Installation, which is fixed to take place at the Festival meeting in the summer.

On reading the article I confess that my Masonic Law received a severe shock. In my simplicity, I believe that on the death of a Prov. G.M., the Prov. G.L. ceases to exist and all the offices become vacant, and so remain until a new P.G.M. is appointed, by whose authority the P.G. Lodge might be again established (see Book of Constitutions, clause 7, pages 54, and 55). And the new P.G.M. must be installed at the first Prov. G. Lodge which he may hold after his appointment (see Book of Constitutions, clause 1, page 45).

Now it appears to me clear, that on the death of the late Prov. G.M., the Prov. G. Lodge ceased to exist and it could not be revived until a new Prov. G.M. was installed, for until he was installed he had no power to appoint new officers or ask the old ones to retain their places for the current year; for they had all ceased to exist, and the power to appoint new officers could not be exercised by the Prov. G.M., until he was installed.

To say that the lodge was opened and closed by the D.P.G.M. is an absurdity, when such an officer did not exist, for on the death of the late P.G.M. the officer in question became a Past D.P.G.M. as his office became defunct on the death of the late P.G.M., and the new P.G.M. had no power to re-appoint him until he himself had been installed.

I shall be glad to be put right if I am wrong, and it may turn out that it was no meeting of a Prov. Grand Lodge at all, but simply some Charity Meeting, composed principally of Past P. G. Officers and other brethren, which could not wait for the assemblage of the first Prov. Grand Lodge in the summer.

Yours fraternally.

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INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although I am aware it is too late now to alter the arrangements which have been made for the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Masonic Knights Templar, still, I trust you will kindly insert this letter in the next issue of the *Freemason*. I do not imagine that I only give utterance to my own feelings, but that I also shall express that which many other Knights Templar feel, when I say that I very much regret that those in authority have thought fit to recommend to H.R.H., the 7th of April for his installation. Had it been a great meeting of Craft Masons, it would surely have been as well to have remembered that many members of the Order might object to a festival of the kind in Passion week, but as Craft Masonry is not by any means restricted to members of the Christian religion, there would have been nothing contrary to its profession had such a day been selected. But as you, sir, are doubtless well aware, many Knights Templar are in the habit of making much of their Order, as being essentially a "Christian degree"; and therefore I do think that the leaders of that Order ought not to have suggested a day (more especially as it was simply an alteration in the day of meeting) which would occur in a week, which a very large body of Christians agree in thinking ought to be set apart for other and higher thoughts than those which such a festival as the installation of our illustrious Grand Master Elect is likely to produce. In common with all Masons and all Knights Templar, I rejoice beyond measure that H.R.H. should preside over us, and I rejoice at the marked interest with which he regards everything connected with Freemasonry, but I am certain that if it had been only hinted to him that some brethren—some over-particular brethren, if you like to call them so—might possibly object to a festival in that particular week, he would instantly, with that kindly and thoughtful consideration which always marks his actions, have fixed some other and more appropriate day for his installation. Of course, many of my Clerical brethren will, like myself, be prevented by our other duties from attending, as it is; but it is not on this account

that I write, but simply because I think it my duty as a Past Grand Chaplain to put before my brethren what I conceive to be right in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES J. MARTYN,
Past Grand Chaplain of England, &
Past Grand Aide-de-Camp of
Masonic Knights Templar.

COMPOUNDING FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The question of compounding for subscriptions, though apparently simple enough, is in truth somewhat of an intricate character, and surrounded by several difficulties both Masonic and financial.

Bro. W. Langley's suggestion would indeed be one way of settling the question and solving the difficulty, but how far it would accord with the interest and prosperity of private Lodges your deponent saith and seeth not.

I confess, it appears to me that neither our excellent Bro. Smith, nor Bro. Langley have realised the patent financial and fundamental objections to the proposition in itself. The whole membership system of our English Freemasonry is based on the annual subscription; without it, not only all the privileges of the private Lodge, but the qualifications for Grand Lodge, are lost and abrogated.

Hence, the "Composition" of Subscriptions introduces an entirely new element into our Masonic practice and usage, and great caution must be exercised lest, in order to suit the convenience of the few, we invade or invalidate the position and rights of the many.

No doubt, in one sense, it is merely a question of money, but it is not entirely, or only, a question of money.

Other questions and ulterior consequences are involved which cannot be overlooked, because, they relate to the rights and prosperity of our private lodges, and affect in truth the best interests of the Grand Lodge itself.

For unless the composition be fixed at an amount which precludes any possibility of interference with the financial position of the private lodges, and the recognised principle of necessary annual subscriptions, much injury will accrue inevitably, not only to private lodges in particular, but to Freemasonry in England in general.

I would wish to put before your readers two illustrations, of the way, in which the Composition, unless carefully guarded, will work prejudicially alike to private lodge funds, and the Grand Lodge funds!

1. A brother leaves a lodge, and offers to compound.

The same is fixed at a given sum. Unless the sum be estimated at such an amount as shall shut out altogether the possibility of under payment, he may exhaust his composition; and the private lodge will have to pay, as long as he lives, his Grand Lodge and Provincial quarterages. I am aware that the argument cuts both ways, but, for the interest of the private lodges, the possibility of such insufficient payment must be carefully provided against.

2. Again a brother leaves the North or the South, as the case may be, and compounds with the lodge for his annual subscription; he may join another lodge—but he may not; there is nothing to compel him to do so, and he may retain and claim all the privileges of the private lodge and all the privileges of the Grand Lodge, at a rate of payment far lower than his brethren, and practically without an Annual Subscription at all.

If such a state of things were extensively introduced into our Order, it would revolutionise our English Freemasonry, one of the strong points of which undoubtedly is the Annual Subscription to lodges.

If, then, this proposal for composition is to go forward it must be carefully watched and dealt with, as no doubt it will be, by the Board of General Purposes and its able Chairman. But this I am sure of, that anything which tends to impair the dignity or affect the pecuniary position of the private lodges, or to weaken the long recognised importance of the annual subscription, will be deprecated sincerely, by every earnest member of the Craft,—I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A P.G.O.

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THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

A FEW WORDS BY LUFUS ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT.

As the sublime and the ridiculous are said to be severed by so small a distance as one step, it is a great misfortune that an institution which even is *ad imitationem* only, according to the statement of a well-known brother, but which nevertheless possesses much to interest and a great deal (in this utilitarian age) to enlist the attention and sympathy of the student of the past, should suddenly, or at all events recently, have its name allied and mixed up with pretensions which it has never put forward during the whole previous period of its existence; pretensions without a shadow of foundation, and which its best and truest friends must view with regret. I, speaking for myself and having devoted some attention to the subject, believe that originally the Masonic Templar Order had no infusion whatever of a Masonic Order of Malta, but was a traditional representation of the grand old Order of the Temple, pure and simple; and I regard it as a

misfortune that upon this tradition, in which I seem to possess a stronger faith than many others, should be cast those shadows of doubt which must naturally be created when injudicious advocates attempt to raise for it new claims to an Order with which it never had any connection; with which, from the creation of the Templars to the date of their tragic fall, it was at constant enmity; which, moreover, has never ceased its own existence—in separate and independent sections exist now, and has no connection whatever with the Masonic fraternity.

In dealing with a mere fact no one should be thought wanting in respect for the Masonic Order of the Temple because he is bold enough to deny that it is two Orders instead of one. It is inconsistent and absurd that the Masonic Order of the Temple, traditionally representing the ancient brotherhood of that name, ever was, or can be, another and violently antagonistic Order also. We know the Masonic tradition to be, that on the suppression of the Templars, in and after 1307, some of their number sought refuge and held their conclaves in the Society of Freemasons, and that these meetings are represented in the present institution of Masonic Templars. It is true that we have no more proof of this than arises out of tradition, and although some writers have said, and still say, that this is an empty delusion and a myth, yet in the words of the old play we may exclaim—

"There's something in that ancient superstition, Which, erring as it is, our fancy loves."

When we look to facts for proof of the existence of the Templars as a Masonic Order in England, we are unable to attain an earlier date than shortly before 1780, and even of this period we have no authentic records. Our definite information appears to commence with the election of Admiral Thomas Dunckerley as Grand Master, which event Bro. Yarker informs us occurred on the 24th of July, 1791; but that the Templars had existed as a Masonic Order a considerable time before that date is obvious, or they would not have been in a sufficiently organised position to appoint a Grand Master. I well remember to have met (some ten years ago) with a statement that a record was in existence of a meeting of "The Grand Encampment of England," at Carisbrook, Isle of Wight, in 1780. If this should meet the eye of any brother who can verify the statement, and will do so, and especially if he can obtain access to the record (which ought to be placed in the custody of Convent General), he will confer a benefit upon the Fraternity. Bro. Woolf, in his small and somewhat crude work, which was written in 1865, when the Masonic information on the subject was more difficult of access, says: "The earliest Encampments on record appear to have been London, York, Bristol, Bath and Salisbury"; I am, however, able to give a few extracts from MS. notes, written possibly about 1846, by a brother who had much personal knowledge of the events of many previous years. He says: "There were originally five encampments of Knights Templars, called 'The Camps of Baldwin of Time Immemorial,' and they dated according to the following classification:—1, York; 2, London; 3, Bristol; 4, Bath; 5, Salisbury. In the year 1791, a Grand Conclave, under the patronage of H.R.H.

Prince Edward (Duke of Kent), with Thomas Dunckerley as Grand Master, R. W. Whalley Grand Chancellor, W. Eagle Principal Grand Scribe and Registrar, and W. Hammond Acting Grand Master, started in London; but no mention is made from whom they derived their authority. The five before named camps worked under their own Superintendents and Commanders, and acknowledged, at this time, no allegiance, inasmuch as the powers which granted their original warrants had ceased to be."

The MS. proceeds to state that the Grand Master Dunckerley sent a warrant (without number) to each of these five Camps, calling them "time immemorial warrants," and that with the exception of Bristol they were all accepted, but that Bristol declined, and "still issued its own warrants and worked under its own Grand Superintendent and Grand Commanders."

In a subsequent portion of the MS. it is alleged that on the 7th June, 1793, an invitation was addressed to Encampments, informing them that "A Grand Conclave of Knights Templar would be held at the London Coffee House, Ludgate Hill, on the 24th June, 1793; the Knights were to assemble at the Temple Church, Fleet Street, at Eleven, a.m., the use of which was granted for that purpose."

Perhaps some brother can ascertain if this statement is correct. Are the Grand Conclave minutes of that period accessible, or would there be any register of such an occurrence in the books of the Temple Church? The MS. contains much interesting detail, but which could hardly with benefit, be made public. The Vice-Chancellor of the date seems to have dissented from some of the foregoing statements, as in notes subsequently written, he says, "The Baldwin encampment at Bristol was duly enrolled under the Grand Conclave, and regularly registered its members, and paid the fees, until about 1832-3." He then proceeds to state that owing to irregularity in the administration of the Treasury, and to the cessation of the Grand Conclave meetings, nearly all the encampments discontinued their payments about the same time; he however adds "Grand Conclave never did dissolve, but the fact is that from the time of the Duke of Sussex's election as the head of the Order in England he never could be induced to hold a meeting of Grand Conclave." The same Vice-Chancellor seems to dispute the fact that a Grand Conclave under Dunckerley was established in 1791, and he requests to know the authority for the statement

I conclude from this that it was an opposition to what he designates the "Early Grand Encampment of England." In Dr. Oliver's "Historic Landmarks" he refers only to four original encampments called camps of Baldwin, but he has thus omitted Salisbury. There was also an early encampment at Bridgewater, but now extinct, and there are, or were, old encampments at Exeter and at Hull; not to mention the Jerusalem at Manchester. I have understood the records of the Hull encampment are in preservation, and I would suggest to Bro. Holmes that an investigation of the books and papers of these earlier camps may have an interesting result. I am loyal to the old Masonic Order of the Temple, and am too jealous of the claims it does possess, and too conservative of its consti-

tution, to witness with any complacency changes and pretensions which tend to convert it into something which it is not, and to jeopardise its position as the representative of so grand an institution. I believe that the addition to it of the Masonic Maltese Orders arose solely from an error and confusion of names; but, however this may have been, they were entirely combined, there were no separate badges, and thus did the constitution continue for many years. At length a brief and simple ritual, to which I have in former articles referred, was compiled for use at the conclusion of the older ceremony, and is used at this time in the two preceptories to which I belong. Long subsequently to the institution of the little ceremony in question (which is conducted by any Preceptor and a Chaplain) a separate badge was also adopted. At length came the changes of 1853 when ritual and badge were alike discarded and the Order was declared to be "The Royal Exalted Religious and Military Order of Knights Templar" alone; But, after the lapse of another nine years, the Grand Conclave, in 1862, again set up the Maltese element; not reviving it in its old form, as combined with the Temple, but as a separate degree, with a second diploma, and a new and entirely distinct ceremony, on which I have already expressed my opinion. The Statutes of 1872 have again united the Orders in name, but have discarded, unfortunately, and I hope temporarily, the title "Masonic." I say unfortunately, because the Order of the Temple belonged to our good old Craft; the good old Craft was proud of it; the constitution of the Craft pervaded that of the Temple, and without the former the Templars have no existence. Many Templars, taking the Craft view, strongly feel this; as did the Templars, in their view, strongly feel that they were the custodians of the "high-degrees," and that their rights were confiscated when those degrees were removed from their keeping. I trust, under the new Statutes, the Order will be assimilated to its earlier and only true constitution, that it will revive its old traditional form upon which alone we can rely; that it will in its dignity reject these dangerous doctrines that appropriation creates a right; and that we may yet view it as the same representative and honourable Masonic Order which has existed, at all events for a century, and not as a thing of to-day, or even as dating from the venerable enactment of nine years ago.

MASONIC MUSINGS.

By BRO. J. BALFOUR COCKBURN, P.Z. 278.
Past Installed Mark Master, 43.

Ever bearing in mind the end I proposed to myself when I ventured to address your readers on the origin, nature, and objects of that ancient and comprehensive science, which should ever form the subject of our studious investigation; again I resume the thread of my reflection, and desire now to call attention to one or two instances which appear to my view, as illustrating in a most striking and remarkable manner, the great and mysterious problem which we have to demonstrate, namely, the intimate connection which has ever existed between Religion, or what perhaps may be more correctly described as the culture and adoration of a Supreme Being, and the Arts and Sciences. On a previous occasion, it was my particular aim to endeavour to explain and impress on the minds of those who honoured me by following out my arguments, that it was

on this single fact that our system and our society, in reality two very different things, are securely based. By extracts from the records of the Old Testament and by such general tradition as conveyed undeniable elements of truth, an attempt was made to confirm whatever might relate to our peculiar principles and history in the remotest ages of the world, from the time of Adam to that of Noah. It was, I take it, clearly, evidenced that this period of more than 1600 years was by no means barren or unfruitful in the discovery, production and application of the Arts and Sciences—we must not be surprised however, though it in no way militates against the reality and truthfulness of the testimony, to find, that in the compass of the few pages wherein the early history of man is detailed, no very minute or extensive account of the causes of discovery, or the modes of application, even to sacred purposes, is recorded. Still what we have received, and what has flowed down to us through this channel, though undeniably somewhat scanty in quantity and meagre in detail, is unquestionably true, and herein lies the surpassing value of the information which we acquire by the study of that Blessed Volume, wherein the matchless wisdom of the Most High is so forcibly portrayed.

Having in our search arrived at the date of the Deluge, a new scene is opened to us, which thenceforth expands and comprehends many of the most profound mysteries and characteristic elements of our Craft, in their earliest operation.

We have every encouragement to look with care to certain incidents in the life of Noah, and the legitimate deductions therefrom, and especially to his marvellous passage from the original antediluvian world to the new and still existing surface of the Globe.

Thus was foreshadowed a far more terrible destruction, a more effectual submersion, a more complete conquest of Satan and Death, and a far more glorious Advent, when the Ark rested on the summit of Mount Ararat and the Patriarch emerged from its portals, accompanied by his family, and the stock of animal classes from which the face of the earth was to be re-peopled and re-furnished, in accordance with the decrees of an all-ruling Providence.

To the most prominent and instructive of these circumstances I propose to confine my present enquiry, and this shall be done within the narrowest limits of which the subject will admit.

We come, then, to that stupendous monument of the saving mercy of Jehovah, remembered in the midst of his wrath against his sinful and rebellious creatures—the Ark of Noah—"And God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth, make thee an Ark of gopher wood." The word ark in the original means properly a box or chest, and it is almost beyond the possibility of doubt that the material of which this Divinely inspired and first attempted form of marine architecture was composed, was cypress wood—the etymology of the word alone would indicate this; but it is further strengthened by facts that cypress trees grew abundantly on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates—that this wood is remarkable for resisting decay, and for other reasons admirably adapted for the purpose of ship building; possessing many of the peculiarities and properties of the teak wood of Burmah, at one time so extensively employed in the construction of our ocean clippers: On this account it was used by the Athenians for the preservation of their illustrious dead, and by Alexander the Great for his Babylonian fleet. The shape of the Ark was oblong, its breadth one-sixth of its length, and its height one-tenth. Taking the cubit at eighteen inches, the dimensions in feet would be as follows:—length 450 feet, breadth 75 feet and height 45 feet—and though this by no means depicts a construction, equal to the floating cities, as represented by the iron-clad monsters of the present day, such as our Agincourt, Minotaur, or Lord Warden, still a vessel with the cubical capacity—or more nautically speaking with the tonnage of the Ark, would not compare insignificantly with the Shannon, the Arkansas, or the Victory, ships with which Blake, Nelson and other gallant

seamen swept all opponents from the ocean, and raised the naval supremacy of England to its highest pinnacle—

"Actions sublime
Whose distant glories echo down the corridors
of time."

By many it has been supposed that the top of the Ark was covered with a span roof of low pitch; there is, however, no authority for this supposition. A well built flat roof would be equally as efficacious as a sloping one to resist the entrance of the "rain impetuous,"

"The cataracts
Of heaven set open on the earth."

As was remarked before, the simple form of the Ark does not present a model for the naval constructors or shipbuilders of our time, but it is worthy of notice that the experiment has been tried, and with success. The following is taken from a foot-note in Stackhouse's History of the Bible, a work published in 1742, and the authority in which it is given is sufficiently sound to warrant the entire credibility of the account:—"About the beginning of the last century Peter Jansen, a Dutch merchant, caused a ship to be built for him, answering in its respective proportions, to those of Noah's Ark, the length of it being 120 feet, the breadth of it 20 and the depth of it 12. At first this was looked upon no better than a fanatical vision of this Jansen (who was by profession a menonist) and, while it was building, he and his ship were made the sport of the seamen, as much as Noah and his Ark could be. But afterwards it was found that ships built in his fashion, were, in the time of peace, beyond all others most commodious for commerce; because they would hold a third part more, without requiring any more hands, and were found far better runners than any made before."

After the closest enquiry and most accurate calculations, it has been computed that the most expert mathematician could not have proportioned any vessel, or adapted it better to its purpose than did Noah under Omnipotent inspiration and direction; and this alone is no trifling or inconsiderable proof of the Divine origin of the sacred writings.

The capacity, or interior space, being about one million and a half of cubic feet, it has been ingeniously demonstrated that ample accommodation existed for all the animals which would be required to preserve their species, and also for the food and forage to be consumed by them in one year, as well as for the sustenance of Noah and his companions.

The remainder of the plan was only this, "a window shall thou make in the Ark and in a cubit shall thou finish it (the Ark) above (the window) with lower, second, and third stories shall thou make it! Thus did the Great Artificer, the Grand Geometrician, deign to prescribe by line and measure the form and dimensions of that marvellous vessel which was to contain the whole living world—

"Of mankind, so numerous late,
All left in one small bottom swam embarked,"
and to give to the desolated earth, the stock from which her beauteous and luxuriant surface should be re-peopled and re-animated to the end of time.

Independent of the historical details conveyed in the Pentateuch, there can be no doubt that a knowledge of the construction and building of the Ark had been preserved, and that in the sacred and secret mysteries of all nations, the events connected with the tradition of an universal deluge, the preservation of the human race in a vessel of some sort, and the eventual emergence therefrom into a new world and a new life, were typified and illustrated in the rites and ceremonies of initiation. The word VAOS, or Navis, Nave, (applied to the body of a temple or church), is one proof of the idea of a ship attaching to a building consecrated to the celebration and performance of sacred rites and ceremonies.

I may now pass on and endeavour, without encroaching within the line of our landmarks, to point out some very remarkable particulars in which a Masonic lodge resembles this Ark of Noah—as also to make reference to some symbolic allusions which are capable of Masonic interpretation.

There is a strong similitude between a modern lodge and this ancient vessel :—

1st. In form.

2nd. In closeness.

3rd. In exclusiveness.

4th. In being a temple.

5th. In being an asylum.

6th. Also an enclosure containing all mankind.

7th. In being found among all nations.

8th. In sending forth its emissaries to return in peace; and

Lastly. In restoring to the world those it has for a time held concealed within its walls, fraught with the traditionary learning of former ages, and prepared to raise an altar for the offering up of praise and thanksgiving to the Creator and Preserver.

Now with regard to the form of the Ark, little doubt can exist but that it was a right-angled parallelogram; and that such is the required ground plan of all rightly constituted lodges, is well known to our youngest apprentices.

The closeness of a lodge should be such as even at times to render it impervious to the light. In the construction of Masonic halls, the windows should be either in the roof of the building or at least very high from the floor. The Helvetian ritual prescribes that the lower part of the window should be seven and a half feet from the surface of the floor, thus effectually impeding all communication or observation from without or within.

In admitting none but its qualified and appointed tenants, its exclusiveness was the very model and counterpart of a lodge. Noah himself

"Of God observed,

The one just man alive,"

guarding the approach, keeping away all intruders, and tiling the entrance against all those whom the G.A.O.T.U. the High and Mighty Master of the Grand Lodge above had proved cowards and unfit for admission within that hallowed circle, where alone the accepted and the initiated might rest in security and peace.

The Ark was a Temple designed by the Grand Geometrician himself, wherein the whole human race was gathered together, to render thanks and adoration for the manifold mercies of the Most High, their Maker, Saviour and Sanctifier, and to mark with dutiful observance that sacred day in which Jehovah had rested from the work of creating all things. For God said to Noah, when the building of the Ark was completed, "yet seven days and I will cause it to rain upon the earth, forty days and forty nights," or six times seven in even numbers; and so it came to pass, after one hundred and fifty days, or twenty one times seven, the waters were abated, and the Ark rested, on the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountain of Ararat in Armenia. And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the Ark, which he had made, and he sent forth a Raven and then a Dove, which returned to him and he staid yet another seven days, and again sent forth that "surer messenger" the Dove, which returned to him with evidences that vegetable life was again appearing, and the face of nature revealing itself. Yet another seven days he tarried, and then the emblem of peace and purity—embodiment of the spirit of God which descended on Him, who for our transgressions took on Himself the mortal form of a man—was permitted to wing its flight from that retreat which had so long been its haven of refuge, and returned not again to the expectant Patriarch any more. Can this singular repetition of the seventh day be accidental? No, in each case we may rest assured that Noah enquired of the Lord on the day specially dedicated to His Service, and was answered. So will every good Mason observe the statutes and ordinances of his God, and so shall his prayer be heard when the waters of sickness or affliction come in even to his soul. So will he be enabled, like Faithful when he had shaken off shame, to sing.

The trials that those men do meet withal,

That are obedient to the heavenly call,

Are manifold and suited to the flesh,

And come, and come, and come again afresh;

That now, or sometime else, we by them may

Be taken, overcome and cast away.

O, let the pilgrims, let the pilgrims, then

Be vigilant and quit themselves like men.

The Ark was an asylum from the anger of an offended Deity, most justly pouring down destruction on those, every imagination of the thoughts of whose heart was only evil continually. And if any credit is to be attached to the details given in the book of the Prophecy of Enoch, a work quoted by St. Jude in his Epistle v. 14, and 15, the wickedness of the world at that time much have surpassed all that ever before or has since existed, for we read that 200

"Of that race of men, whose lives

Religious titled them the Sons of God,"

descended on Mount Arnon, and chose themselves wives from the daughters of the earth-born, to whom they taught sorcery, and incantations, and ungodliness. From these alliances giants were born who were each 300 cubits high. These when they had devoured all the produce of the earth, began to eat men, beasts, birds, and fishes, to drink their blood and to commit every species of profanation and sin.

"All turned degenerate, all depraved,"

naturally arousing the attention of the Almighty, who beheld that the world he had created with so much care—to be the abode of beings whose sole thoughts and ideas should be directed to his praise and glorification—had become the theatre of all impurity and corruption—

"The dismal situation, waste and wild,"

presenting nought but,

"Regions of sorrow, doleful shade—

All flesh corrupting each their way—

A world devote to universal wrack."

And thus so long as we love the Lord our God with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves we shall be protected and sustained though destruction beset us on every side; for do we not in token of the same ever behold,

"A dewy cloud, and in the cloud a bow

Conspicuous with three listed colours gay,

Betokening peace from God and covenant

new."

Within the compass of the Ark, eight persons, the only surviving remnant of the antediluvian world, were instructed, nourished, and preserved, and thus within the Masonic lodge, which in its capacity has no limits but those of the terrestrial globe, may be included all mankind at the present day; that is all those who are qualified and desire to be received into its comprehensive pale, therein are they nourished by faith and encouraged by hope, that sweet and sacred emotion so well described by an eloquent French writer:

"L'espérance, cette planche que Dieu jette au milieu de tous les naufrages, à laquelle le naufragé peut toujours se cramponner un instant, et pendant cet instant croire encore à la vie: l'espérance, cette dernière et inépuisable monnaie du cœur avec laquelle votre pauvre nature humaine achète sa dernière émotion."

therein—

"By Faith directed and confirmed by Hope

they survey

Dawnings of beams and promises of day,"

till finally they reach the third and final step at the summit of the Masonic ladder.

"Then constant Faith and holy hope shall die,

One lost in certainty, and one in joy:

Whilst thou, more happy power, fair Charity,

Triumphant sister, greatest of the three,

Thy office, and thy nature still the same,

Lasting thy lamp and unconsumed thy flame

Shall still survive—

Shall stand before the hosts of Heav'n confest

For ever blessing and for ever blest.

The Ark itself continued in existence for many years, and bore testimony to the truth of the Mosaic narrative, as is expressly affirmed by several authors of antiquity; and that the memorials of it are to be found in almost all nations, as has been already stated, is well known to those who have studied the literature of Masonry. I may here, in confirmation, quote what Mr. George Smith writes respecting the account of the Deluge which he has lately deciphered from the

Assyrian monuments, he says:—The Cuneiform inscription which I have recently found and translated gives a long and full account of the Deluge. It contains the version or tradition of this event which existed in the early Chaldean period at the city of Erech (one of the cities of Nimrod) now represented by the ruins of Warka. In this newly discovered inscription the account of the Deluge is put as a narrative into the mouth of Xisuthrus, or Noah. He relates the wickedness of the world, the command to build the Ark, its building, the filling of it, the Deluge, the resting of the Ark on a mountain, the sending out of the birds and other matters. The narrative has a closer resemblance to the account transmitted by the Greeks from Berosus, the Chaldean historian, than to the Biblical history, but it does not differ materially from either; the principal differences are as to the duration of the Deluge, the name of the mountain on which the Ark rested, the sending out of the birds, &c.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

NOTES ON THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

BY EMRA HOLMES 31.^o

Preceptor Prudence Preceptory, Knights Templar, Prior Prudence Priory, Knights of Malta; Grand Provost of England.

According to promise I now publish the two documents respecting the Emperor Alexander and the Sacred Council, from which it will be made abundantly manifest that I was not so far wrong in describing the Knights of St. John as a Papal Order. The correspondence being now closed, I have only to say, in reply to the last paragraph of Bro. Lupus's article of the 29th, that I had very excellent authority for the statement I made respecting Prince Albert, and that again I assert that by the mere fact of his joining the Roman Catholic Order, and not joining the English Langue subsequently, when it was formed, he in substance ignored and repudiated the Protestant body.

Proclamation of the Emperor Alexander, appointing Count Soltikoff Lieutenant of the Grand Master.

We Alexander I, by the grace of God &c., being desirous of giving a proof of our particular esteem and affection towards the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, declare that we take the said Order under our Imperial protection, and that we will employ every possible care and attention to maintain it in all its rights, honours, privileges, and possessions.

For this purpose we command and ordain that our General, Field-Marshal, Bailiff, Count de Soltikoff should continue to exercise the functions and authority of Lieutenant of the Grand Master of the said Order, and convene a sitting of the Sacred Council to make known our intention that the Imperial residence should be still regarded as the chief seat of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, until such time as circumstances shall permit the election of a Grand Master, according to the ancient forms and statutes. In the interim, we ordain, in our quality of protector, that the Sacred Council shall have the government of the Order, and shall make known to all the langues and priories this our determination, inviting that at the same time, for their own proper interest, they submit to the decrees issued by the said Council. We confirm, by this present declaration, our two Grand Russian and Catholic priories, established in our empire in the enjoyment of the property, privileges, and administration already bestowed on them; and it is our will and pleasure that they should be governed in our name of protector, by the Lieutenant of the Mastership, our General, Field-Marshal, Bailiff, Count Nicholas de Soltikoff.

The first moment that, in concert with other Courts, means can be found, and a proper place fixed upon, to convene a General Chapter of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the first effects of our protection will be, to procure a Grand Master to be elected who shall be worthy to preside over the Order and to re-establish it as formerly.

Given at our Imperial residence of St. Petersburg, on the 16th of March, 1801, in the first year of our reign.

(Signed) ALEXANDER.
(Countersigned) The Grand Chancellor,
COUNT DE PABLUS.

Decree of the Sacred Council of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, in accordance with the preceding Proclamation.

In order to contribute as soon as possible to the restoration of a Grand Master, and the primitive Constitution to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the Sovereign Council of the said Order, in the meeting of the 22nd of June, 1801, has inquired into the form of convocation for a General Chapter, and finds that the Statutes are as follows upon the subject:—

"A General Chapter must consist of the Grand Master, the Bishop of Malta, the Prior of the Church, the Conventual Bailiffs or Pillars of the Languages, the Grand Priors or Capitular Bailiffs who have a decisive vote, a Solicitor for the Knights of each language, and a Solicitor for the Commanders of each Priory. The Sovereign Council, in consideration that all the elements of a general chapter are dispersed, and knowing that in the present situation of things, it would be impossible to assemble them, according to the form expressed in the Statutes, has resolved to adopt a mode of election which shall differ as little as possible from the ancient one, prevent delay, spare the priories all unnecessary expense and inconvenience, and immediately fix upon a chief for the Sovereign Order, to govern it and to take possession of the Island of Malta whenever circumstances shall make it possible to do so:—

For this purpose, the Sovereign Council enjoins all the Grand Priors immediately to convene their Chapters, and to carry before them the following propositions:—

1st.—The Provincial Chapter shall mark out among the professed Knights of every language, those whom they think most capable of filling the dignity of Grand Master with due courage and firmness. The Grand Priors shall acquaint the Sovereign Council as soon as possible with this opinion, that a list may be formed by all the different priories of those who are candidates for the Grand Mastership.

2nd.—The Council proposes to send this list to the Court of Rome and his Holiness, as Supreme Chief of the Romish Church, and as superior of all religious orders, shall be entreated to select a Grand Master from among the candidates; specifying at the same time that this is only to be the case on this one occasion, and without derogating in any degree from the rights and privileges of the Sovereign Order.

His Holiness shall also be requested to notify this election to all Catholic countries by a Pontifical Brief, commanding the Knights to obey the Grand Master thus chosen, according to the statutes of holy obedience.

All the Sovereign Chapters shall be summoned by their Grand Priors to declare their opinions formally and with precision, on the question of referring to the Pope to elect a Grand Master from the number of professed Knights pointed out by the different priories. By these means the Order will be assured of having a Grand Master of its own choice, and from among its own members; and the Sovereign Council may proceed with confidence, according to the wishes and opinions of all the Capitular Chapters. Moreover, the Sovereign Council represents to all the Grand Priors, that it is more important than ever to employ all their authority and prudence to prevent every kind of division and intrigue, to choose a candidate truly worthy of the sovereign command, endowed with the necessary qualities to make the Order of general utility, and to restore a severe discipline.

Lastly, the Sovereign Council has in its wisdom judged that this was the only method to conciliate the members in general, to avoid all pretences for schisms, and to unite all the scattered members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Given at St. Petersburg, the 20th day of July, 1801.

* Porter's "Knights of Malta," vol. ii., pp. 502-4.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF KENT.

A special meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at Hiscocks' Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Friday, the 14th inst.

There were present the R.W. Bros. the Rev. Geo. Sickleman, M.A., Prov. G.M.M.M.; T. H. Grove Snowdon, Dep. Pro. G.M.M.M.; R. J. Emmerson, S.W.; S. G. Fairlough, P.M. 152, J.W.; D. S. Osment, W.M. 152, S.O.; H. Wootton, J.O.; Lewis Finch, W.M. 129, Treasurer; James W. Smith, G.M. Steward, Secretary; Thomas S. Clarke, Assistant Secretary; Wm. T. C. Harrison, J.D.; Edward J. Smith, D.C.; John Finch, A.D.C.; George Page, Sword Bearer; and George Menger, Tyler. Bros. George Neall, G.M.J. Works, Fuhr, J.W. 152, and other brethren attended.

A procession of Prov. G.M. Officers was formed at a little before 3 o'clock, and entered the spacious lodge room. The R.W. Prov. G.M.M. ascended the throne, and the door being properly tyled, Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer. The Prov. G.M.M. and Deputy Master were saluted with five and three respectively.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd day of October last having been read and confirmed, the Secretary read Sec. 60 of the Book of Constitutions, which empowers Prov. Grand Mark Lodge to make bye-laws for its government.

The Secretary then read the bye-laws which had been prepared by him, making a pause at the end of each.

Considerable discussion followed upon two or three points, and amendments were made. Some divergence of opinion was manifested as to the bye-law providing that the Treasurer should, when required, execute a Bond with two sureties some considering that the Treasurer should positively be required by the bye-law to do so, so that the onus of proposing, at a future time, that a Bond should be entered into, should not fall upon any member of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, while others thought that a Bond was unnecessary, and that the question might, at least for the present, be altogether omitted from the bye-law. Eventually it was agreed that the Treasurer should enter into a Bond with one Surety.

The remainder of the bye-laws were read, and the whole passed unanimously, as amended.

Bros. Wootton and Page were then appointed Auditors, and Bros. Neall, Emmerson, Fairlough, and Hiscocks to act, with the Prov. G.M. Master, the Deputy Master, the Treasurer, the Registrar, and the Secretary, as a Committee of General Purposes.

The roll of private Mark lodges and that of Prov. G.M. Officers were then called over.

Bro. Fairlough suggested that a certificate on vellum should, when desired, be granted by the Prov. G.M.M. to any brother who may have served the office of Master, Warden or Overseer, or been appointed to any office in Prov. Grand Mark Lodge. He thought that such a certificate might be found very useful to a brother removing at any time from one province to another. The question was referred to the Committee of General Purposes.

Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting hall of the hotel, and an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Hiscocks.

Numerous toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and the brethren having spent a most agreeable evening, separated at an early hour.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, April, 11, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, April 5.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor, Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Ainstreet, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor. Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.

Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, April 7.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 69, Unity London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Cha. 28, Old Kings Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, April 8.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

" 235, Nine Muses, Clarendon Hotel, Bond-st.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.

" 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 1383, Friends in Council, Golden Square.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, a 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 9.

Committee of Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3 o'clock.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union of Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-rd., Lime-house.

" 820, Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters First Surrey Rifles Camberwell.

" 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham Green.

" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st. Wapping.

Rose Croix Chapter Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, April 10.
 Quarterly General Court Girls' School at Freemason's Hall, at 12. (See Advertisement.)
 Lodge 19, Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West Ham.

Chapter 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 6.
 " 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 New Temple K.T. Encampment, Inner Temple.
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 Friday (Good), April 11.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mount Calvary, K.T. Encampment, Freemasons' Tavern, St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggersidge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, April 12, 1873.

Monday, April 7.
 De Tabley Chapter, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Lodge of Unity (No. 613), Masonic Hall, Southpointa, at 6.45.
 Skelmersdale Lodge, (No. 1380) Blundellsands Hotel Great Crosby, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction, (No. 823) Masonic Temple Liverpool at 7.30.
 Skelmersdale Conclave, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Tuesday, April 8.
 St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.
 Lodge of Loyalty (No. 897), Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 Hesketh Lodge (No. 986), Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 9.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86), Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
 St. John's Chapter, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758), Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 The Temple Lodge (No. 1094), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge (1336), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, April 10.

Croxth United Service (No. 786), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Lodge of Equity (No. 1384), Sims' Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, April 11.

Lodge of Perseverance (No. 155), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Rock Lodge (No. 1289), Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry at 7.

Advertisements.

ELECTION, APRIL, 1873.

(Second Application.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ETHEL IDA MARGARET SEATON,
 Aged Eight and a Half Years.

Her Father, Bro. George Seaton, formerly Master Mariner and Ship Chandler at Hull, was for 10 years a Subscribing Member of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull (also a Companion of the Humber Chapter), and after a very short illness, died on the 10th February, 1868, leaving his Widow with five Children, three of whom are entirely dependent on her for support, and with very small and inadequate means to educate and maintain them.

The case is strongly recommended by the Board of Benevolence of the Province of North and East York, and the following Brethren:—

- Sir Fredk. M. Williams, Bart. M.P., P.G.W., P.P.G.W., V.P., Goochwood, Perranarworthal, Cornwall.
 - W. J. Hughan, P.M. 131, P.P. G. Sec. Cornwall, Truro.
 - J. P. Bell, 57, M.D., D.P.G.M., North and East York, S.G.D. of England, Hull.
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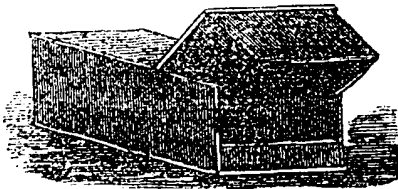
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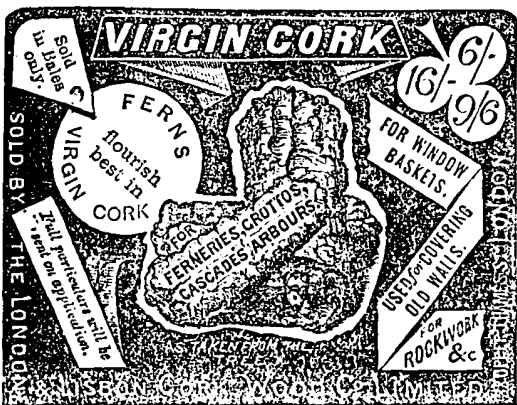
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS

Craft Masonry.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The regular meeting of this well established lodge was held on Thursday April 3rd, at the Gregorian Arms Tavern, 96 Jamaica Road Bermondsey. Bro. J. W. Dudley, W.M. being out of town, the lodge was opened at the appointed time by Bro. G. J. Grace, P.M. The minutes of the former meeting were read, and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Mr. J. Phillips, who, being in attendance, was duly initiated into Freemasonry; the work being done, as usual with the W.M., in a careful, correct, and impressive manner. One gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next lodge meeting. Business being ended the lodge was closed. There were present Bros. J. W. Avery, P.M., W.S.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treasr.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Harmsworth, S.W.; C. Deakin, S.D.; J. Kuse, J.D.; G. Free, J.G.; J. A. Smith, D.C.; S. Butcher, A. Palmer, and others: visitors, W. H. Green, P.G.D.C. Midx., W.M. 1319; P. Magee, 548.

HARROW.—Harrow Lodge (No. 1310).—The first meeting of the season of this young lodge was held on Tuesday, April 1st, at the Railway Hotel, Harrow. Bro. W. H. Green, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, W.M. presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of the joining member, Bro. Burden, 619, and the two candidates for initiation. The work done was initiating two gentlemen into Freemasonry; the ceremony being worked in a superior manner. The election of W.M. was unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. S. Homewood, S.W. and W.M. 749; and J. Coutts, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer, and unanimously re-elected as the Treasurer; J. Bavin, Tyler, re-elected. The audit is appointed to be held on Tuesday 29th inst. Some candidates were proposed for initiation and the lodge was closed. Banquet was served to which about twenty sat down. A large muster is expected at the installation meeting.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Royal Hotel, High-street, on the 3rd inst. The chair of K.S. was worthily occupied by Bro. Captain Richardson, R.E., W.M., who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. C. Carnegie, P. Prov. G. Purst. Hants, I.P.M. and Treasurer; A McKenzie, S.W.; J. Coleman, J.W.; J. Kirk, S.D.; J. Smith, J.D.; G. Phillips, I.G.; Edwin Harper, O.G.; Usher Lucas, Secretary. The lodge was opened in form in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Wade and Olpherd, candidates for the F.C. degree were examined respecting their proficiency in the former degree, which proving satisfactory, they were entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Wade and Olpherd were passed to the F.C. degree, the W.M. presenting the working tools and explaining the tracing board of the degree. Bros. O'Leary and Brown, candidates for the M.M. degree, were then examined respecting their proficiency in the former degree, which proving

satisfactory, they were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bros. O'Leary and Brown were raised to that sublime degree. The lodge was closed down to the second and first degrees. Bros. Drew, Harper, and Munro signed their Grand Lodge Certificates, which were then presented to them by the W.M. The sum of half a guinea was voted to the widow of a military brother, A. ballot was then taken for a life subscribership in one of the Masonic Charities by the subscribers to the Charitable Association in connection with the lodge. Bro. Brown was the winner—and he selected the Boys' Institution, to which Bro. Carnegie was requested to forward the amount; five guineas. This is the first fruits of the Charitable Association, for which a prosperous career is anticipated. The votes of the lodge for the Girls' School were directed to be given for the daughter of a deceased military brother—Bro. Thompson. On the motion of Bro. Carnegie the resignation of Bro. Dillon was accepted. A candidate for initiation was proposed by Bro. Coleman, P.M. and seconded by Bro. Carnegie, P.M. Some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love, about nine p.m.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

VICTORIA SOVEREIGN ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.—A special meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall Ipswich, on Monday, the 31st March, for the purpose of conferring this beautiful degree upon two officers about to leave Ipswich. The candidates were Bros. Lieut. Edward Chadwick, 7th Dragoon Guards, and Lieut. Frederic Cusac Ord, Royal Artillery, of the British Union Lodge, proposed by Ill. Bro. Emra Holmes, 31; and seconded by Ill. Bro. Revd. R. N. Sanderson, P.M.W.S.; and the Supreme Council kindly granted a dispensation to allow the brethren to be installed, though only recently raised to the degree of Master Mason. The Ill. Bro. Sanderson, performed the ceremony with his usual ability, and the brethren afterwards retired to refreshment.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ST. ANDREW'S CONCLAVE (No. 15).—An assembly of this conclave was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, on Wednesday the 26th ult. V.E. and Perfect Sir Knt. F. Binckes, M.P.S. occupying the throne supported by the following companions in arms:—E. Sir Knts. W. Jones, Viceroy; S. Rosenthal, S.G.; V. E. Sir Knt. R. Kenyon, P.S. Treasurer; V. Ill. and Perfect Sir Knt. J. G. Marsh, P.G.S.G. and G. Archt., Recorder; E. Sir Knt. Dewar, Prefect; Ill. and Perfect Sir Knt. R. W. Stewart, P.S.; Sir Knt. Charles Sanders, and Sir Knt. Wm. Figs. The conclave was opened in imperial form, and the minutes of the last assembly were read and confirmed. Bro. A. G. Manks, of Lodge 192, was duly installed a Knight of the Ancient Chivalric Order. A Senate of Princes was then formed, Sir Knt. Marsh, Recorder, occupying the seat of Constantine. Sir Knt. Wm. Jones, having been duly presented, was enthroned as M.P.S. for the ensuing year. A College of Viceroy's was then opened, and Sir Knt. S. Rosenthal, Viceroy elect, was duly, according to ancient custom, inducted in the Chair of Eusebius. The newly enthroned Sovereign then appointed his officers as follows:—Sir Knts. W. Roebuck, S.G.; D. M. Dewar, J.W.; J. Tanner, H.P.; R. Kenyon, P.S. Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.S. Recorder; Charles Sanders, Prefect; Sir Knt. Figs, Herald (the office of Standard Bearer being reserved till the next assembly); Sir Knt. Gilbert was unanimously elected Sentinel. The conclave was then closed with S.P. and adjourned. The Knights then adjourned to an excellent repast which was presided over by the M.P.S., Sir Knt. Jones, who proposed the usual loyal and chivalric toasts, to all to which full honour was done. After a most agreeable meeting, the Sentinel's summons brought the proceedings to a close.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LOTHIAN.

A meeting of the above P.G. Lodge was held in the St John Kilwinning Lodge, Haddington, on Tuesday last, 1st April. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, H. W. Hope of Luffness, the P.G.D.M., the Rev. T. N. Wannop, took the chair, supported by P.G.S.M. R. A. Houstoun of Clerkington; P.G. Secretary, H. M. Davidson; P.G. Treas., A. Gemmull; P.G. J. W. Vallance of Dunbar Castle Lodge; P.G. Stewards, Mason of Haddington Lodge, and Robertson of Dunbar; P.G. J. G. Burgess, Dunbar; Bros. Cathie, Dunbar; Bertram S. W., Haddington; and D. Crichton J.W., Haddington, &c., &c. The lodge was duly opened by P.G.D.M., the Rev. T. N. Wannop, when the minutes of the former meeting were read, after which a large amount of business was got through. Among other matters, the Fund for Benevolent Purposes, confined to the Province, was started in working order, P.G.M. Hope heading the subscriptions with a donation of £25, and a yearly subscription of £5. 5s. A large number of members, belonging to the various lodges in the province, have given in their names to this fund, the yearly subscription for which is to be not less than 2s. The next Provincial Lodge is to be held in North Berwick. The lodge was duly closed at 8 p.m., when the brethren were called from labour to refreshment.

Museum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD MASONIC BOOKS.

May I be allowed in this interesting column, lately revived by our good brother, "The Masonic Student," to ask for a certified copy of a warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of England prior to A.D. 1726. Some important matters depend greatly as to the wording of such documents, and not having such a transcript, the publication of one or more, in these pages, will be esteemed a favour by many, and especially so by, WM. JAS. HUGHAN.

Masonic Tidings.

THE NEW REREDOS IN GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL AND THE FREEMASONS OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—The Right Honourable Lord Sherborne, the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire has, with the consent of the Dean and Chapter, fixed Thursday (in Whitsun week), the 5th day of June next, for the Ceremony of Unveiling the Reredos and the Presentation. It is expected a large number of Freemasons from the neighbouring counties will attend the Ceremony, and it will be made a general holiday in Gloucester.

MR. J. C. PARKINSON, of the Inland Revenue, the well-known journalist, has, the *Civilian* states, this week followed the example of Mr. Trollope and Mr. Yates, and retired from the Civil Service.

The Marquess of Ripon leaves for Studley Royal, in a few days, for the Easter recess.

The M.W.G.M., has been pleased to grant a warrant for the constitution of a new lodge to be called "The Great City," No. 1426, to be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 70, 105, 441, 771; Bro. N. B. Headon, and Bro. J. H. Townend, P.M. 715, are the principal officers designate. Any communications respecting it may be addressed to the Sec. pro tem., Bro. Edward Moody, P.M. 1287; 22, Somerleyton Road, Brixton, S.W.

The Crystal Palace Lodge No. 742, lately held at the Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich, has been removed to the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

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Original Correspondence.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Under this heading, I observe in your impression of the 5th April, an account of the meeting of Mark P.G. Lodge for W. Yorkshire. When I first noticed this heading in your columns, I concluded at once that the paragraph related to the real and undoubted "Provincial Grand Lodge of W. Yorkshire."

Let me then enter a respectful protest against a practice far too common just now—that of appropriating and adopting names to which persons, and even associations, have no possible right whatever.

It is altogether a misnomer to call this assembly of Mark Masons the "Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire."

As an old provincial officer of W. Yorkshire, I beg, in your columns, to call the attention of the brethren concerned, in all good feeling and fraternal sympathy, to so great a forgetfulness of Masonic propriety and etiquette.

There is only one "Provincial Grand Lodge of W. Yorkshire," presided over by our M.E. Grand Master, and of which the V.W. Bro. Huntley Shaw is the effective Deputy.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
A.P.P.G.O. for W. Yorkshire.

ROYAL ARCH CEREMONIES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly inform me, through the medium of your columns, on the following points:—

1st. When addressing the Z. in open Chapter, is it proper to say "Most Excellent" or simply "Excellent?" And is it correct to say on the summons "By command of the M.E.Z.," or "By command of the Excellent Principals?"

2nd. In a certain portion of Craft work, the words "with the centre" are used in some lodges, while in others, the preposition is "in." Which is right? Should the preceding question commence with "How" or "Where" do you expect, &c.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,
CHESHIRE.

THE "PROVINCE OF CORNWALL" AND BRO. H.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If our Bro. H. will refer to the report of the meeting of the Province of Cornwall, in the *Freemason* (No. 211), he will find that the business was almost exclusively to decide on certain laws to regulate the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The only matters else which occupied the attention of the members were—(a) propositions respecting the very kind vote of condolence from the Province of Devon, and (b) the election of the Prov. G. Treasurer. The Prov. G.M. Designate, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, did not attend the Prov. G.L., but the R.W. Brother presided over a private meeting of the brethren, preparatory to the holding of the Prov. G.L., at which all the business was virtually transacted, but which was subsequently formally duly proposed, seconded, and carried (seriatim) by the members composing the Prov. G. Lodge. It is, therefore, a fact that His Lordship did not attend the Prov. G. Lodge at all, but it was held by his D. Prov. Grand Master, who has been so appointed by the present Prov. G. Master, as well as by our lamented R. W. Bro. Augustus Smith. I am informed that Bro. Reginald Rogers has been regularly registered in Grand Lodge, and is therefore entitled to act in such a capacity. Our esteemed Prov. G. M. was anxious to have our charity laws passed, so that we, as a province, may at once be able to grant aid when required, and hence his lordship's laudable anxiety not to keep the members waiting

until his installation, about the autumn of this year. The Prov. G.M. considered that the law, ably described by our friend Bro. H., meant that he (the Prov. G.M.) should "be installed at the first Prov. G.L. which he may hold after his appointment" but not necessarily the first P.G.L. held after his appointment, because he need not hold it, but his deputy might. On this ground the Prov. G. L. was held, and as the Prov. G.M. did not attend, he cannot be said, strictly speaking, to have held it. I am not myself clear on the point, but rather incline to the belief that the province, Masonically speaking, does not exist until the installation of the Prov. G.M. is an accomplished fact. The only thing is, if the D. Prov. G.M. was allowed to be registered, that brother was right in holding the Prov. G.L. I shall be glad to know authentically when the Prov. G.L. commences to really exist under circumstances such as Prov. G.L. of Cornwall.—W. J. HUGHAN.

MUSICAL RITUAL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your impression of *The Freemason* for Saturday, March 29th, having fallen into my hands, and a letter therein having attracted my attention, permit me through the medium of your wide circulation to endorse the observations of your correspondent's suggestive communication.

This letter, to which I would again draw your readers' attention, bears the signature of that distinguished musician, Bro. Dr. Wm. Spark, who has done so much for, and is still labouring in the cause of, Masonic Music, and alludes to "the introduction of suitable music into our various Masonic ceremonies. He has, for some time past, taken up, in an intelligent and noble spirit, and brought to bear upon this hitherto somewhat neglected branch of Masonry in this country—with all the genius of his great abilities—the consolidation, into one admirable work of the highest class, of vocal and instrumental music applicable for all our Masonic ceremonies in the lodge, in the Church, at the refreshment, as well as at the banquet table.

In his magnificent collection, "The Freemason's Liber Musicus," now in course of publication, the Craft have, for the first time in their history, a musical work worthy of their "Order," and which enjoins the cultivation of music, amongst the six other liberal arts and sciences, as one of the especial studies to every Fellow Craft Freemason upon his passing the second degree.

Hitherto I have frequently—either as a W.M., or as Installing Master, or attending at the consecration of a lodge, or the ceremony of laying some foundation stone, or as a visiting brother to some one or other of the numerous lodges in the provinces—felt the urgent necessity of some fixed but classical standard of music, recognised by the Craft generally to be used, instead of the voluntary selections, often most unsuitable, if not trashy and vulgar, which have marred, rather than given sublime dignity to, our beautiful rites and ceremonies.

To Dr. Spark, the brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire are greatly indebted for his noble collection of the compositions of the best masters (as also for contributions of his own) into one homogenous work of glees, duets, songs, and also instrumental melodies either for the organ, harmonium, or pianoforte, peculiarly applicable to all occasions of the solemn or festive gatherings of the Craft.

The lodges of this province are paying the highest tribute to Dr. Spark's genius and labours in taking up this matter of the introduction of good music in an earnest spirit, by making, the "Liber Musicus" the foundation of their musical programmes at all their important meetings, and which will "tend to sublimate their workings in a manner unknown in this country."

So highly did the St. Oswald's Lodge appreciate the labours of this talented brother, that last October, on the occasion of the laying the foundation stone of a new church near Pontefract (promoted entirely by the Freemasons), by the Most W. Grand Master of England, and P.G.M.,

of West Yorkshire that the music from the "Liber Musicus" was performed exclusively. Hardly any composition could be more touching or more solemnly appropriate, when the upper stone was being slowly raised and the lower one adjusted, than the music and the ode which the choir sung:—

"Round the spot, Moriah's Hill,
Masons meet with cheerful will;
Him who ruled as king that day,
We as cheerfully obey;
Lord we love Thy glorious name,
Give the grace Thou gavest him."

It is as an ardent admirer of good classical music myself—and warmly wishing that English Provincial Lodges would take up Dr. Spark's efforts, by following the example of Continental lodges, in the introduction into their home ritual of tasteful, classical music—that I have ventured to trespass on your columns in bearing my testimony to the great value I attach to Dr. Spark's "Liber Musicus," in the hope that every lodge in this kingdom may be induced to adopt his excellent music also.

I remain, yours respectfully and fraternally,
P. T. W. PEW, P.M., P.Z.,
P.S.G.W. Province of West Yorkshire.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAS. A. GORE OF NORWICH.

NORWICH.—Some few weeks since, Mr. James A. Gore, the well-known cutler in the Haymarket, attended a Masonic lodge in this city, by invitation, and was very rudely treated by a brother of the Mystic Craft; indeed the insult was so unwarranted that several brethren at once took the matter up and placed the whole circumstances before the Provincial Grand Lodge; and as that body has it now *sub judice*, no doubt justice will be done. Meanwhile, these said brethren—foremost among whom we may note Mr. James S. Olford—determined on salving the wounded feelings of their brother with a substantial expression of their sympathy; and on Monday the 31st ult., they met at the Rampant Horse Hotel, where, after partaking of a splendid banquet, such as Host George only can serve, the "expression"—in the shape of a huge silver goblet—passed into the hands of Bro. Gore. It was richly gilt, elegantly chased (Arabesque pattern), had a cover to match, stood 17 inches in height, weighed over 500z., and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to James A. Gore, by some of his brother Masons, in token of their esteem for him as a Mason and their regard for him as a friend. March 31, 1873." The subscribers' names, engrossed and framed, accompanied the gift. A novel feature in the affair was that to each subscriber was given a faithful photo of the cup, as a memento. To judge of its capacity, four quart bottles of champagne were emptied into the loving cup, which was replenished again and again at the expense of its generous recipient. Bro. Loftus (P.M. 93) very kindly attended from Braconash, and made a capital chairman, faced by Bro. Baxter (W.M. 807), and supported by Bros. Gore, Olford, R. Baldry, P. Soman, (*Norwich Argus*), H. J. Martin, Buttifant, Lamb, Juler, G. Kersey, R. Colby, J. E. H. Watson, &c. Appropriate and deserved were the remarks of Bro. Olford in handing over the massive piece of plate, which, valued at 40 guineas, was subscribed for in about as many hours. So well respected was the cutler among the Craft in Norwich and London, that, had a house been fixed on for presentation, the cash would have been forthcoming. Bro. Gore made a feeling reply, and almost executed a break-down at its close. Song, toast, and jest, by turns, enlivened the social board, not one word being uttered that could have hurt the feelings of the most sensitive brother, present or absent; and high twelve came upon the convives almost unconsciously. The Host had, however, conciliated the "powers that be" by securing a two-hours "special," and the party did not break up till "the small hours ayant the twal," thus bringing a long March to a pleasant halt. Such a spontaneous and successful affair has seldom been known in this city. We shall take care to let our readers know in due time the result of inquiry referred to above.

MASONIC MUSINGS.

By BRO. J. BALFOUR COCKBURN, P.Z. 278.
Past Installed Mark Master, 43.

The Cuneiform account is much longer and fuller than that of Berosus, and has several details omitted both by the Bible and the Chaldean historian.

This inscription opens up many questions of which we know nothing previously, and it is connected with a number of other details of Chaldean history which will be both interesting and important. This is the first time any inscription has been found with an account of an event mentioned in Genesis.

That Masonry itself has, in fact, pervaded all people, nations, and languages, is obvious enough to those who have sought its traces. But it is no easy task to make the search with due patience and competent information, amidst the strange entangled heaps of superstitious material with which the pure and simple truth has been overlaid and disfigured, not less by many of the enlightened than by the most ignorant portions of the human race.

Doubtless the study is one commenced and prosecuted by many—but the journey is long, the path rough, the obstacles numerous, and many faint by the wayside. Many also, I fear, attain just so much insight into the subject that they remain satisfied with the reward afforded them by occasional glimpses of the truth, veiled behind the misty clouds of a sort of dreamland—led astray from the direct course, they allow their minds to wander unguided and unprotected into the shadowy and mysterious, permitting moments, alas, too alluring and too oft recurring, when—

*Each thought, as it forms and rises,
Is full of a solemn awe.
Wildly it breaks and scatters
The gems of a thousand more.
Onward and ever onward
The old thoughts lead to new,
Waking and fading together,
The false lights and the true.
Truths unrevealed show dimly
And pass with a fitful gleam,
The marks of the soul's great battles
Flit past like a misty dream.
Winding and changing quickly,
Clashing at times in strife.
Yet their bitterness all softened
By the spell of their Spirit-life.*

As Noah despatched the raven, the bird of ill-omen, and the dove, the emblem of Divine Grace, and put forth his hand to take back only the gentle creature which had found no resting place on which to set his foot, but when again sent forth to reconnoitre that terrible battle field—that wide-spread arena wherein the Almighty had permitted the elements of nature to mingle in one overwhelming and all-destroying conflict—brought back the symbol of peace; so should the brethren put out from among themselves all causes of discord and offence, and let the humility and modesty of their demeanour in communication, not only with themselves, but with the whole human race, evince the spirit by which they are actuated in the lodge—the spirit of brotherly love. Let them prove to the uninitiated that they quit not their respective stations till the olive branch has been produced and engrafted amongst them, and laid up like Aaron's rod, as a perpetual memorial in an Ark of Covenant. Let the remarks which fell from the lips of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, on a recent occasion, when laying the foundation stone of a church in the north of England, be ever borne in mind and instilled deeply into the hearts of all Masons; for within the compass of a few words was evolved a great—I might almost say the greatest truth of our Order. No apology is needed for repeating these remarks. "Although it was true," said his Lordship, "that no enquiry was made of those who sought admission to the Order of Freemasons as to their religious opinions; yet those greatly erred, if any there were, who supposed that that rule of their ancient and world-wide craft arose from indifference to religious subjects. The principles of the Order, high and noble as they believed them to be, could only be carried out by those who were aided by a higher grace than merely human institutions could supply. Their principles, he as proud to say, commended themselves to every

one who believed in the Christian Faith; and for himself he could not doubt that those principles could only fully be applied by those who enjoyed Christian privileges. Therefore, although all religious differences were banished from Masonic lodges, they felt free to come forward upon this and all similar occasions, to aid in works which they knew were calculated to confer the highest blessings, spiritual and temporal, upon those for whose benefit they were designed."

To Noah and his sons had doubtless been communicated all the knowledge that had been acquired by Adam and the generations which had intervened, for as we have before shown, one link only existed between Adam and Noah. This precious fund which had been thus accumulated for the benefit of future ages, has not even now been exhausted, and we are permitted to partake largely of the stock. That there is nothing new under the sun is a proposition which might appear to be contradicted by the present state of science, and the constant marvellous discoveries, as they are called, which attract the attention and excite the wonder of the multitude. Still I am disposed to think that as the auriferous produce of our antipodean colonies was no less gold, while it lay concealed in its native matrix, than it is now, when it is brought to light by the avidity and labour of successful adventurers; so there is, and has always been, a mine of intellectual wealth, well known and largely worked by our ancient forefathers, which has and does still afford the most brilliant results, and as amply and justly rewards the diligent, the persevering, and the skilful. But yet we cannot say that this is new, otherwise than that it is new to us.

To Masons, as a body, belong especially the privilege and office of digging deeply into the golden grained veins of science, which were indisputably discovered, known, and turned to account by the members of our primitive Craft in various quarters of the globe. That mankind have been greatly indebted to their industry and talents is especially demonstrated by their acknowledged attainments in architecture and astronomy; in their sacred buildings, of all ages, since the days of Solomon, and in their knowledge of the heavens since the time of Pythagoras.

I must crave indulgence, I fear for, having dwelt so long upon the Ark. It is indeed a subject so fruitful of discussion as to render it difficult to draw to a conclusion.

Now, however, I will pass on to a contemplation of the first act of Noah, after he went out of the Ark, he, his wife, his three sons and their wives with him, and all the animals which had been miraculously brought together for the preservation of their kind. "And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord, and took every clean beast and of every clean fowl and offered burnt offerings on the altar."

Seven of each of these animals had been taken into the Ark and one of each was sacrificed, leaving three pairs to perpetuate their kind.

It is of some importance to discover of what materials altars were, by Divine command, constructed, as they were doubtless amongst the first of sacred erections. Now the altars mentioned in Scripture after that of Noah were the following. The one which Abraham built in Sichem, on the plain of Moreh, when the Lord called him out of Haran and bade him pass over to a land that he would show him. The one which Abraham also built when he removed "into a mountain on the east of Bethel." And again the one which he built after his separation from Lot when he "came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron."

When the holy Patriarch received that trying order to sacrifice his son Isaac, the heir of all the promises made to Abraham, when he was summoned away from Haran, he immediately set forward to obey it, and he came to the place which God had told him of and here he at once proceeded to build an altar. Nothing is recorded in any of the above instances with regard to the construction of the altars, but of their being essential to the proper modes of offering sacrifices as it had been originally appointed, I think, they give abundant proof.

In Exodus xx. 24-25, we read the following command respecting the construction of altars. "An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shall sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings,

and if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone, for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it."

Moses commanded the people of Israel that on the day when they should pass over Jordan into the promised land, they should set up great stones and plaster them and write upon them the words of the law, and he added, "there shalt thou build an altar unto the Lord thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them. Thou shalt build the altar of the Lord thy God of whole stones, and thou shalt offer burnt offering thereon unto the Lord thy God."

Now we perceive that it was God's will, for such wise and significant reasons as He might not be pleased to communicate, that altars created to His Name, should be of earth or unhewn stone; and there is the strongest presumption for believing that it had always been so. Abraham built the altar on Mount Moriah before he laid the wood and the victim on it—and that it was not constructed of wood, or of hewn stone is evident from the circumstances of the case—it must, then, have been of earth, or of unhewn stone, which corresponds with the direction afterwards explicitly given by God Himself and by His servant Moses. We may presume that altars were for many ages constructed of the most simple materials, because when they were first raised, we may with justice infer that no means of art existed for adorning them, and as they were originally formed by Divine direction, so it pleased the Almighty that they should continue, till the building of the tabernacle and the establishment of the Levitical ceremonies. No tool was permitted to be used in shaping and polishing the stones, for fear it might conduce, or be turned, to the purposes of idolatry, in the formation of graven images, or in the sculpture of figures and ornaments, all of which might divert the mind of the worshippers from the great objects of their vows and supplications. The regulation of this especial point we find strictly laid down in the 18th chapter of Deuteronomy.

The roughness of the work and the little time and pains required to rear a temporary altar would remind the patriarchs that till the chosen race should obtain possession of the promised land, they were to have no abiding city, but remain as strangers and pilgrims on the earth. That the primitive altar, imitated by pagans, and especially Plato, was highly emblematic and symbolical we cannot doubt, neither can we hesitate to credit, that the rough ashlar of which it was composed represented most fitly the then existing general state of the human mind as regarded the heavenly oracles; that its unpolished earthly materials typified the constituent parts of that holy altar of expiation, over which the gorgeous tissue of splendid promises and dark enigma was thus early thrown, as a spiritual veil, by the hand of the Most High Himself, evolving in after years that historic temple whose architectural interest is so intimately blended into many of our rites and ceremonies, and culminating eventually in the manifestation of that mighty altar, that great rock, in whose earthly portion alone the all-redeeming sacrifice was offered up, when the earth did quake, the rocks were rent, and the graves gave up their dead, forcing conviction on the minds of the cruel and bigoted unbelievers—who, in all the dread agony of cowardice and terror, with blanched and quivering lips, gasped forth "truly this was the Son of God." Now was the terrible tragedy completed, the veil of the temple was rent in twain, light was brought to those who sat in darkness, and salvation to all men.

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Week ending April 19.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1873.

Knights Templar.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND MASTER OF THE UNITED ORDERS.

One of the grandest and most interesting Masonic festivals which have been celebrated in London for many years, took place at Willis's Rooms, on Monday, 7th inst., on the occasion of the union of the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of England, and the Grand Conclave of High Knights Templars of Ireland, together with the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the United Orders.

Great interest was manifested in the event, and the muster of Knights was very large, including nearly all the Officers of the English Order, viz: Sir Knight William Stuart, Most Eminent and

Supreme Grand Master; Sir Knight the Rev. J. Huyshe, M.A., Very High and Eminent Deputy Grand Master; Sir Knight Col. G. A. Vernon, Past Deputy Grand Master; Sir Knight Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Grand Seneschal; Sir Knight Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, Grand Prior; Col. C. Lyne, Grand Sub-Prior; Rev. E. Moore, M.A., Grand Prelate; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, First Grand Captain; Lieut.-Col. H. C. Fitzgerald, Second Grand Captain; Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Q.C., LL.D., Grand Chancellor; W. Tinkler, Grand Vice-Chancellor; Joseph Lavender, Grand Registrar; C. Goolden, M.A., Grand Treasurer; Lyons Wright, Grand Chamberlain; Rev. P.H. Newnham, Grand Hospitaller; J. Lambert Sim, Grand Director of Ceremonies; J. F. Starkey, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Hyde Pullen, Grand Superintendent of Works; F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D., Grand Constable; Emra Holmes, Grand Provost; Rev. C. Dowson, Grand Almoner; G. Lambert, Grand Warden of Regalia; J. R. Bramble, First Grand Expert; S. Rosenthal, Second Grand Expert; G. Jones, First Grand Standard Bearer, R. H. Hutchinson, Second Grand Standard Bearer; J. D. Moore, M.D., Third Grand Standard Bearer; A. C. Mott, Fourth Grand Standard Bearer; Sir Knight Preston J. Wallis, First Grand Aide-de-Camp; George Barton, Past First Grand Aide-de-Camp; J. Read, Second Grand Aide-de-Camp; E. Turner, First Grand Captain of Lines; J. Fletcher, Second Grand Captain of Lines; W. R. Maby, First Grand Herald; J. R. Poulter, Second Grand Herald; Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Organist; A. Horsfall, Grand Sword Bearer. The Grand Officers of the Irish Conclave are: His Grace Augustus Frederick Duke of Leinster, M.E. and Supreme Grand Master; Robert W. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master; George Johnston, M.D., Grand Captain-General; Captain George Huband, Grand Marshal; John Ringland, M.D., Grand Treasurer; Chas. D. Walmisley, Recorder or Sec.; Rev. John J. MacSorley, Grand Prelate; Richard B. de Burgh, Grand Standard Bearer; Wm. J. O'Donovan, LL.D., Grand Sword Bearer; John A. Baker, Grand Senior A.D.C.; Capt A. Vesey Davoren, Grand Junior A.D.C.; Edward Hamilton, M.D., many of whom were in attendance. It is understood that only one knight of the Scottish order was present. Not unlikely there will be an endeavour made before long to unite the Scottish order of Knights Templar with the English and Irish, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would then be invited to act as Grand Master of all.

At five o'clock a special Grand Priory of England was opened, after which the Great Prior of England Designate took his seat in the second circle below the dais, on the right hand of the Deputy Grand Master, the dais itself being left vacant. The Prince of Wales, who came in the most unostentatious manner, arrived about six o'clock, and was received by the Aides-de-Camp at the entrance. The following officers: the Grand Master Emeritus Stuart, the Past Deputy Grand Master and Sub-Prior of Ireland (R. W. Shekleton), the Deputy Grand Master (the Rev. John Huyshe), the Past Deputy Grand Master (Col. Vernon), and officers designate, the Great

Prior of England, the Seneschal, the Primate, the

Arch-Chancellor, the Great Constable, the Great Marshal, the Arch-Registrar, his Royal Highness's Chamberlain, having left the Great Priory, adjourned to the Prince's private room to receive his Royal Highness. When the reception was over, these officers retired, except the Chamberlain, who remained for the purpose of robing the Prince. Shortly afterwards, notification was given to the Aides-de-Camp that the Grand Master Elect was ready. The Aides-de-Camp having announced to the Grand Priory the arrival of the Grand Master Elect, the Prince was conducted by the Great Officers Designate of Convent General, in inverted order, juniors first, to the Grand Priory. Their arrival at the Priory was announced by a great flourish of trumpets, and the doors having been thrown open, they proceeded under the Arch of Steel towards the dais, the organ playing the National Anthem. At this moment the scene was most striking. The Knights, wearing their mantles and swords and the insignia of their various offices, stood ranged in order from the doorway to the dais at the farther end of the room, with their swords raised and crossed. The room was hung with scarlet, decorated with innumerable banners, and brilliantly illuminated, the Sepulchre, with the cross, bearing the figure of our Saviour, being placed in the middle of the room. His Royal Highness was received on the dais by the Great Prior of Ireland, the Grand Master Emeritus of England, the Past Deputy Grand Master and Sub-Prior of Ireland, R. W. Shekleton; the Deputy Grand Master, the Rev. John Huyshe; the Deputy Grand Master Emeritus, Colonel Vernon. The Installing Officer on the throne having placed the Grand Master Elect on his right, the Grand Master Emeritus Stuart on his left, the Deputy Grand Master (the Rev. J. Huyshe) next the Prince, the Past Deputy Grand Master and Sub-Prior of Ireland, (R. W. Shekleton) next Grand Master Stuart, and the Past Deputy Grand Master (Colonel Vernon), next the Rev. J. Huyshe, the Installing Officer opened the Convent General, and called upon the Arch Registrar to read the statute of election. The Installing Officer then put the following questions to the Grand Master Elect:—

Installing Officer: Are you ready and willing to undertake the supreme government of these Orders in England and Ireland, and the dependencies of the British Crown?

His Royal Highness: I am.

Installing Officer: Will you observe all things that will promote the well-being and dignity thereof?

His Royal Highness: I will.

Installing Officer: Will you protect and uphold the same to the best of your ability?

His Royal Highness: I will.

Installing Officer: You will not acknowledge any superior, co-ordinate, or inferior jurisdiction?

His Royal Highness: I will not.

Installing Officer: You will not permit any authority or prerogative to be infringed?

His Royal Highness: I will not.

Installing Officer: You will uphold the Queen's supremacy?

His Royal Highness: I will.

Installing Officer: You will judge all equally without distinction of rank?

His Royal Highness: I will.

The Primate thereupon offered up the following prayer:

"O Lord, who ruleth the hearts of the greatest and humblest on earth, imbue this Thy servant and our Governor with a portion of Thy Divine

grace, to the end that he may rule us aright, and, ever relying on Thy protection, he may glorify Thee in his works. Endow all those committed to his care with such a measure of Thy wisdom that they may render due obedience to him who, under Thy guiding power, has been set in authority over us. This we pray, through Christ our Prophet, Christ our Priest, and Christ our King."

The Grand Master Elect then took the oaths and signed the roll on the Sepulchre, the proper officers attending with the insignia of office—viz., steel chain, cross of Salem, sword, baton, ring, and book, which the Installing Officer took severally and delivered to the Grand Master at the Sepulchre. This solemn part of the ceremony having been concluded, the Installing Officer conducted His Royal Highness to the throne, with the words, "I place you on the Throne as Grand Master of the Order in England, Ireland, and Wales, and the Dependencies of the English Crown;" and then took his seat on the right. The Primate, having pronounced the Benedictio Sacerdotalis—"Pax et benedictio Patris omnipotentis, Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, in te descendit et tecum maneat a sæcula sæculorum. Amen!"—the Herald made due proclamation to the East, South-West, and North-West. The Knights in order filed past from both sides, saluting, two at once, and then marched down the centre, to the swelling notes of the organ accompaniment. This respectful salutation having been made, the Arch-Chancellor advanced to the foot of the dais and delivered the inaugural address, after which the Grand Organist played a voluntary. The Grand Master then installed the Great Prior of England, and next appointed his officers, who thereupon were summoned by the Great Marshal to do homage. The Grand Master afterwards appointed Grand Crosses and Commanders, and nominated the Subaltern Officers. Notices of motion for the next Convent General were given, the Committee for effecting a uniformity of Ritual was appointed, and the Grand Master then closed the Special Convent General in due form, and retired to his room with the Great Officers only, passing again under the Arch of Steel, while the organist played a solemn air. The Great Prior of England then brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

After the breaking up of the "Encampment," a banquet was prepared. This, under the personal superintendance of Mr. Willis, was speedily done, and a dinner of a most magnificent description was spread. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales presided, supported by the Earl of Limerick and the Earl of Skelmersdale. Nearly all the Grand Officers and Knights present at the installation sat down to the banquet, and amongst the American Knights present were Pay Director Cunningham, U.S. Navy, Commissary to the Vienna Exhibition; Colonel Mann, U.S. Cavalry; and General Raddy, U.S. Army.

After the repast, His Royal Highness, who was received with the most enthusiastic cheering, rose and said that on such an occasion few words were required to introduce the first toast, namely, the health of "Her Majesty the Queen." In connection with

the toast he had to make an agreeable announcement. They were all aware that the Queen was the Patroness of Craft Masonry, and he had her Majesty's permission to state, now, that she would be the Patroness of their Order. (This intimation was received with immense applause, and the health of her Majesty was drunk with nine times nine.)

The Earl of Skelmersdale, in proposing the health of the Grand Master, expressed the great pleasure he felt at seeing so many gentlemen around him from the Sister Isle. The "Encampment" that afternoon had been one of the most brilliant he had ever attended, and such a sight had never been seen in England before.

The Prince of Wales, on rising to respond, was again cordially received. He thanked the company very heartily for the kind manner in which they had received him. Indeed, so cordial was their greeting, that it was difficult for him to find words adequately to convey his feelings; and he could only again express the pleasure he felt at being present on that occasion, and in having been elected their Grand Master. They might rely upon his doing everything in his power to promote the interests of their Order. He desired specially to thank those gentlemen who had come from afar to take part in these proceedings. He could bear emphatic testimony to the kind feeling manifested towards him by brethren on the other side of the Channel—(loud cheers)—and had never forgotten the reception they gave him in the Grand Lodge of Ireland. (Renewed cheering.) It was not the custom of Craft Masons to make long speeches, and he, as their Grand Master, did not mean to violate that golden rule. He would, therefore, conclude by proposing the health of the Grand Prior of England and the Grand Prior of Ireland, a toast which would certainly be cordially received. He regretted the absence of the Grand Prior of Ireland, and returned him his warmest thanks for having vacated his place in his favour. He esteemed it a very high honour that one so justly popular and so justly beloved should have done so. (Loud cheers.)

The Earl of Limerick, who regretted that the Senior Grand Prior of Ireland was not present, briefly responded. He remarked that he had striven to the utmost of his ability to promote this union of the two orders, and he warmly congratulated the company that the union had at last been accomplished.

Deputy Grand Master R. W. Shackleton also acknowledged the compliment, and the proceedings then terminated, the speechmaking ceremony having occupied only about a quarter of an hour.

His Royal Highness on retiring from the room, was again loudly cheered.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

At the meeting of the General Committee, on Saturday, 5th inst., held at Freemasons Hall, Bro. Symmond Rosenthal, V. Pres., in the chair, the Secretary having reported the successful result of the recent Festival, and the gratifying fact of the prompt payment of a large portion of the money promised, and having submitted a

recommendation with reference to the finances of the Institution.

The Chairman was authorised, on the proposition of Bro. Henry Browse, seconded by Bro. George Cox, to sign a cheque on the Treasurer in account with Sir Samuel Scott & Co., for the payment of £4000, the remainder of the debt due to them as bankers. This was adopted with acclamation—has since been acted upon, and we are pleased to announce that this noble Institution IS NOW FREE FROM DEBT.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

SIR,—The Grand Lodge Report has at length been published, eleven months after the close of the accounts. They are unsatisfactory, and show a considerable excess of expenditure over the income.

During the year ending April 1872, 1241 fewer entrants were enrolled than during the year preceding, and of the 519 lodges on the roll, who by the Constitutions are each bound to take out an annual certificate of its status, only 139 have done so. The largest number of certificates issued during any one of the last eight years was in 1866, when 263 were issued; and there was then about 442 lodges nominally on the roll. No explanation is made why the non-certificated lodges have not taken out their certificates, and paid the corresponding fee. The "casual lettings" of Freemasons' Hall have also fallen off by about £50 as compared with an average of the six preceding years, and the miscellaneous receipts are also considerably smaller. While such is the state of the receipts, it is a matter of regret that the expenditure is equally, if not more, unsatisfactory. The rental from the heritable property of Grand Lodge is.....£686 The disbursements connected with it.....1018

Deficiency.....£332
To which falls to be added the interest of
(say) £3000 paid towards its price.....150
£482

It is thus seen that Grand Lodge pays the sum of £482 for its own accommodation.

Among other items of discharge in the accounts for 1872, one finds that "stationery, printing, and advertising" cost the large sum of £588, as against the also large sum of £375 in the previous year. How these sums could be so spent is beyond conception, but the expenditure under this head during the last six years has averaged £347. It is not, therefore, surprising to find, from a note by the Grand Secretary, that the auditor has now discovered that "over-payments" to the amount of £248 have been made to the "contractors for stationery;" but he adds that the accuracy of this statement is "not yet admitted." Whether admitted or not, it suggests reflection as to how these accounts have been hitherto both kept and audited. As it is, during the last year, very nearly one-third of the total income of Grand Lodge has been spent under this branch of expenditure—a sum, altogether disproportionate to the sums realised. It is a subject which ought to receive careful investigation.

There is another branch of expenditure which also deserves consideration. The Grand Hall was erected about 14 years ago, and the other relative buildings were then all altered to suit the requirements of the Order, and finished in the manner they were intended, but ever since under the heading of "Outlay on Repairs and Improvements on Property and Sundry Furnishings," large sums of money have been spent, averaging annually during the last six years £151. During 1872, £137, was spent, as against £80 in the previous year. Now when is this large expenditure to stop, and of what does it consist? We are not told; but on new and well completed buildings, as these are understood to have been, such expenditure is unwarranted. From this head of the accounts, therefore, a large sum ought to have been saved towards the

extinction of Grand Lodge debt, which has been long felt to cripple the resources of the order, and which after 14 years remains as large as ever.

"Expenses connected with the Hall" have, likewise, during last year, considerably increased, and it is difficult to understand why they should have done so, seeing that the Hall revenue has considerably decreased. These expenses, however, which were in 1867 only £102, with receipts from the Hall of £279, are now in 1872 more than doubled, while the receipts are only £192. Under this branch of the account, and the heading "sundry expenses connected with the Hall," is the sum of £78, as against £52 in the preceding year. These "sundry expenses," in 1867, were only £11. They have since been undergoing a large annual increase. We are not told of what they consist.

Again under the branch "postal and incidental expenses" is to be found, with upwards of one-third fewer entrants, and a consequent amount of less work, an increased expenditure of almost a half over the like disbursements in the year preceding, which was one of more than ordinary prosperity.

Since the correspondence which you published in December last, the office of Grand Clerk has been conjoined with that of Grand Secretary; and not only will a considerable pecuniary saving be thus effected, but we have now one responsible person at the head of affairs, and from his experience and zeal one may hope for radical improvement in the general management. I trust that he will act on the principle of the old adage—"a penny saved is a penny gained." As, however, matters presently stand, it is seen that the affairs of Grand Lodge have been hitherto conducted in a loose and unbusiness-like manner by its officials, and with indifference on the part of its members as a body.—Yours, &c.,

PAST MASTER.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April, 18, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, April 12.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1326, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.
 Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters First Surrey Volunteers, Brunswick-rd. Camberwell.
 Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, April 14.

Quarterly Meeting, Boys School, at 12.
 Lodge 5, St. George's and Cornerstone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 90, St. John's, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chapter 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 Plantagenet Red Cross Conclave, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-h., at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, April 15.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwar k.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho.
 Chapter 9, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, a 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 16.

Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
 Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.
 Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, Freemasons' Tavern.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, April 17.

House Committee Girl's School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Great Northern Hotel, Kings' Cross.
 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Stockwell.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 Observance, K. T. Encampment, 14, Bedford Row.
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Friday April 18.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, Kings' James's.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Town Hall, Hackney.
 Invicta Rose Croix Chapter, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom. Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 19, 1873.

Monday, April 14.

Mersey Lodge (No. 477), 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250), Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 Tuesday, April 15.
 Lodge Antiquity (178), Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 Alliance Lodge (667), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Warren Lodge (1276), Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 16.

Chapter of Lebanon (86), Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
 Zetland Lodge (537), 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 Everton Lodge (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Walton Lodge (1086), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (1182), Coffee House, Waver-tree, at 5.

Thursday, April 17.

Ancient Union Lodge (203), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Combermere Lodge (605), Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Pembroke Lodge (1299), West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 2.30.
 Friday, April 18.
 Fermor-Hesketh Lodge (1350), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Liverpool Conclave, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April, 19, 1873.

Monday, April 14.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st
 " 362, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-st.
 Chapter 53, Dunbarton, Elephant Hotel, Dunbarton.

Tuesday, April 15.

Lodge 31, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

Wednesday, April 16.
 Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213 Buchanan Street.
 Thursday, April 17.
 Lodge 27, St. Mungo, Freemasons' Hall, 213 Buchanan-st.
 " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-rad.
 Chapter 79, Commercial, 19, Croy place.
 " 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 Friday, April 18.
 Lodge, 31 St. Mary's, Scotts' Hall, Wishaw.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Chapter 109, Sir Wm. Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone

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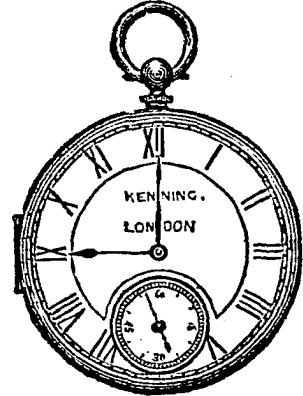
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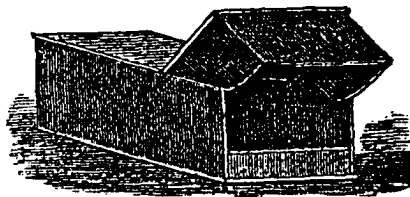
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1st Section Bro. JOHN JONAS, J.W.	715
2nd „ „ T. R. EAMES, J.W.	22
3rd „ „ J. B. SCRIVEN, W.M.	5
4th } „ „ H. MUGGERIDGE, P.M. }	192
5th } (Lodge Board) }	715

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No. on List.	Names	Votes.
14.	Nash, Florence	1,916
19.	Taylor, Emma Ellen	1,650
12.	Moore, Laura	1,474
5.	Simpson, Frances Elizabeth	1,457
16.	Hill, Florence Mary Anne	1,299

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1.	Chapman, Ada Gertrude	830
2.	Greene, Harriet Minotti	326
3.	Tippett, Anne Gertrude	323
4.	Bindon, Beatrice Alexandra	623
6.	Norris, Mary	270
7.	Day, Mary Anne	223
8.	Reeds, Lillias Elizabeth	444
9.	Faithful, Florence Christian	313
10.	Oates, Louisa Christine	1,202
11.	Duke, Jessie	1,219
13.	Emery, Katherine	1,057
15.	Seaton, Ethel Ida Margaret	781
17.	Jay, Charlotte Alexandra	790
18.	Scurr, Catherine Jane	630
20.	Weedon, Helen Elizabeth	163
21.	Nash, Agnes Ada	521
22.	Thomson, Adele Eularia	94
23.	Roberts, Elizabeth	30
24.	Longden, Ann Milner	1
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26.	Briggs, Katherine Beatrice	156
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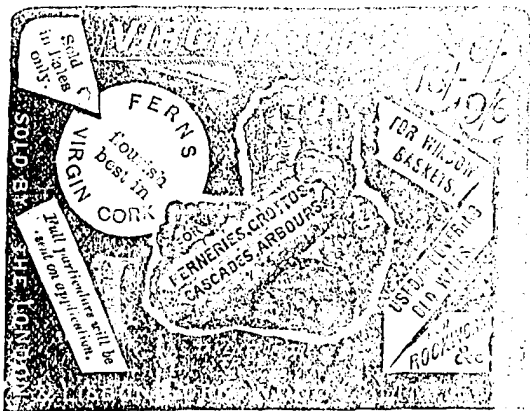
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WEYMOUTH.—*All Soul's Lodge* (No. 170).—The April meeting of this Lodge was held amid tokens of mourning, the Masonic Hall—the finest in the Province—being hung with crape on account of the sudden and lamented death of the I.P.M. Bro. John Tigard, Solicitor. On the wall on either side of the chair were placed the shields of P.M.'s, and that of the deceased Bro. was shrouded in crape. He was an active and esteemed Mason for ten years past, worthily filling the office of W.M.; and he was also P.G. Reg. in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Dorset; S.O. in All Soul's Lodge of Mark Masters; P.G. 1st Captain in the P.G. Conclave of Knights Templar; and M.W.S. of the Weymouth Chapter of S.P.R.C. All the Brethren loved him: he was a regular attendant at the Lodge, and ever the same—genial and frank in his demeanour. At this meeting the Officers and Brethren wore crape rosettes on their clothing. There were present, Bro. J. Jesty, W.M.; Bro. J. B. Cole, S.W.; Bro. J. L. Carpenter, S. D.; Bro. G. F. Wadsworth, J.D.; Bro. T. A. Hanne, I.G.; Bro. Plowman, Steward; Bro. Lundie, P.M.; Bro. C. F. Arden, P.M.; Bro. Harper, P.M.; Bros. Ireland, C. Jesty, Talbot, Hallett, Farwell, and others; and the following visitors from Lodge of Faith and Unanimity, No. 417, Dorchester—Bro. Ling, P.M.; Bro. W. Chick, P.M.; Bros. R. Case, W. Osmond, Alfred Atkins, and W. H. Dean. Bro. Lundie referred to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the Lodge by the death of Bro. Tigard, I.P.M., and briefly called to their remembrance his worth, and the esteem in which they held him, and proposed that a letter of condolence be written to his widow. This was feelingly seconded by Bro. Arden, and carried *nem dis*. Mr. Harry Wheeler, bookseller, Weymouth, and Mr. Hubert James Capon, surgeon, of Wyke Regis, having been balloted for and unanimously approved, were initiated according to ancient form, the ceremony being performed in an able and impressive manner by the W.M., who also explained the working tools.

LEICESTER.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 279).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., present:—Bro. Clement Stretton, W.M., in the chair, Bros. A. Palmer, S.W.; J. W. Smith, J.W.; J. M. MacAllister, Sec.; W. Weare, Treas.; G. W. Statham, S.D.; C. E. Stretton, J.D.; S. Scaupton, I.G.; S. Tebbutt, Organist; Bros. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M., P.M.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Toller, P.P.G.R., P.M.; F. J. Baines, S.W., 523; and many others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the routine business despatched. The ballot was then taken for one joining member, and three candidates for initiation, which resulted in their unanimous election. Sir Alexander Beaumont Churchill Dixie, one of the candidates, being in attendance, was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., the veteran P.M. of the lodge, unveiled to the distinguished neo-

phyte the peculiar system of morality constituting speculative Masonry, and earnestly recommended to him the study of that science which includes all others, and which teaches the moral duties which are incumbent upon us both as Masons, and as members of civil society. The lodge, during the periods of labour and refreshment, was numerously attended by the brethren, including a number of visitors, which fact affords presumptive evidence of the popularity of our W.M., and of the unity of spirit and zeal which animates the active members of the lodge.

DORCHESTER.—*Lodge of Faith and Unanimity* (No. 417).—At the April meeting of this lodge, the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Chick, in the absence of Bro. C. Parsons, W.M. There were present: Bros. W. P. Bockeram, S.W.; J. S. Scriven, acting J.W.; R. Case, Treas.; W. Osmond, Sec.; W. H. Dean, J.D.; A. W. Edwards, J.G.; W. How, Steward; J. Lovelace, T.; Fenn, P.M.; Gregory, P.M.; T. Coombs, P.M., G.A.D.C.; A. Atkins, C.; C. M. Shorts, W. The principal work of the lodge was raising Bros. Alfred Atkins and C. Shorts to the sublime degree of Master Masons, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. Chick, P.M., while the working tools and traditional history were admirably explained by Bro. Fenn, P.M., late of Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331.

LIVERPOOL.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 673).—The usual monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at 90, Duke-street, Bro. J. T. Callow, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S. There was a very numerous attendance of the brethren, amongst those present being Bros. H. Nelson, I.P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; G. Ladmore, P.M.; E. Kyle, S.W.; W. Blood, J.W.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; J. Ball, Sec.; J. K. Digges, S.D.; T. Roberts, J.D.; H. Burrowes, I.G.; J. Mealor, S.; W. Crawford, Tyler. After the transaction of some formal business, Bro. Callow, W.M., initiated six brethren, and passed five to the degree of F.C. A brother intimated that he would move at the next meeting that notice should be given to the landlady of their Lodge-room, and that arrangements should be made as early as possible with the Masonic Hall Committee, with the view of removing the St. John's Lodge meetings to the new hall upon its completion. After five guineas had been voted in charity, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LODGE OF ST. JAMES (No. 765).—This prosperous and flourishing lodge held its sixteenth installation meeting, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Tuesday, April 1st. The shoot from such an old branch in Masonry as the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73 really is, it is not surprising to see and know, that, both these lodges are now held under the same roof. The lodge owes in a measure its existence to the "Mount Lebanon," from which it hails, and is worthy of such parentage. Bro. T. Neville, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously confirmed. Some other business was then disposed of, the good old veteran in Masonry, Bro. G. Hyde, P.M., of this and 141, Lodge of Faith, an old lodge so well known for the distinguished number of Past Masters it has produced, who are as a body such expert workers in Masonry, took the chair. He ably raised Bros. Briggs, Jay, and Shelford, to the third degree, the ceremony being beautifully rendered. Bro. Montague Scott, P.M. and Secretary (Father of the Lodge), took the chair for the purpose of doing the ceremony of the evening, viz., the Installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. W. Jones, S.W., who had proved his qualifications for that all-important position by the painstaking, correct, and earnest manner he filled every minor office under the chair. The ceremony, it is needless to say, in the hands of such an expert worker as the Installing Master is, was done in a faultless manner, far superior to what we are accustomed to see in our travels amongst Masonry. It was most pleasing to witness the happy manner in which the work was done. The new officers are Bros. F. Child, S.W.; P. McCallum, J.W.; R. P. Hoote, P.M.; Treasurer (reinvested); M. Scott, P.M., Secretary

(reinvested); Brown, S.D.; Gibbs, J.D.; Cox I.G.; Jolly, D.C.; Shelford, Org.; Jones, W.S.; Bro. T. Neville, I.P.M., had a five guinea Past Master's Jewel presented to him, which, in a suitable speech, he acknowledged. Bro. J. H. Spencer provided a banquet, which as usual gave universal satisfaction. The W.M. in a fluent and agreeable manner gave the usual toasts. "The Visitors," was responded to by Bros. Dr. Goldsbro, P.M.G.G.S., P.P.G.S.M.S. of Wales; Bro. Richards, P.M., 482, P.P.G.D., Stafford, the latter expressed his entire satisfaction with his visit to the St. James's Lodge, and more particularly noticed the admirable working of Bro. Past Master Hyde in the Master Mason's degree which struck him as being more beautifully delivered than he had ever heard in his somewhat long experience. He had been in the habit of believing that at home in Staffordshire they excelled others in Masonry, but he would return with very different feelings. Others also responded. There were present besides those named as visitors, Bros. F. Walters, P.M. 73; W. Long, P.M. 435; L. R. Rogers, W.M. 902; Spelling, 435; Neville 781. The musical arrangements were under the care of Bro. Shelford who proved himself equal to his duties.

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Lodge* (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Monday, 7th inst. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. W. J. Sly, who was supported by the following officers and brethren. Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B. of England, as I.P.M.; Bro. W. Hall, L.R.C.P., P.M.; Bro. E. Airey, S.W.; J. L. Bradshaw, J.W.; James Taylor, S.D.; Thos. Jackson, as J.D.; Henry Longman, I.G.; Geo. Sutton, Steward; N. W. Helme, E.A.P.; John Watson, Tyler. Visitor, Bro. Ellershaw, 281. After the regular lodge business had been transacted, and Bro. Helme had given proof of his proficiency as an Entered Apprentice, he was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. Past Master Hall, and the lecture on the tracing board of the Second being delivered by Bro. Dr. Moore. Some other instruction having been given, after the usual proclamations had been made, the Lodge was closed in due form.

LIVERPOOL.—*Temple Lodge* (No. 1094).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, the principal business being the installation of Bro. Richard R. Martin as W.M. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock by Bro. R. Dawson, W.M., who was supported by Bros. D. W. Winstanley, P.M.; W. Crane, P.M.; J. K. Smith, P.M.; R. R. Martin, S.W.; T. Gibson, J. W.; T. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; R. Washington, S. D.; R. C. Yelland, J.D.; A. Jarvis, S.; W. Healing, S.; F. J. Jeffrey, I.G.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. the Rev. T. C. Ewbank, H. Pearson, J. Hamer, T. J. Winstanley, A. Woolfenden, R. Bennett, A. C. Doe, H. Jones, J. McLean, W. Fitzgerald, A. Bernard, J. R. Callender, jun., Dr. Speir, J. Holt, C. Leighton, E. Chater, E. Lovett, &c. The visitors present were Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Collinson, P.M. 667; P. Donaldson 249; J. Clegg, W.M. 1299; T. Shaw, 605; C. A. Whitney, 1013; J. Watson, 304; Dr. J. Mercer Johnson, P.M. 1094; J. Porter, P.M. 667, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. Martin was presented for installation to Bro. R. Dawson, who performed the ceremony in a highly effective manner, assisted by Bros. Smith, Winstanley, and March. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Dawson, I.P.M.; T. Gibson, S.W.; R. Washington, J.W.; Rev. T. C. Ewbank, Chaplain; J. Wood (by proxy) re-elected for the 7th time Treas.; T. Marsh, Sec.; R. C. Yelland, S.D.; F. J. Jeffrey J.D.; D. W. Winstanley, P.M., M.C.; W. Healing, I.G.; J. Skeaf, Org.; A. Jarvis, S.S.; T. G. Winstanley, J.S.; A. C. Doe, A.S.; and Bro. P. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. T. Birch into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, the ceremony being performed with a force, point, and impressiveness rarely equalled.

After business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet laid in the lodge-room. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, (Bros. Marsh, Skeaf, and Johnson acknowledging that of the P.G. officers), the W.M. proposed "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," and in doing so referred to the exertions of Bro. H. Newman on behalf of the charity, whereby the Temple Lodge had perhaps more Life Governors than any others within the province. Bro. Newman, whose name was coupled with the toast, and who was most enthusiastically received, said he had done no more in connection with the Institution than he would be delighted to do again. "England expected every man to do his duty," and he thought every Mason was only doing his duty in seeking to provide for the education and advancement of his brother's orphan children (loud cheers). He hoped that not a single brother would rest contented until he had become a Life Governor. Bro. Danson, I.P.M., then gave "The Worshipful Master," and in doing so alluded to the qualities which peculiarly fitted Bro. Martin for fulfilling the duties of his office. The W.M., replied in eloquent terms, and assured the brethren that his greatest aim would be to fulfil the functions of his important office to the best of his ability, and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren "The Newly Initiated Brother" was acknowledged by Bro. Birch, and "The P.M.'s of Lodge 1094," by Bros. Johnson, Crane, and Smith. The W.M., next gave "The I.P.M., Installing Officer," to which Bro. Dawson replied in suitable terms, "The Officers," responded to by Bro. Gibson, S.W.; Bro. Washington, J.W.; J. Wood, Treas.; and others, and "The Visiting Brethren," acknowledged by Bros. Clegg, Donaldson, Porter, and others, were the remaining toasts. Excellent songs were contributed during the evening by Bros. Dawson, Washington, Levett, Clegg, Leighton, and others.

RAMSGATE.—*Lewis's Lodge* (No. 1209).—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, April 9th. The Brethren assembled at 3 o'clock, and the Lodge was opened in the first degree. Bro. Cassingham was examined and entrusted, and then retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Martin, A.F.C., of the Royal Navy Lodge (No. 429), was examined as to his knowledge of the second degree and, having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Wootton, P.G.A.S., W.M., having vacated the chair, Bro. Winch, P.G.J.D., W.M., (429), raised Bro. Martin to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was ably performed, and rendered the more impressive by the musical accompaniment of Bro. Larkin who presided at the organ. Bro. Wootton resumed the Lodge in the second degree, and passed Bro. Cassingham. Bro. Lewis Finch, P.M., 429, and 1,209, P.P.G.D.C., the Installing Master, then took the Chair; and Bro. Wootton presented Bro. Bedford N. Hiscocks, the W.M. elect; who, after promising adherence to the ancient charges and regulations, took the O.B. of a W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the Brethren below that rank having retired, Bro. B. N. Hiscocks was duly installed in the chair of K.S., with the customary ceremonies. The Brethren saluted the W.M. in the three several degrees, and the following officers were invested, viz.—Bros. Call, S.W.; A. Wootton, W.M. 127, J.W.; Lewis Finch, Treasurer; B. L. Hiscocks, Secretary; Geo. Page, S.D.; James W. Smith, J.D.; Crux, D.C.; Larkin, Org.; Edward J. Smith, I.G.; John Finen, Steward; Geo. Meager, Tyler. The remainder of the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. L. Finch, and the W.M. closed the Lodge. The Brethren, including visitors from Sandwich, Margate, Dartford, and other places, adjourned to a banquet which by the superior quality of the dishes and the excellence of the wines, gave great satisfaction to all. Among the toasts which followed none was drunk with more heartiness than that of the W.M.; great stress being laid upon the fact that he was the first candidate for initiation after the consecration of the Lodge, that he is a Lewis (his father being an old and esteemed Mason and the Secretary of the Lodge), and that

he is one of those who gave rise to the name of the Lodge, it having been established especially in order to afford to the sons of members of the Royal Navy Lodge opportunities of more rapid promotion than could be had in that Lodge, which was, and is still, of great numerical strength.

MACDONALD LODGE (1216).—This lodge held its regular meeting for election of W.M. and officers, at the head-quarters of the First Surrey Riiles, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when were present, Bros. Waterall, W.M.; S. H. Wagstaff, I.P.M.; James Stevens, P.M., as S.W.; J. H. Haske, S.D., as J.W.; M. S. Larham, J.D.; Dr. Eugene Cronin, Treas.; J. J. Curtis, Sec.; Hammond, I.G.; F. Cozens, Org.; Fletcher, Steward; and Bros. Hale, Williams, Collins, Alexander, Gray, Styan, Bradley, Mayo, and others, and visitors, Bros. A. Woodcock, J.W. 1201; and G. F. Smith, 184. The minutes of the previous regular meeting and of a subsequent lodge of emergency having been confirmed, Bros. Bradley, Capt. Styan, and Capt. Mayo were severally raised to the sublime degree of M.M., with the usual perfect musical ceremony. The lodge having been closed for the first degree, Messrs. B. B. Joy, R. C. Culling, and Thomas Day, efficient members of the corps and unanimously approved of on ballot, were severally introduced and initiated into the Order. The elections for the ensuing year were then proceeded with, and Bro. G. H. Newington Bridges, the Senior Warden (unfortunately absent and on the Continent seeking restoration to health), was unanimously elected W.M. The highly respected Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Eugene Cronin, was also re-elected without a dissentient. Bros. F. Williams, and Hale were appointed on the Audit Committee, Bro. Stevens, P.M., proposed, and it was unanimously voted "that a P.M. Jewel of the value of ten guineas, and of the adopted pattern, be presented to Bro. George Witenall in appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge, and of the ability displayed by him as W.M. during the past year." The lodge was then closed, and refreshment followed labour, the brethren thoroughly enjoying the brief period allowed for this purpose and separating in perfect harmony. The Installation meeting is appointed for the 8th May, when consequent upon the well-deserved popularity of the W.M. elect, and the general good report in which this lodge is held, a large gathering and most pleasant entertainment may be confidently anticipated.

LEICESTER.—*Commercial Lodge* (No. 1391).—The twenty-first meeting of this young and flourishing Lodge was convened on the 12th inst. The Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. The minutes of the previous Lodge, held March 8th and 24th respectively, having been confirmed, and the ballot declared clear in the election of a candidate, the W.M. then proceeded to install his successor. The newly installed Master then appointed and invested his officers, viz.: Bros. J. B. Hall, I.P.M.; Dr. Clifton, S.W.; R. A. Barber, jun., J.W.; A. G. Chamberlin, Sec.; W. H. Chamberlin, Asst. Sec.; E. Mason, S.D.; B. Moore, J.D.; G. Matts, J.G.; G. Crofts, Dir. Cer.; Alfred Chamberlin, Org.; J. S. and W. R. Tomlins, Stewards; Bembridge and Dunn, Tylers. The Treasurer's accounts were presented and confirmed, showing a balance in hand on the General Account of £25 17s. 6d.; and a balance of £4 13s. 9d. on the Benevolent Fund Account. In the first year of the existence of this Lodge, it has raised upwards of fifty guineas for charitable purposes, including a donation to the Girls' School of £5 5s., £21 to the Boys' School (proceeds of a ball held March 10th, 1873), and £20 18s. 6d. subscribed by the Members of the Lodge to a fund raised in this Province to purchase Lewis into the Boys' School. The W.M. then rose for the first and second times. The charity box was then carried round the Lodge, yielding 21s. 2d. By this means alone, during the year, £16 14s. 11d. has been realised—proof of the estimate the Brethren of this Lodge put upon that virtue which is justly denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. The W.M. then rose for the third and last time, and after four candidates had been proposed for initiation, and the hearty good wishes of the visiting Brethren

had been duly acknowledged, the lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet. The attendance was not quite so numerous as was expected, owing partly that next Friday, the 18th, has been fixed for the Installation of the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Bro. Earl Ferrers, P.G.M., designate, and that Saturday proved an inconvenient day for many of the Brethren of our own and the sister Lodges. Notwithstanding this drawback those that attended were highly delighted with the proceedings. The Stewards placed before the brethren the delicacies of the season, the Worshipful Master presiding with conspicuous ability. After grace the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. "The Queen and the Craft," "the G.M., his Deputy, and Grand Lodge," "The Provincial Grand Master, designate, the Rt. Hon. and Rt. Worshipful Bro. Earl Ferrers," "The Past Pro. Grand Master, the Rt. Worshipful Bro. W. Kelly," responded to by Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Registrar. The I.P. Master then gave the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master of the Commercial Lodge, Bro. J. Halford, and success to his Lodge." The W.M., after thanking the Brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which Bro. Hall had presented that toast to their notice, assured them he was duly sensible of the very high honour they had done him in placing him in that proud position, and no efforts on his part would be wanting to fully justify the confidence the Brethren had reposed in him; and with such a staff of officers he had the good fortune to be supported by, he believed the ceremonies of the body would be most efficiently performed. Again thanking the Brethren, the W.M. concluded by proposing the I.P.M., Bro. Hall's health. Bro. Hall, after thanking the brethren for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health, said the official position he then held, that of I.P.M., proved the lodge had a history, although a brief one, still it enabled them to take a retrospective glance, and they were justly proud of what had been done, and grateful to the G.A.O.T. U. for the success that had attended their efforts in forming that lodge and conducting it through its infancy. It had now arrived at that age that it might fairly expect to feel its feet. He could not help reminding the Worshipful Master when he assumed that position, he could only offer the brethren words of promise, and when a little cloud hung over their lodge his hope was in the future. The prosperity and success of the lodge was an accomplished fact, and the prospect was all that could be desired, with such an able and zealous Master in the chair. The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Barber, jun., J.W., and the S.D. Bro. Barber, in responding, regretted the absence of the S.W., who would have responded far more ably than it was possible for him to do. He said, W.M., I cannot but think that you are fortunate in having invested to-night such a useful set of officers, for commencing with the P.M.'s, they Hall, Waite upon you, and I am sure our S.W. (the most popular investment you have made to-night) will for his year of office interpret freely the letters he usually signs at the end of his name, M.D., as Masonic Duty instead of Money Down (laughter and cheers). Of the J.W. I cannot say much, at all events, he is the Barber of the lodge, and, judging from the appearance of most of the faces of the members, he will not often have occasion to close shave any of them. Well, W. Master, reaching Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, of course upon all state occasions you will have your Chamberlins in attendance, and going on to the S.D. if you have not an excellent officer in him who is a born Mason as well as a Freemason, it would be a pity; in case, however, of this double-dyed Mason not being sufficient for his work you have Moore (J.D.) behind. Passing on, Worshipful Sir, through Crofts (Director of Ceremonies), we come to the I.G., and what is there more appropriate at the entrance of the lodge than a Matt, our Matt, however is made of excellent fibre, but it will not stand trampling upon; our I.G., in particular, is a tragedian of no mean order, and would use both blood and oratorical thunder to prevent improper knowledge of our mysteries being obtained. So far, Worshipful Master, I have managed fairly, but as soon as I reach outside to look for Bembridge, I'm Dunn (Tylers). (Much laughter). Joking apart, Worshipful Sir,

I can assure you that your officers will use their utmost endeavours to support you, and it shall be no light matter that keeps them from their post the lodge nights. We accept in the spirit in which it is given, the straight forward and manly advice given by the W.M. to his officers; and I beg in thanking you again, Worshipful Sir, to repeat the assurance that the officers will remember their obligations and do their part towards making the year of J. Halford's reign a most successful one in the annals of the Commercial Lodge. The toast of the Sister Lodges was acknowledged by Bro. S. S. Partridge who made special reference to the truly Masonic character of Bro. J. W. Johnston's speech. Responding for the "ladies" at the command of the W.M., Bro. E. H. Butler in warmly thanking the brethren, said the very handsome manner with which they had received the toast, was only in accordance with the high duties which were imposed upon the Craft, by acknowledging those to whom they were so much indebted, not only for their personal comfort, but for the dearest of their domestic and social ties, and of whom one had truly said.

"When pain and anguish wrung the brow,"
A ministering angel thou."

The exalted position which the ladies occupied in their affections, he felt sure, were materially enhanced by the fact, that at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, last week, H.R.H. announced that our beloved Sovereign had most graciously become the Patroness of Masonry, he need hardly add that while this imported additional lustre and brilliancy to the toast he had been called upon to respond to, it increased the difficulty in which he felt himself placed. In conclusion he hoped that those of the fairer portion of creation, who had not yet passed the matrimonial Rubicon, would ere long be raised from "the wicked world" of single blessedness to the "happy land" (great laughter and cheers) of convivial felicity, where no "Lord Chamberlain" could exercise his censorship, and where only the rude hand of death, or the demoralising atmosphere of the Divorce Court could pronounce a lasting separation. (Applause.) For those, who in the order of affairs might fail to attain the height of conjugal happiness (so much to be desired) he would ask those brethren by whom he was surrounded, that in all their transactions with them, the words of Hood, so eloquently, but yet so pathetically rendered by Bro. Matts that evening, should ever be borne in mind.

"Take her up tenderly,
Lift her with care.
Fashioned so slenderly,
Young and so fair."

(Loud Applause). The brethren were greatly indebted, and the enjoyment of the evening greatly enhanced, by the songs beautifully rendered by the Bros. Wykes, Tebbutt, and Chamberlin, and the recitations given by Bro. Matts, and others. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

ERA LODGE, No. 1423.—The first meeting of this lodge, since its consecration, was held on Saturday, 5th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Punctually at four o'clock, p.m., the time appointed for the meeting, the lodge was opened by Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M., W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots for the six gentlemen, who were candidates for initiation were declared in each instance to be unanimous in favour of their admission. Bros. R. Limpus, T. B. Yeoman, and S. Kisch, were unanimously elected joining members. The Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, Bro. Col. F. Burdett, then arrived, and was received with all due honor and respect. Three gentlemen being in attendance, they were admitted separately, and most impressively initiated into ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was beautifully rendered and admirably done. All present expressed the gratification they felt at hearing and seeing such good working. The bye-laws were then agreed to. The initiation fee being made seven guineas for the first few who may join—it being understood that it would be increased to ten guineas—the joining fee to be the same amount as the initiation. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation and amongst them were officers of the Navy and Army. Bro. J. S. Sweasey, J.D., had promise

of good support for his list as the first Steward to represent the lodge at the Girls' School. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Bros. R. W. Little, Secretary, and W. Smeed, P.G.J.W., &c. who were absent from causes beyond their own control, and the lodge was closed. It was arranged to hold an emergency meeting on Saturday, May 16th. Banquet followed; it was well served, and proved that the hostess Mrs. Luce (widow of the late esteemed and respected Bro. Luce, P.M.) intended to make the members comfortable in that all-important part of the business. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to, and the zest with which the M.W.P.G.M., Col. Burdett's name was received proved how popular he is. It was the toast of the evening. The Initiates found an able responder in Bro. W. C. Devereux, R.V. (an author of note in Naval circles), who, in a well worded speech, fully acknowledged the handsome manner he had been received as well as his friends, who were now brothers. There were present besides those members already named:—Bros. H. T. Dubois, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., Secretary; E. H. Thiellay, S.D.; J. S. Sweasey, J.D.; J. Baxter Langley, I.G. The Visitors were:—Bros. W. Long, P.M. 569; and H. Keeble, W.M. 1275, and others.

Mark Masonry.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES.

A very uncommon and beautiful ceremony was witnessed on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Town Hall, Altrincham by a large number of Mark Masons from all parts of Lancashire, Cheshire, and North Wales, at the installation of the Right Worshipful the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master Mason of the new Province of Cheshire and North Wales. The ceremony was performed by the Right Worshipful Bro. William Romaine Callender, Prov. Grand Mark Master of the County Palatine of Lancaster. The Stamford Mark Lodge, No. 141, was opened by Bro. James A. Birch, W.M., at half-past one and being informed the Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire and his officers sought admittance they were at once received and saluted with Grand and Royal honours. Bro. Callender then called on Bro. John Chadwick, Provincial Grand Secretary to read the Dispensation granted by the Grand Master authorising him to proceed to Altrincham and there install Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., in the chair as the Provincial Grand Master Mason of the new Province of Cheshire and North Wales. Having opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Egerton was conducted into the Lodge and presented by the Right Worshipful Bro. C. F. Matier, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Junior Warden of England. After receiving the obligation he was duly installed and saluted with Grand and Royal honours nine times. Bro. Egerton then nominated and invested the following Brethren as his Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. the Rev. Charles William Spencer Stanhope, R.W.D.P.G. Master; Bro. William Bulkley Hughes, M.P., P.G.S.W.; Bro. William Bulley, P.G.J.W.; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.G.M.O.; Bro. Joseph Sillatoo, P.G.S.O.; Bro. Gaptain James Watson, P.G.J.O.; Bro. the Rev. J. Newell Tanner, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. Thomas Platt, P.G. Treasurer; Bro. Richard Newhouse, P.G. Secretary; Bro. Thomas Forshaw, P.G. Registrar; Bro. Frederick K. Stevenson, P.G.S.D.; Bro. Major Platt, P.G.J.D.; Bro. Captain Hampton Lewis, P.G. Inspector of Works; Bro. Edward Friend, P.G.D.C.; Bro. George L. Woodley, Prov. Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Charles H. Coates, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. Geo. Higgins, Prov. Grand Standard Bearer; Bro. John M. Bentley, Prov. Grand Organist; Bro. John S. Mort, Prov. Grand Pursuivant; Bro. John Worthington, Prov. Grand Tyler; and Bro. Richard Baker, Thomas Kent, George H. Wilson, and James Heap, as Prov. Grand Stewards. Other business being done, the Prov. Grand

Lodge was closed, and a large number of the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet provided by the host, Bro. James Harney. The chair was taken by Bro. the Hon. J. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.M.M. He gave the first toast, "The Queen," which was received with great enthusiasm; the next "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and in doing so remarked that Masons had cause to be true and loyal to their Prince; there had been no occasion on which Masons had called on him to exercise the influence of his exalted position for the benefit of the Craft that he had failed to do so, and we had now a further proof of the interest he took in Masonry, as he was shortly about to be installed as Grand Master of the Knights Templar. Bro. Birch sang with great feeling, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast was "The M.W. Bro. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., G.M.M.M.," followed by "The V.W. Bro. The Earl Percy, G.M.M.M. Elect, The V.W. Bro. The Earl of Limerick, Deputy G.M.M.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," which was replied to by Bro. Matier. The next toast was the toast of the evening, "The Health of the R.W. Bro. The Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire and North Wales," which was given by the R.W. Bro. William Romaine Callender, who, on rising, was received with round after round of applause. He spoke in the highest possible terms of Bro. Egerton as a man and a Mason, and delighted the Brethren with a speech of more than his usual eloquence. Then followed the song of the evening by Bro. J. M. Bentley, Prov. Grand Org. The song (a Masonic one) was composed by himself, and sung with great feeling, and was received with great applause. Bro. Egerton, who was received with great enthusiasm, replied, thanking the Brethren, in a speech of great feeling, and with his usual good taste proposed "The health of Bro. Callender," who replied; and after other toasts had been proposed and replied to, the Brethren separated at seven o'clock in peace and harmony, amid mutual congratulations on the enjoyable afternoon they had spent.

LEICESTER.—Fowke Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 19).—The lodge assembled at an earlier hour than usual on the 27th ult., to transact ordinary business, to receive the Provincial Grand Master and Officers, and to celebrate the annual festival of the lodge. There were present:—Bros. S. S. Partridge, W.M., Prov. Grand Secretary; Wm. Weare, W.M. elect; G. Toller, M.O.; W. Sculthorpe, S.O.; C. Stretton, Treasurer; J. MacAllister, Secretary; W. T. Rowlett, R.M.; R. A. Barber, S.D.; E. J. Crow, J.D.; and T. A. Wykes, Organist. The lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business despatched, the Right Worshipful Bro. W. Kelly F.R. Hist. S., Prov. G.M. and his Officers were received and saluted in due form. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, and the Reports received from the several lodges in the province were highly satisfactory; more especially the report from the Fowke Lodge, which indicated great vitality during the past year under the able presidency of Bro. Partridge; there being an unusual increase in the number of advancements, without any diminution in the number of subscribing members. Bro. C. Stretton was unanimously elected the representative Grand Steward, an honour most heartily accorded to that deserving brother. The R.W.P.G.M., Master appointed Bro. MacAllister, to the vacant office of Inspector of Works. Perhaps no brother in the province is working more zealously and devotedly for Masonic interests than Bro. MacAllister, and to confer an honour upon him, is but a dutiful acknowledgment of his various and manifold labours. Other acts of benevolence and charity having received the attention of the Prov. G.M. Master and brethren, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. Bro. S. S. Partridge, resumed the chair, and in an admirable manner conducted the ceremony of Installation, including the impressive charges to the principal officers. Bro. W. Weare, the newly installed Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bro. G. Toller, S.W.; Bro. J. M. MacAllister, J.W.; Bro. W. Sculthorpe, M.O.; Bro. L. L. Attwood, S.O.; Bro. R. A.

Barber, J.O.; Bro. C. Stretton, Treasurer; Bro. F. J. Baines, Secretary; Bro. W. J. Rowlett, R.M.; Bro. J. B. Hall, S.D.; Bro. Dr. Clifton, J.D.; Bro. J. T. Thorp, J.G.; Bro. T. A. Wykes, Org.; Bro. G. W. Statham, Master of Ceremonies; Bros. Dr. Clifton, and G. W. Statham Stewards. A very interesting part of the Agenda then occupied the attention of the brethren, a presentation to the I.P.M. Bro. S. S. Partridge. The W.M., in making the presentation, said, nothing could give him greater pleasure than to perform the duty assigned to him on that occasion. Bro. Partridge in vacating the chair, carried with him the good wishes and esteem of every member of the lodge. During his Mastership he has performed the onerous duties incumbent upon him, zealously, and faithfully, and in testimony of that fact, and in appreciation of his eminent services, the W.M., in the name of the brethren, had much pleasure in presenting him with a handsome Past Masters' Jewel, and hoped he would be long spared to wear the decoration. Bro. Partridge, in reply, after expressing his thanks, said, that until shortly before leaving the chair, he had not the slightest expectation of receiving such a handsome present from them. He would ever prize it as a mark of their kind regard, and as a reminder of that measure of pleasure he had enjoyed during the period of his Mastership. He hoped that Bro. Weare would be favoured with the same support from his officers which he had received, and assured the brethren that his own zeal and interest in the lodge would not abate, neither would his attendance be less frequent, although he now occupied the honourable position of a Past Master. The banquet which followed, thanks to the care and forethought of the Stewards, was all that could be desired. The tables, through the kindness of Bro. Charlesworth, were gaily decorated with plants and flowers, and the evening's enjoyment was considerably enlivened by "Toast, Song, and Sentiment."

GIBRALTAR.—Gibraltar Mark Lodge (No. 43).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th ult. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Balfour Cockburn, with Bros. Morgan, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; Hepper, J.O.; Seath, S.O.; Price, M.O.; Marshall, S.D.; and Williamson, Sec. The agenda paper presented the following as the detail of business for the evening: To advance to the degree of W.M.M., Bros. Jones, 278, Capt., 81st Regt.; Ryley, 278, Capt., 81st Regt.; Satterthwaite, 278, Lieut., 81st Regt.; Prosser, 184, Sergeant-Major, R.E. To read cash account. To present G.L. certificates, and to elect the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing twelve months. Before proceeding with the immediate business of the evening, the W.M. stated that since their last meeting he had received a diploma constituting him a Past Grand Senior Deacon. Whilst fully appreciating the distinguished honour thus conferred upon himself, he could not but congratulate the members of the lodge in this very marked proof of the great interest the M.W.G.M. took in all their proceedings, and of his earnest desire to encourage the progress and prosper the interests, not alone of the Gibraltar Mark Lodge, but of Mark Masonry generally. He sincerely trusted that this laurel with which he had been crowned might be a future prize held out to encourage his successors in the chair to devote their fullest energies to the welfare of their lodge and the advancement of the Degree, and thus safely securing the approval and graceful acknowledgment of the M.W.G.M. The W.M. further congratulated the Lodge on their now being enabled to hold their communications in rooms well adapted for the full performance of the rites and ceremonies of the Degree. Bros. Jones, Ryley, Satterthwaite, and Prosser, having been duly prepared, were forthwith admitted; and, having eventually presented work which met with the approval of the Overseer, were duly advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons. The election for the W.M., Treas., and Tyler then commenced, with the following result: Bro. Morgan, W.M., Bro. Trenerry, Treas., and Bro. Llamas, Tyler. After some further business of minor importance, the Lodge was duly closed, and the Brethren retired to refreshment.

Knights Templar.

The following Great Officers and Officers were appointed at the Convent General of the United Order of the Temple:—

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GRAND CROSSES—(England).—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Emperor of Germany, H.M. King of Sweden, Crown Prince of Germany, Crown Prince of Denmark, Prince John of Glucksburg, Mr. Stuart (Past Grand Master), the Earl of Limerick, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Eliot, the Earl of Carnarvon, Colonel MacLeod Moore, the Rev. J. Huyshe, Colonel G. Vernon, Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Grand Master of the Temple in the United States.

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COMMANDER'S CROSSES—(Ireland).—J. Manning, Alderman, City of Dublin; C. A. Cameron, M.D.; E. D. Thorp; J. Flynn; J. Kingland, M.D.; P. Crampton Smyly, M.D.; W. Allen; J. H. Goddard; D. Crosthwaite, LL.D.; John A. Baker.

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RITUAL COMMISSIONERS—(English).—Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir P. Colquhoun, R. Woolf, Emma Holmes, Dr. Hodge. **(Irish)**—Judge Townshend, R. W. Shekleton, R. B. de Burgh, Dr. Ringland, Major J. C. C. Townshend.

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CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF FRATERNITY AT STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., a new Lodge of Freemasons, designated the Lodge of Fraternity, No. 1418, was consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton, by John Fawcett, Esq., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Durham, under very auspicious circumstances. A little before two o'clock the brethren began to assemble, and having taken their places in the lodge, the R.W.P.G.M. entered, took the chair, and opened the lodge—Brother A. Knowles officiating as S.W., Bro. W. M. Watson as J.W. Amongst the brethren present were the following:—Bros. J. Fawcett, Esq., R.W.P.G.M.; Jas. Monks, P.G.S.W.; W. H. Crooks, P.G., Sec.; William Liddell, P.G.J.D.; Robert Hudson, P.G.D. of Cer.; J. Thompson, P. G. Tyler, (94); Rev. C. D. Trotter, P.G. Chap.; M. Cadle, P.M. (509); Rev. J. Milner, P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G. Chaplain; W. Forster, W.M., P.S. of Works, (661); J. Trotter, P.M., Pro. G. Reg. (940); G. Young, P.G. Steward (80); W. Nelson, P.M., P.G.S. of Works (1244); J. H. Jackson, P.M., W.M. of (1418); and P.P.G.S.D.; A. C. Knowles, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., W. M. Watson, P.M.; G. Ellis, P.M., Thomas Walton, W.M. (940); G. Hopper, F. Sanderson (940); G. Herbert (940), T. R. Pearson, N. Lye, T. Bradley, J. Brotherton (509), J. Scarth, B. S. Lockwood, T. Semple, L. Ellis (94), G. S. Thorpe, R. Ashton, I. H. Hart, Sec. (940), J. Usher, T. Preston, A. S. Fowler, J. F. Mann, P.M., J. Spicer, J. Rose, J. Fowler, F. J. H. Bellringer, W. R. Bolsover, W. J. Watson, S.D.; J. H. Bennett, W.M., (1,244); J. G. Walton, J. Bowron, J. Hunton, P.M.; J. Trenholm, G.D.; Long, A. J. de Long, H. Cuthbert, J. Morrell, P.M., P.G.S.D. (111); C. A. Head, T. Wrightson, S. Gordon (940), M. B. Dodds, A. Iley, E. W. Dickenson, W. M. Best, S. D. (509); R. Dickinson, W. Laing, C. Fanson, J. H. Draper, Thos. Brunton, W.M., P.G.S. (811); W. H. Barnett (940); R. Chadwick, S.W. (111), Joseph Walton, P.P.G.O.; R. W. Hafferman, P.M., P.G.P. (940), J. L. Potts (509), Thomas Readman (940), C. E. Naish (509), W. Mitford (111), Addison (509), R. S. J. Vaughan (20), J. J. Fletcher, W. M. Smith (940) G. F. Allan (539), J. Thompson, P.G.S.; R. Humphrey, W.M. (97), F. C. Newstead (1,244), W. J. B. Casley, Stew. (509), C. M. Norman, W. Robson (661), J. Young, T. Turnbull (531), D. Dudding (86), J. Ross (509), J. Toes, S.D. (111); H. J. Watson (602), B. R. Smith (940), W. O. Edwards.

The ceremony of consecration was performed in a very impressive manner, and in the course of the proceedings the P.G. Chaplain delivered an excellent oration, in which he briefly glanced at the history of Freemasonry in this country, and then impressed upon all present the important obligations under which they lay in carrying out the duties inculcated in the principles of the Craft. At the close of the consecration ceremony Bro. John Henry Jackson, P.M. (940), and P.P.S.G.D., was duly installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bro. W. J. Watson, S.W.; Bro. R. S. Hopper, J.W.; Bro. J. Boothroyd, S.D.; Bro. J. Spicer, J.D.; Bro. J. D. Leng, Sec.; Bro. J. Trotter, Treas.; Bro. J. Fowler, J.G.; Bro. J. Trenholme, Tyler.

The remainder of the business being disposed of, the R.W. Prov. G.M. expressed the great gratification it afforded him to be present to consecrate that Lodge, and was of opinion that it would be a source of strength to the other two Lodges. He then expressed his high sense of appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had been assisted by the various officers who had taken part in the proceedings of the day, and concluded by wishing the new Lodge prosperity.

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the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M.," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., and the officers of the Grand Lodge." The next toast on the list was given by Bro. John Hunton, P.M., and was, "The Right Worshipful P.G. Master, John Fawcett, Esq., as Installing and Consecrating Master, and The Right Worshipful D.G.P.M. and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," to which Bro. J. Monks responded, and proposed "The W.M. of the Lodge of Fraternity." In doing so, Bro. Monks spoke in very warm terms of the W.M. (Bro. J. H. Jackson), and congratulated the lodge upon the choice they had made in selecting him as their first Master, and he expressed his gratification with the thoroughly efficient manner in which the proceedings of the day had been carried out. The W.M., replied, and proposed the health of the "Visiting Brethren," coupled with the names of Bros. Monks and Brunton. Bro. G. Ellis then gave the health of "The Officers of the Lodge of Fraternity," and in doing so expressed a hope that a strong fraternal feeling would exist between that lodge and the other two in the town. Bro. W. J. Watson, acknowledged the compliment, Bro. R. S. Hooper gave "The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Tees Lodge, No. 506," coupled with the name of Bro. G. Ellis. Bro. M. B. Dodds followed with the toast of "The W.M., the Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 840," coupled with the name of Bro. T. Walton, W.M. Several other toasts followed, and the whole was agreeably interspersed with songs. The evening's proceedings passed off in a most enjoyable manner.

THE PERILOUS MOMENT.

BY ROBERT MORRIS, LL.D.

Place, a large and fashionable hotel in St. Louis. Time, evening. Hero, a well known and distinguished member of the Masonic fraternity, just arrived from a long journey by rail, and in that nervous state of irritation easily aroused to anger, which every one has experienced under the same circumstances. To look at him as he emerged from his room on his way to the dinner table, you would have seen a bluff, solid man, rotund, but not to grossness, with a red beef-fed face, dressed like a gentleman, and bearing himself with the port of one who knows his rights, and "knowing, dares maintain them." Such was the man whom, for the sake of precision, we will denominate Brother Larkin, George Alexander Larkin.

Such was the man as he appeared to a group of three, who looked after him with eyes singularly inquisitive, and when he disappeared in the supper-room exchanged glances with each other that said, "the very man." One of them, a burly ruffianly fellow, at the same moment rattled something in his pocket, that might have been specie, or might have been something else. This group of three, by the way, were standing in the office of the hotel when our friend first entered the house. They divided him amongst them, one glancing over his shoulder as he wrote his name in the Travellers' Register; one looking sharply after his valise and following it to the baggage room; one quietly slipping after him as he went up stairs, and preceding him on his way down.

The contrast between a man just in from a long journey by rail, before dinner and after, is evident to the dullest intellect. As Brother Larkin came out from his feed, his rosy cheeks rosier, his rotund figure more rotund, and in every respect he looked more kindly upon all around him. This made it easy to fall into conversation with the elder of the group of three to whom we have already introduced our readers, and who was standing in readiness to address him as he came out. A sort of recognition followed, that is Brother Larkin admitted having before met the gentleman, who called himself Colonel Westcott, although it would have puzzled his brain considerably to specify when and where. A mutual cigar, a chat over the political situation in which, by a pleasant coincidence, they found themselves in accord, and the new made friends made an appointment to visit the theatre in company. And all this

time the group of three were "reckoning up" our Brother Larkin, whispering to each other, covertly comparing notes, preparing for some grand *coup-de-main* to come off in due season. The click of the telegraphic instrument in the corner—had Brother Larkin recognised it?—was speaking his name to fellow-operators at St. Joseph, Missouri, and elsewhere, some hundreds of miles away, and cords were tightening around him of which he was altogether unconscious. As he puffed his cigar and chatted benignantly of the pending election, and digested his good dinner with a beaming countenance, as little was he aware of the interest manifested in him sometimes by the chief clerk of the house, sometimes by the landlord himself, but most of all by that quiet group of three whose leader was engaging him all the time in a conversation seemingly unimportant, but which had issues of life and death in it.

The day before, a bank had been robbed in Western Missouri by a singularly bold device, gagging and chlorforming being a part of the means employed—means so energetic in fact, that when the unfortunate cashier was found and released the next day, the drug and the gag had been too much for him. This addition of murder to the enormous theft, and the extraordinary heavy reward offered, had naturally set the detectives on the *qui vive*; and at that very hour groups of men like these were inspecting hotel registers and baggage, and new arrivals in all cities three hundred miles around. The despatch that came over the wires to St. Louis said: "Principal man short, thick-set, English in appearance, with sharp voice, well dressed, fond of talking politics, slippery as an eel." And that was the flattering appearance attached to our Brother Larkins, who had come that very day from Western Missouri, and was as loquacious on the subject of the robbery as every man is in such a case who has a good listener. So he talked in a gay, unrestrained manner, while the man who sat by his side rattled something in his pocket that might have been specie, and might be something else.

The theatre that evening presented unusual attractions, and together the two newly-made friends wended their way, purchasing reserved seats of the hotel clerk, and sitting together in the box. At every interval in the play the conversation was renewed, designed on the one part to draw out Brother Larkin from his apparent reserve, on the other, merely to wile away the dull evening. It is a serious matter in St. Louis "to arrest the wrong man." Colonel Westcott therefore plied all the arts of social life upon his victim, and when at the close of the play he found himself making no headway in the direction he was pursuing, an invitation to wine and oysters followed as the next move. As the two entered the brilliant saloon, the favourite resort of the *bon-vivant* of St. Louis, the other two members of the group were close behind them, and the toils were compassing our friend, although totally unaware of his danger. Every means was now attempted by Colonel Westcott to throw him off his guard and elicit something that would connect him with the great bank robbery, but in vain. The loquacious fellow, warm with wine and good fellowship, was not to be entrapped into a word implicating him in an affair of which indeed he knew nothing except the extravagant rumours current among the passengers. And still the Colonel rattled something in his pocket that might have been specie and might have been something else. It was quite midnight when they returned to the hotel, the other members of the group being already there reinforced by several of their own class.

And now came the consummation. A hurried conference among the detectives while Brother Larkin was asking the usual question of the clerk relative to hotel trains, &c., and Col. Westcott walked straight to his victim, laid his hand decidedly upon his shoulder and said, "Tom Brailey, you are my prisoner."

If the reader has ever had the heavy grip of a sheriff's officer laid upon him he will bear witness to its ponderosity and the utter feeling of helplessness that momentarily follows. Brother Larkin was a man constitutionally brave, himself

a major in the late war, who had seen service in well-fought fields, but he may be pardoned for blenching a moment and even cowering under the unexpected blow.

"Is this a jest, Col. Westcott?"

"No jest, Tom Brailey, my name is Carroll, and I am a detective, these gentlemen are also detectives and we are bound to have you."

"What is the charge?"

"Will you go with us peaceably?"

"What is the charge? Don't you dare to lay your hand on me again until you explain the charge and show your authority."

Our hero had by this time backed into a corner out of which opened the door to the baggage room. On one side of him was the high desk of the book-keeper, and the passage way was so blocked up with large trunks on the other hand, that his own portly form occupied the whole entrance. As he stood facing the chief detective, his eye now kindled up with a sense of the deceit that had been practiced on him all the evening, he was undoubtedly a dangerous subject.

Evidently the detectives so viewed it for the spokesman dropped his tone.

"Now Tom Brailey."

"My name is not Tom Brailey. You will see my name in the register George Alexander Larkin; I have ample papers about me to prove my identity. Had you asked it instead of playing the dirty sneak all the evening as you have, I should have satisfied you in five minutes. But now explain the charge and show your authority, or the first man who lays hands on me dies the death."

And the display of a pocket six-shooter, and the sharp click of its lock, and the steady aim from an arm, brawny and untrembling that bore directly upon the officer's head, served to clench these bold words. A dead silence of a minute ensued. A brief conference with the landlord who was watching the proceedings, and the officer yielded; he exhibited the telegrams he had received, showed the marked resemblance between the bank-robber and our excited friend, proved his own identity by the testimony of the landlord, and in a conciliatory tone requested that no further defence be made.

So Brother Larkin consented to accompany the party to the house of detention. Placing his pocket-book in the hands of the clerk and restoring his pistol to his pocket, he had moved a few steps towards the door, when a new and more startling incident was added to the drama. The chief detective drew from his own pocket the rattling objects which might have been specie but proved to be handcuffs, and began to arrange them for use upon our Brother's hands.

All the soul of the outraged man now rose in arms. He sprang back to his corner at a bound, prostrating one of the officers in the act. He again drew his pistol, cocked it at a motion and fired upon the officious detective with so good an aim as to knock the hat from his head; an inch lower would have made a vacancy in that department forever. Cocking the dangerous little machine again, he held it forward and "Now which of you are ready for your coffins?" he boldly said.

The report of the pistol called down from their rooms in an incredibly short space of time a score of travellers. The police from the streets gathered in like eagles to their prey. Before the smoke of that first discharge had dispersed, the office was crowded with persons, crowded all but that handy nook in which was ensconced our friend Larkin, who still gaily and invitingly said:

"Who will be the next? my hand is in now and I never miss my shot twice."

A venerable man, grey haired and mild, evidently a preacher, proposed a compromise.

"I consented to the arrest. I started peaceably to go with that man. He had a number of men to help him, yet he was about to hand-cuff me, that is an indignity that can only be inflicted on my corpse. One step nearer and you die." This last remark to the *ci-devant* Col. Westcott, who was quietly slipping upon his prey. The detective hastily slipped back.

"Tell us who you are," said the grey-haired man of peace. "Commit no murder if you are innocent, I for one, will stand by you."

(To be continued.)

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Week ending April 26.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. New drama, "Sithors to Grind."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. Mr. E. Falconer's new drama "Killarney."

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Scitou Parry. Mr. J. K. Emmett in "Fritz, our Cousin German."

THEATRE ROYAL Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Freese. Burlesque of "The Corsican Brothers," and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artistes and Easter Programme.

NEW STAR MUSIC HALL, Williamson-square.—Manager, Bro. Saunders. Opera, and Special Easter Attractions.

ROTUNDA THEATRE and MUSIC HALL.—Proprietor, Mr. D. Grannel. Miscellaneous Entertainments.

QUEEN'S HALL, Mr. Harry Listons' "Merry Moments."

MINOR ST. JAMES HALL. Professor Hermann's Illusions

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1873.

THE ABERDEEN RECORDS.

THE QUESTION OF HEREDITARY GRAND MASTER.

Bro. J. S. B., of No. 175, has thought fit to question the remarks made by a member of the "German Masonic Union" (to which society I have the honour to belong), and claiming an equal right with him to speak pro or con respecting any matter of Masonic interest, I respectfully beg to support my fellow member—whoever he may be—and to strongly object to the method Bro. J. S. B. has taken to ventilate his opinions. So far as his belief is concerned, that, of course, mainly depends upon the evidence he has had submitted to him; but seeing that evidently the

chief documents relating to the question have not been studied by him, he really should first have examined them, and then stated his views if they were not in agreement with the writer's. Study first and write afterwards is our motto, and surely it is one that will commend itself to Bro. J. S. B., and all other Masonic Students, who, like him and me, are anxious to gather information and discover the truth. Bro. J. S. B. tells us that there are "proofs open to any brother, if properly gone about," of there having been "a Hereditary Grand Master of the Scottish Masons." The proof he submits is "an old Masonic Record, written about the middle of last century," which is in his possession, and from which he quotes at length an account of the origin of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I take it that the old Masonic Record he has is simply a transcript from the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion," first published at Edinburgh, A.D. 1761, and of which we have a copy. The "Record" and the "Pocket Companion of 1761" read just word for word, and this confirms me in my belief as to the origin of the M.S. Bro. J. S. B. possesses. About the "middle of the last century" is then a fair guess, and we may accordingly leave the date to stand as an approximation. Now, what do the "Record" and "Pocket Companion" say on the subject? namely as follows:—"That King James I. was the 'Royal Grand Master' of the craft, attended the lodges, and appointed a yearly sum to be paid to a Grand Master chosen by the brethren. William St. Clair, Earl of Orkney, &c., became Grand Master by authority of King James II., and subsequently by virtue of the same power that office was made hereditary to the heirs and successors of the said Barony of Roslin. The Barons of Roslin, having ever since continued to support and countenance the Craft as Grand Masters, assembled their Grand Lodge at Kilwinning, gave authority to the lodge at Kilwinning to erect lodges (as Grand Masters), and until William Sinclair, of Roslin, having no children of his own, resigned his distinguished and hereditary rights into the hands of the Craft, A.D. 1736." Now it is easy to prove all these statements respecting the Craft to be entirely wrong, and a most unwarrantable misrepresentation of the true facts of the case.

(a) King James I. was never "Grand Master," no such title ever having been used until A.D. 1717. If such a cognomen was known or used before by the ancient Freemasons, whose documents and charges exist to this day, and date from the fourteenth century at least, then let the same be pointed out. I have published over a dozen complete MSS., and am familiar with all the rest known, and will forfeit a hundred pounds to our charities if the appointment of "Grand Master" can be traced prior to the last century. Remember, I go in thoroughly for the antiquity of Freemasonry, but not of such titles, &c., as Grand Master, Grand Lodge, and the King James' being Grand Masters, and such like nonsense.

(b) What record is there of King James I. attending a lodge? Please, Bro. P. S. B., produce the minute.

(c) What MS. mentions a yearly sum to be paid to the Grand Master during James I.'s reign? I have copies of all the MSS. as yet traced in Scotland anterior to 1736 relative to

Masonry, but they contain no such clause. In which MS. or record are the dues mentioned as payable to such an officer?

(d) The so-called "old record" declares the G.M. was to be chosen by the brethren, and then almost directly afterwards states that the Earl of Orkney received his appointment as G.M. from the King! When was the one law made, and the alteration of it affected? Who can tell? The answer will be the same as to the inquiry, "What were the first words Adam said to Eve?" nobody knows.

(e) In the first Charter, of A.D. 1600 (*circa*), no word is said about the Earl of Orkney whatever; and in the second Charter, of about A.D. 1628, although the Lords of Roslin are mentioned as 'patrones and protectoris,' there is no reference made to the authority of King James II., and on neither of the Roslin Charters does the office of Grand Master appear. It is true that in the later MS. a fire is noted, which consumed the documents said to contain certain grants made to the Roslin family, but in the earlier Charter no such conflagration is recorded; and, what is more remarkable still, the date of the fire is not chronicled, and as the editor of the "Genealogie of the Saint-Clares of Rosslyn," (Edinburgh, 1835), has noted "these particular writings were consumed, and yet all the remaining Charters, forming a complete chartulary of Rosslyn escaped!" Surely such a lame story as this cannot be accepted by Masonic students without other testimony to its truth than is afforded in the second Charter? Another fact must be remembered, viz., If the office of Grand Master was really hereditary at the period mentioned, then the Earl of Orkney (the representative of the elder branch of the St. Clairs) had the power to convey his privileges (if such conveyance had been provided for, which was not the case) to other parties, and not the representative of the younger branch of the same family. Father Richard Augustus Hay, Prior of St. Pieremont, never mentions any other documents than these two charters as illustrative of the connection of the St. Clairs with Masonry, and even this writer's transcripts are not exactly correct—so Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Scottish Masonic historian, informs me, as he has compared the Hay MSS., in Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, with the originals in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. As full particulars of these valuable documents will be given in my friend's forthcoming History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, as also fac-similes, I need not now allude any further to them, excepting to draw attention to the fact that the Charter of A.D. 1628 (*circa*) was by the authority of the Hammermen as well as the Masons, and so it is not for the latter to claim any exclusive interest in it, but only in common with the Hammermen; and hence, if the Charter proves the Masons of that period had the honour of having Hereditary Grand Masters to rule over them, so also had the Hammermen. The truth is neither had such a distinction conferred upon them at any time, but simply patrons, protectors, judges and such like were elected and appointed to manage and control the Masons and other crafts.

(f) No record exists of any Grand Lodge having been held by the St. Clairs at Kilwinning, and

the minute of the Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, of which we are one of the honorary members, and a diligent student of its records, never once alludes to any authority given it by the Grand Master of Scotland prior to the last century to constitute lodges.

(g) If Bro. J. S. B. will turn again to William St. Clair's deed of resignation (at page 115 *Masonic News*), dated 4th November, 1736, he will find that that distinguished brother does not refer to the Earl of Orkney, but only to his own immediate predecessors. William and Sir William St. Clairs, in whose favour the documents were drawn of 1600-1 and 1628-9, never once mentions the Grand Master as being hereditary in his, the younger branch of the Roslin family, and simply resigns the hereditary appointment for himself and his heirs of Patrons, Protectors, Judges, or Masters of the Masons of Scotland. He resigned the office, but not in any one's favour.

I think, then, brother J. S. B. will see he has not submitted any proof that the member of the "German Masonic Union" was wrong in his statement, but, on the contrary, the "deed of resignation" of 1736 establishes the fact, that there was no "Hereditary Grand Master," such as is understood by so grand a title.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

CIRCULAR ISSUED TO FREEMASONS UNDER THE SCOTTISH JURISDICTION.

THE EVILS OF THE PROXY SYSTEM IN THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND THEIR REMEDY.

Nothing has been more detrimental to the interests of Freemasonry in Scotland than the Proxy System in the Grand Lodge. What this system is may be made clear by a very brief statement; and that statement will of itself sufficiently show that great evils might very readily arise from it, as in fact they have arisen and long prevailed. Theoretically, the constitution of the Grand Lodge is this, that it consists of the Masters and Wardens of all the lodges holding charters from the Grand Lodge, three representatives from each lodge, viz., the Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens. Were this the actual constitution of the Grand Lodge, the Freemasons of Scotland would be fairly represented in it, and their interests would be safe under it. But its actual constitution is very different; because any lodge that chooses to do so is permitted to appoint a Proxy Master, instead of its actual Master, to be one of its representatives in the Grand Lodge, and the Proxy Master, so soon as he is appointed, has power to nominate two Proxy Wardens, who, with himself, become members of the Grand Lodge. Any Master Mason holding diploma of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is eligible as a Proxy Master or Proxy Warden; and thus a lodge may be represented—and this is very often the case—by brethren who are in no way connected with it, who never were present at one of its meetings, and who are personally unknown to any of its members. It is easy to see that this system opens a wide and ready door for great abuses; and it is hardly possible to imagine any greater than those which have actually grown out of it, and now exist, as they have existed for many years. It is worthy of observation that, in the Grand Lodge of England, than which no Grand Lodge has ever been better worked, there is no Proxy System, but it consists of actual Masters, Past Masters, and actual Wardens only. Were the Proxy System abolished, a new character would be given to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and new life to Scottish Freemasonry. We have given notice of a motion for its abolition,

which will come on for consideration at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, to be held in May 1873, in terms as follows:—

"That the Grand Lodge of Scotland, from and after the beginning of the next Masonic year, be composed entirely of Right Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and actual Wardens only."

But the number of Proxy Members in the Grand Lodge is so great, that we can hardly hope for its immediate success; and look for the accomplishment of this great and most desirable object to the combined action of the Freemasons of Scotland, and their assertion of their rights in securing the representation of their lodges by their actual Masters and Wardens. So deeply-rooted is the Proxy System, and so long continued has it been, that many lodges elect their Proxy Master quite regularly, and as a matter of course—their members seeming to think that it is a Masonic duty, like the election of the Office-bearers of the lodge. Other lodges, however, often make no such appointment for many years, and only do so when specially invited to do it by some one who has an interest in carrying some question in the Grand Lodge, and suggests to them for election a brother on whose vote he knows that he can depend. Thus it sometimes happens that the probable votes of the members of the Grand Lodge being considered, and it being found that some votes are wanted to turn the scale, letters are sent to brethren in different parts of the country, suggesting the appointment of Proxy Masters by the lodges to which they belong, and giving the names of the persons whose appointment is desired. The wish expressed is generally complied with; all the more readily, because the Proxy Master is expected to pay the annual fee to the Grand Lodge for the lodge which he represents. A law recently passed by the Grand Lodge, that the Masters and Wardens of lodges must pay the Grand Lodge fees, whether present or absent, whether represented or not, may, perhaps, slightly abate the existing evil, by securing the constant representation, in one way or other, of almost all lodges, so that it will not be so easy, as it has hitherto been, to pack the Grand Lodge by sending down to fifteen or twenty lodges in towns or villages, getting as many Proxy Masters appointed, and bringing them with their thirty or forty Proxy Wardens to the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, for the sake of their votes on a particular question. But only the entire abolition of the Proxy System can effect a thorough cure, and place Freemasonry in Scotland in a position worthy of its ancient reputation. The Grand Lodge can never be, properly speaking, the representative body which it ought to be, so long as its members are mostly members of Edinburgh Lodges, and a large proportion of them members of one particular lodge. Were the Masters and Wardens of Provincial Lodges to attend its Quarterly Communications in person, they would carry with them to their own lodges new information and new ideas, the affairs of the Grand Lodge would become known throughout the whole country, and the general opinion of the Brotherhood would be brought to bear on the determination of all important questions coming before it. It could no longer be ruled by a small clique, concocting measures in private, counting votes, writing letters to all parts of the country to secure the appointment of new members, and virtually nominating them. For the honour of Freemasonry we almost hesitate to state—and if it were any secret we would not state—that it has been common, not only for Proxy Masters, appointed by Country Lodges to represent them in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to pay the fees due for the lodge, but also for the money to be supplied for this purpose by those who had need of their services in the Grand Lodge. Thus it has been managed:—A brother, having a particular purpose in view, attends the meeting of a lodge. He mentions the subject which he has at heart in private and confidential communication with a few brethren. He finds their views accordant with his own, and says—"Would you like to be a member of the Grand Lodge?" Receiving a reply in the affirmative, he says that the thing can be accomplished immediately. Brother

A. B. may be at once appointed Proxy Master of Ochterbury, but Brother A. B. must pay the fees for the Ochterbury Lodge. Brother A. B. has not a well-replenished purse, but his friend helps him. He will pay the fees. And so the little matter is adjusted. Brother A. B. becomes a member of the Grand Lodge, and votes there, according to the vote of the Brother to whom he is indebted for this honour. He sees that Brother hold up his right hand and holds up his own right hand accordingly. This it was stipulated that he should do, and this he does. He is a member of the Grand Lodge, and all men—particularly all Freemasons—must honour him. It may be, however, that he has never been elected to the lowest office in his own lodge—never has been thought worthy of it. And, in fact, many men have been made members of the Grand Lodge whom their own lodges never thought worthy of election to any office. A man may be made a Mason to-night, and, after being made, may be asked if he would like to be a member of the Grand Lodge; and on his replying in the affirmative, he is made a Proxy Master or Warden at once, with the condition, however, that he is to vote in a certain way, and to hold up his right hand when he sees a certain right hand held up. Yet this man is called to judge in the most difficult and important questions, of Freemasonry, although he is a novice and utterly ignorant of all that concerns these questions or the interests of the Order. The worst of the matter is, that his fees are paid for him, so that votes in the Grand Lodge are really purchased by those who have an interest in so doing. It is impossible to imagine any abuse worse than this; and yet this has existed for a long time, and may not, perhaps, be very easily done away with. We have heard of cases in which a Freemason could not answer the most simple questions, so as to become admissible to any lodge, and yet he was a member of the Grand Lodge. We need not say more to show the badness of the present system, which we hope will soon be reformed.

We hope you will consider these things, and do all you can to support and assist us in the object we have in view, and especially by attending in person at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in May, that you may vote in favour of our motion. We suppose you are aware that, if your lodge is at present represented by a Proxy Master and Wardens, you have the power of cancelling their appointment—giving one month's written notice to the present Proxy Master, and also to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge—and then you are entitled to take your own place in the Grand Lodge, to vindicate your own rights for the present time, and to secure for yourself and your successors the enjoyment of them for the future.

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) I. T. DOUGLAS,
R.W.M. No. 48.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

The presentation of an address and testimonia to Bro. Francis Quin, Past Grand Organist of the Masonic Body in Ireland, took place on the 1st inst., in the Freemason's Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, in acknowledgment of his lengthened services as Grand Organist to the Masonic Order in that city. There was a numerous and highly respectable attendance of the subscribers. At five o'clock, on the motion of Bro. Warren, D.L., High Sheriff, seconded by Bro. Lucius H. Deering, Rep. from the G.L. of Louisiana, the chair was taken by The Hon. Judge Townshend, P.D.G.M.

There were also present—
Lord Athlumney, S.G.W.; Master Burke, G. T.; John Dunn, Mus. Doc., G.O.; C. T. Walmsley, D.G.S.; George A. Stephens, G.S.W.; Dr. Cameron, S.G.D.; S. B. Oldham, A.G.S.; E. H. Kinahan, ex-High Sheriff, City of Dublin; Charles Capel MacNamara; Robert Warren, High Sheriff, County Dublin; G. Alexander, No. 4; Arthur Andrews, No. 4; R.O. Armstrong, G.M.L.; George C. Armstrong, G.M.L.; E. J. Armstrong, J.P., No. XII.; H. O. Barber, LL.D., No. 143; Archdeacon Butson, G.M.L.; R. W.

Boyle, No. 143; Captain Davoren, No. 728; Andrew Brown, D.L., P.G.M., South Connaught; J. R. Carroll, G.M.L.; John Cronyn, M.D., No. 141; M. Chamberlaine, No. 494; Samuel Dobbyn, No. IV.; Thomas A. Jones, P.R.H.A., G.M.L.; William Deaker, No. IV.; L. H. Deering, No. 143; William Fetherston-H., P.G.M., Meath; William Findlater, No. 50; Thomas Fry, J.P. No. 50; H. Hodges, IV.; John Hill, C.E., No 60; H. C. Hoyte, J.P., G.M.L.; Emanuel Hutchins, J.P., No. 728; Keith Hallows, G.M.L.; E. M. Hodgson, No. 125; John Hemley, G.M.L.; James Ireland, No. IV.; James Jameson, G.M.L.; G. Johnston, M.D., No. 141; Maziere Johnston, No. 50; H. B. Johnston, No. 141; G. H. Kidd, M.D., G.M.L.; R. O. Longfield, G.M.L.; J. Vokes Mackey, J.P., No. 50; James D. Mitchell, No. 143; Henry McCormick, IV.; Benjamin Mullin, IV.; Edward Peele, No. 50; R. W. Smyth, No. 50; E. W. Maunsell, No. 33; William Miller, No. 25; George Moyers, No. 25; G. B. Owens, M.D., J.P., No. 143; P. Doulton, G.M.L.; W. R. Payne, No. 143; G. H. Porter, M.D. G.M.L.; John Ringland, M.D.; Francis M. Scott, No. 50; A. St. George, No. 143; William Thompson, No. 50; G. S. Warren, G.M.L.; H. Wilson, G.M.L.; W. T. Welland, G.M.L.; Thomas Wilson, No. 50; J. W. Zurhorst, VI.; and others.

Letters of apology were received from the following brethren:—

Bros. M. C. Close, D.L., P.G.M. Armagh; Right Hon. Major-General Dunne, P.G.M., Midland Counties; Hon. David Plunket, M.P., J.G.D.; Edmond J. Armstrong, J.P. XII.; Alderman Manning, Grand Director of Ceremonies; P. C. Smyly, M.D., Secretary G.M.L.; J. R. Nagle, M.D. No. 242; R. B. De Burgh, No. 25; George Hepburn, G.S.B.; G. H. Major, G.M.L.; F. J. Lindsay, D.L., G.M.L., and others.

The Chairman said that he had been asked to take the chair on the present occasion, and he had very great pleasure—as well as feeling it a very great honor—to do so. He did not know whether because he was an old Past Grand Officer that he was called upon to preside on an occasion when they met to do honour to another Past Grand Officer, but in any case he was glad to preside on the present occasion. They were not always able to do what they wished to do, but they were all aware of the services Bro. Quin had rendered them as Grand Organist—that he had been at a great many of their festivities, and they all knew how greatly his musical talent had contributed to their amusement. They did not know how irksome it was for a gentleman who ought to seek relaxation after his day's labour, to come out to afford them amusement by an occupation which was anything but relaxation to the man whose business it was. Nevertheless, they must bear in mind that Bro. Quin had most cheerfully, courteously, and kindly done what he could to contribute to the pleasure of the Masonic Brethren (hear, hear). But many of them must know that Bro. Quin had been a most zealous and efficient Mason. He was a Mason of high standing, and he was secretary of one of the best worked Prince Mason's Chapters. That was a position that involved much trouble and anxiety, and most of them could testify to the fact. They could all testify to the kindness and courtesy which always distinguished that gentleman, and they felt that he was not merely a brother, but a gentleman, equal to move in any sphere of society, and not merely an agreeable, but a brotherly companion (hear, hear). He believed that the reason of Bro. Quin's retirement, and of their presentation, was chiefly owing to his failing health, and none could speak on that subject more than he (Judge Townshend) could himself, more especially when health interfered with the profession by which they were enabled to make their livelihood (hear, hear). They had, therefore, determined to present him with an address, which they would all say was very handsome, and a suitable present.

The address was read as follows:—

"To Bro. FRANCIS QUIN, Past Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Ireland, Member of the College of Philo-

sophical Masons, and P.S. and Secretary Prince Masons' Chapter, No. 5.

"Dear Bro. Quin,—Some of your friends in the Masonic Order, anxious to present to you some token of their respect and esteem, deem that your happy recovery from recent illness presents a favourable occasion for requesting your acceptance of the testimonial which they offer you herewith. They are convinced that you will regard this expression of their friendship and goodwill far more than the present which accompanies it. They, therefore, desire to record in this short address their approval of your honourable character, and their high estimation of the services you have rendered to our Order. Not only have you been an active, accomplished, and exemplary member of several of our Masonic bodies, but you have most readily given to our society the aid of your professional talents, not merely as Grand Organist of the Order in Ireland, for a period of nine years, but by kindly giving your gratuitous aid in the examination of the pupils of our Female Orphan School, and also in arranging and conducting the musical portion of the programmes at the annual meetings of the institution. The eminent success of the Masonic Glee Union, which owes its origin chiefly to you, is the best proof of your ability as a musician, and your deserved popularity in the Masonic Order of Dublin.

Wishing you prolonged health, prosperity, and happiness, we are, with fraternal salutations and greetings, dear Bro. Quin, most sincerely yours,

"T. FITZHENRY TOWNSEND, Chairman.

P. CRAMPTON SMYLY, }
J. VOKES MACKAY, } Hon. Secretaries.

SAMUEL B. OLDFHAM, Hon. Treasurer."

The Chairman then, amid loud applause, presented Bro. Quin with the illuminated address and a purse containing £150.

Bro. Quin replied as follows:—

"Right Worshipful Sir, and Brethren—For the many varied proofs of affection which, in my long connection with our beloved Order, I have received, none can be compared to that which on this occasion has assembled my brethren. When I became associated with the Craft in Dublin, it appeared to me that the refining gifts of my art might well be added to the sterling virtues of the Order; I, therefore, gladly placed at their service those gifts to the possession of which you have so kindly alluded. The handsome testimonial which you so generously offer me is, if possible, enhanced by the gracious moment you have selected for presenting it. In rendering thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for His mercies lately vouchsafed to me, I shall ever bear in mind this expression of your continued kindness. That my labours in Masonry and elsewhere have been perfumed by the incense of your approbation is an assurance which will cheer and encourage me in my future career. To you, personally, Right Worshipful Sir, I take this opportunity of acknowledging the invariable kindness which, during a period of fourteen years, I have constantly received from you, not only in the higher degrees of Masonry, but in my public life. To these you have now added a crowning proof of friendship in so kindly presiding on this, to me most flattering occasion. To you all, my brethren, I return my most grateful acknowledgments (loud applause).—I remain Right Worshipful Sir, and Brethren, yours, most faithfully

"FRANCIS QUIN, 30°.

"Past Grand Organist."

The second Masonic chair being taken by Lord Athlumney,

On the motion of Bro. Dr. Owens, J.P., seconded by Bro. George Moyers, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the prior chairman.

The Hon. Judge Townshend expressed his acknowledgments, and the proceedings terminated.

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OLD MINUTE BOOK.

In Halliwell's 2nd Edition of the Masonic Poems, in a foot-note it is stated "Mr. Black possesses a minute book of the Freemasons of Chester, of the beginning of the 10th century." Can any brother tell me who Mr. Black is, and where this minute book is to be seen, or found?

A MASONIC STUDENT.

A QUESTION FOR OUR DUTCH BRETHREN.

In an interesting pamphlet by Wilhelm Kesser, on the "Universal History of Freemasonry,"* some statements are made, apparently on the authority of the able Bro. George Kloss, which deserve careful consideration, and at any rate a distinct examination. It is there stated that there still exists in Holland, the original of what has been called the "Charter of Cologne," and certain memoranda, or minutes, of the Lodge "Het Vredendal, das Friedenthal" of the Hague, from 1637.

Among other documents are to be found, it is said:—

1. The original of the Constitutions of the "Amsterdam Vredendals," from 8th March, 1519, in English.

2. A list of all the members of this lodge from 1519 to 1601.

3. The original of the Cologne Charter, or parchment, in Latin; the text in the secret Mason writing, the signatures in the usual cursive characters, the most of the names being distinguished by signs, or marks.

Facsimiles of these papers, it is said, were distributed among the Dutch lodges by order of the then G.M. Prince Frederick. What I am anxious to know is, where can these facsimiles be seen? And where are the originals?

As regards the "Charter of Cologne" the general opinion of Masonic critics is certainly so far unfavourable, but, if the original exists the matter might be fairly re-considered.

We in England are so far interested in the matter, that, it is alleged "in the year 1519, the lodge of Friedentshal was established by Master John Allen from a London Lodge," and that this lodge lasted until 1601, when it was closed.

In 1637, the four still living brethren of it united with four other brethren at the Hague, in order again to open the lodge and did so, at the Hague, under the patronage of the then Stadtholder Frederick Henry, and called the lodge with his consent "Frederick's Vredendal."

It will be most interesting, therefore, if any Dutch Brother can verify the above statement; or if not, if he can say how much of it is in any way founded in fact; or whether we must treat the history and the somewhat romantic account of the discovery of Botzelaar's and Walekenaar's papers, as another Masonic myth. —A MASONIC STUDENT.

* Giassen, 1860.

Original Correspondence.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is the special desire of Mark Master Masons to work harmoniously with their brethren of the Craft, and to avoid giving them offence in anywise.

It is, therefore, unfortunate that your reporter, in giving an account of the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire, should have omitted the word "Mark," and thereby have given occasion for the protest of "a P.P.G.O., for West Yorkshire," which appears in your paper of last Saturday.

In the Mark Degree, the word "Mark" is used before the title of every Officer and the name of every lodge, so as to make a proper distinction between the Mark Degree and the Craft.

I have already shown you how the word is used in the name of a lodge, the Master of that lodge is the Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason for West Yorkshire, the Wardens are Prov. G. Mark Wardens, the Treasurer is the Prov. G. Mark Treasurer, and others. This is clearly set forth in the Book of Mark Constitutions (I have the 1872 edition before me now), and should be strictly followed.

No possible advantage to Mark Masonry could accrue by the usurpation of titles appertaining to an older body than Grand Mark Lodge, and let me assure "a P.P.G.O. for West Yorkshire" that there is not even the smallest intention or wish to do so.

Mark Master Masons are a powerful organisation, are daily increasing in numbers and importance, and have no need (even if they had the desire) to seek adventitious aid by any questionable or dishonourable proceedings.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours Fraternally,

JAMES W. SMITH.

G.M. Steward, Prov. G.M. Sec. (Kent).

ROYAL ARCH CEREMONIES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you grant me a small space in the *Freemason* to enable me to reply to the questions put by "Cheshire."

1st. The first Principal "Z" should never be addressed by himself. All communications should be made to the three Principals as if the three were one person. Their title is "Excellent Principals." They are not entitled to the prefix "Most" either collectively or individually.

The summons should be issued by command of the "Excellent Principals," not by that of the "M.E.Z.;" there is, in fact, no such person as M.E.Z. in a private Royal Arch Chapter.

With regard to Cheshire's 2nd question, I will not, at present, offer any remarks, as it is a subject on which I want more light myself.

Yours fraternally,

G. SHANKS, 18° K.M.,

Past J. of Prov. G. Chap., Devon.

PROV. G. LODGE OF CORNWALL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have not the pleasure of knowing Bro. Hughan personally, though I have frequently derived much pleasure and information from a perusal of his Masonic writings; but, notwithstanding my high opinion of his Masonic lore, what he has written at page 244 (ante) has not had the effect of changing my opinion, but rather strengthening it. Acting on his advice I have re-perused the report of this Prov. Grand Lodge, at page 202 (ante), and I still find that it is there called a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge; at which (*inter alia*) the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe the Prov. G.M. designate, and Bro. Reginald Rogers, Prov. D.G.M., were present, the latter presiding by reason of the inability of the Prov. G.M. to do so, until his Installation, besides which all the other Prov. G. Officers are described by their official titles as present officers.

The report in your paper seems to have mixed up the private meeting and the so-called Prov. Grand Lodge meeting which was held subsequently, and although the distinction is now pointed out by Bro. Hughan, it does not alter my opinion one jot; for no Prov. Grand Lodge can be held until the Prov. G.M. has been installed. It therefore follows that the election of Treasurer and the investment of the other officers are invalid. I fancy a mistake has been committed, and I think Bro. Hughan is also of that opinion, for in the last ten lines of his letter he says, "I am not myself clear on the point, but I rather incline to believe that the Province, Masonically speaking, does not exist until the installation of the Prov. G.M. is an accomplished fact." That is it. Bro. Hughan has hit the right nail on the head at last, for that is the sum total of my contention.

The Prov. G.M. has no legal status until he has been installed, and Bro. Rogers has no official existence as D.G.M. until he has been invested by the Prov. G.M. in a legally constituted Prov. G. L.

A familiar instance of this exists in the Mark G. L. Earl Percy is elected G.M.; but as he has never been installed, he cannot act. Again: a Brother can be elected or appointed to an office—say, for instance, the W.M. of a Lodge—but he cannot exercise the functions of that office until he has been installed. A justice of the peace may be appointed, or a town councillor elected, but they cannot act until they have qualified, or, in other words, been installed. Again: a clergyman may be appointed to a living, but he cannot legally perform all the functions of his office until he has been inducted, or read in. I could multiply instances of the kind but I think it unnecessary. With respect to Bro. Rogers, the same reasoning applies; for, as the old Prov. G. L. ceased to exist on the death of the late Prov. G.M. (see Book of Constitutions, page 55), no Prov. D.G.M. can exist until the new Prov. G.M. makes a fresh appointment, and that appointment is of no force until he has been invested; for it needs installation to complete the title of the Prov. G.M. to his office, and it needs investment to do the like for all his subordinate officers. The registering in London amounts to nothing.

I am decidedly of opinion that the laws passed at the so-called meeting are invalid, by reason of their having been passed at an unformed lodge; and I would strongly recommend the Prov. G. Sec. to have them again passed at the first legally constituted lodge that may be held; for no fund of benevolence can be legally constituted, or laws passed, unless in the manner pointed out by the Book of Constitutions (page 53, Article 4), which must be done at a Prov. G. L. regularly convened for that purpose; and it naturally follows, that if the Prov. G. L. at which they are passed is informal, they are not worth the paper on which they are written.

In answer to Bro. Hughan's last question, it will be seen from the foregoing remarks that I am of opinion that no Prov. G. L. acquires a legal existence until the Prov. G.M. has been installed.

My Cornish Brethren, especially Bro. Hughan, will, I hope, not feel offended with me, as I am only anxious that all things should be done decently and in order, and that if a mistake has been committed, it should at once be set right, rather than have an objection raised at some future time, impeaching the validity of these bye-laws.

Yours fraternally,

H.

FAITH LODGE, No. 141.

To the Editor of The *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The attention of members of the above Lodge has been directed to a statement in your Journal, to the effect, that a widow of a member of the Faith Lodge, 141, was voted the sum of £200.

The lodge not having had an application to the Board of Benevolence for any member or widow, and the announcement having taken the lodge by surprise, I am desired to request you to rectify the error, it not being desirous of accepting honour where it is not due. The whole credit belongs to the lodge making the application, and should be given there, and not to the Faith Lodge, No. 141.

Apologising for trespassing on your valuable page

Believe me to be yours faithfully,

J. A. ELLIS, P.M., Sec.

THE INHABITANTS' LODGE, GIBRALTAR.

To the Editor of The *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am directed by the W.M., and the Officers of the Inhabitants' Lodge (No. 153), on behalf of their Lodge, to state that the Brethren have read with feelings of surprise the report of the consecration of the new Lodge-room in Gibraltar, as contained in your issue of the 22nd ult.

Whilst paying a just and merited tribute to Bro. Morgan for his zeal in Masonry, the members of the Inhabitants' Lodge cannot but say that they fail to understand the reasons why

their Lodge has been made to occupy so secondary a position.

In the negotiations relative to the securing of the rooms, and other matters connected therewith, the services of the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge were equally unremitting as those of the Brethren who are made to occupy so prominent a part in the report. The Inhabitants' Lodge takes an equally important position as the St. John's Lodge as regards Masonry generally; and the Brethren are assured that no one more than the Brethren of St. John's regret that the claims of the Inhabitants' Lodge have been omitted.

There are other details that have occupied the attention of the Brethren relative to the report in question, but upon which it is perhaps not necessary to animadvert in your journal. They therefore desire, with your permission, to respectfully protest against the very partial report, and, what they cannot but consider as a want of judgment, and an exhibition of bad taste on the part of your correspondent.

I am, Sir, Yours fraternally,

F. J. WILLIAMSON.

Sec. Lodge 153.

UNAUTHORISED OFFICES

To the Editor of The *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the question asked by B.E.T.A. as to whether "Senior Grand Warden" or "Grand Senior Warden" is correct (see *Freemason* for March 15, 1873), the Book of Constitutions, under the head of Public Ceremonies, gives the title as "Senior Grand Warden," and we, of course, ought to accept this as correct.

M. J. M.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. F. W. ELLIS, OF LODGE No. 823.

Death has again struck down suddenly a brother in the Masonic circle in Liverpool, causing a blank which will be realised for some time. Bro. F. W. Ellis, of Rice House, Walton, who has been for about five years a highly respected, esteemed, and valuable member of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, died suddenly at Buxton, on the 5th inst., and in accordance with his express desire, the funeral, which took place at Walton, on Tuesday last, the 8th inst., was attended by a large number of his Masonic brethren of the "Everton" and accompanied by Masonic ceremonial. A lodge of emergency was held in the morning at the Masonic Temple Hope-street, and was opened by Bro. J. Holland, W.M. who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. W. Crane, P.M.; T. Shaw, S.D.; J. Davies, J. Brooksbank, C. Tyler, S. R. Wild, J. B. Jefferey, J. M. Browne, Cave, G. Graham, T. Bloomfield, J. Holden, W. Atherton, P. W. Oglesby, J. Houlding, E. Morgan, C. C. Medcalf, T. H. Careful, and others. After the lodge had been formally opened and the dispensation had been read, the brethren proceeded to Walton to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed brother. Here they were joined by a large number of other brethren, and the procession as it moved from the deceased's late residence to the place of sepulture attracted a large crowd of spectators. The Brethren appeared in full Craft Masonic clothing, and as they gathered round the open grave the sight was exceedingly impressive. After the W.M. (Bro. Holland) had directed the attention of the Brethren to the uncertainty of life, and its solemn lessons, he pronounced the usual Masonic invocations, to which the Brethren responded in fitting terms, and with Masonic honours. During the ceremony the Secretary advanced to the open grave, and threw in a scroll (with the usual forms), bearing the following inscription:—"Bro. F. W. Ellis, Member of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons, initiated and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the year of our Lord, 1868; died at Buxton, on the 5th day of April, 1873, and was interred at Walton Church, on the 8th day of April, 1873. Joseph

Holland, W.M." The W.M. then repeated in an audible voice, "Glory be to God on high! on earth peace, goodwill towards men!" To which the Brethren responded, "So mote it be now, from henceforth, and for evermore." The Master then concluded in the following terms:—

"From time immemorial it has been a custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a Brother on his death-bed, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment; and there to deposit his remains with the usual formalities.

"In conformity with this usage, and at the special request of our deceased Brother, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we deplore, we are here assembled in the character of Masons, to resign his body to the earth whence it came, and to offer up to his memory, before the world, the last tribute of our fraternal affection; thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our past esteem, and our inviolable attachment to the principles of the Order.

"With all proper respect to the established customs of the country in which we live, with due reference to our superiors in Church and State, and with unlimited good-will to all mankind we here appear clothed as Masons, and publicly express our submission to order and good government, and our wish to promote the general interests of mankind. Invested with the badge of innocence, we humbly bow to the universal Parent, implore His blessing on all our zealous endeavours to extend peace and good-will and earnestly pray for His grace to enable us to persevere in the principles of piety and virtue.

"The Great Creator having been pleased, out of His mercy to remove our worthy Brother from the cares and troubles of this transitory life, to a state of eternal duration, and thereby to weaken the chains by which we are united man to man; may we, who survive him, anticipating our approaching fate, be more strongly cemented in the ties of union and friendship; and during the short space which is allotted to our present existence, wisely and usefully employ our time in the reciprocal intercourse of kindly and friendly acts, and mutually promote the welfare and happiness of each other.

"Unto the grave we have resigned the body of our deceased friend, there to remain until the general resurrection; in favourable expectation that his immortal soul will then partake of the joys which have been prepared for the righteous from the beginning of the world: and may Almighty God, of His infinite goodness, at the grand tribunal of unbiassed justice, extend His mercy towards him and all of us, and crown our hope with everlasting bliss, in the expanded realms of a boundless eternity? This we beg for the honour of His Name, to whom be glory, now and for ever. Amen."

During the ceremony sprigs of acacia were thrown into the open grave by the W.M. and several of the Brethren. After the funeral a cold collation was provided for the Brethren who were present.

The funeral arrangements were conducted by Bro. Holland, of Pembroke-Place, Liverpool.

Masonic Tidings.

BRITISH, FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the next meeting of the Lodge of Instruction, held under warrant from the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, at the Masons' Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, on Wednesday, April 23rd, commencing at 6 p.m., by the following Brethren, viz: James H. Coates, W.M. 949 (in the chair); R. Humphrey, W.M., 97, P.G. St.; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; R. Hudson, P.M., 949, P.G.D. of C.; W. Liddell, P.M. 949, P.G.J.D.; and Geo. Young, 80, P.G. St.

We regret to hear that, in consequence of increasing years, the Rev. J. Huyshe has been compelled to resign his office as Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire. He will, however, be worthily succeeded by Capt. Tanner Davy, of Rose Ash, Southmolton. We may add that Capt. Tanner Davy introduced the Mark Degree into this Province by establishing the

Senior Lodge, Fortescue No. 9, Southmolton; and to this fact is due the recommendation of the Rev. J. Huyshe that he should be succeeded by the gentleman now nominated. The new Provincial Grand Mark Master will be formally installed at Plymouth about the end of the present month. Colonel Elliott has kindly consented to act as Deputy G.M.M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—At the regular meeting of the Victoria Lodge (No. 1) on the last lodge night, the following Officers were elected:—Bro. F. W. Williams, W.M.; Bro. John Weiler, S.W.; Bro. R. Foster, J.W.; Bro. H. Jones, Treas. (re-elected); Bro. I. G. Vintner, Tyler (re-elected).—*Daily British Colonist.*

GOOD MASON—The good Mason is an example to his neighbours, and his name and character are proverbial. Those who are younger venerate him; his companions love him. In his family he is high without severity, and condescending without meanness; his commands are gentle; indeed, his wishes are his commands; for all are equally ready to answer his desires. To his wife he is the tender husband, not the usurping lord; to his children he is the kind providential father, not the domineering tyrant; to his servants he is equally the friend as the superior. Thus ruling, he is obeyed with cheerfulness; and thus his home is, whether a cottage or a palace, while he is present, the habitation of peace. When he leaves, it is with reluctance and when absent his return is expected with pleasing avidity.—*Inwood.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April, 25, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, April 19.

Audit Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, April 21.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
Plantagenet Red Cross Conclave, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, April 22.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.

" 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank.

Chapter 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florence Nighingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 23.

Lodge of Benevolence at 6.

" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.

" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.

" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-st. Deptford.

Chapter 13, Union of Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's Wood.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, April 24.

General Committee Girls' Schools, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

Lodge 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.

" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.

" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday April 25.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-street, City-rd.

569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.

Chap. 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggeidge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30 ; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8 ; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8 ; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom. Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7 ; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7 ; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7 ; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8 ; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross ; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8 ; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33. Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, April 26, 1873.

Monday, April 21.
 Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 Independence Lodge (721), Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction, (No. 823) Masonic Temple Liverpool at 7.30.
 Tuesday, April 22.
 Everton Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Hamer Lodge (No. 1393), 2a; Windermere-street Breck-road, Everton, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Wednesday, April 23.
 St. George's Lodge (No. 32), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 Lodge of Harmony (No. 220), Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
 Derby Lodge (No. 724), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Thursday, April 24.
 Chapter of Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.
 Downshire Lodge (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.
 Stanley Lodge (No. 1325), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
 Friday, April 25.
 Sefton Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April, 26, 1873.

Monday, April 21.
 Lodge 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.
 St. Mungo Encampment, Knights Templar, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.
 Tuesday, April 22.
 Lodge, 213, Athole, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st. Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
 Wednesday, April 23.
 Lodge 510, Maryhill, 167, Mann-st., Maryhill.
 Thursday, April 24.
 Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, Quarterly Communication, 213, Buchanan-street.
 Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.
 Friday, April 25.
 Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 Provincial Grand Chapter for Lanarkshire, 213, Buchanan-street.
 Saturday, April 26.
 Lodge St. John, Hollytown.
 " 153, Royal Arch, Pollockshaw's
 " 347, St. John's Operative, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

Special Convent General.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE.—Those Knights who attended the Meeting on the 7th inst., and omitted to sign the Attendance Books are requested to forward their names and Preceptor's that they may appear in the record of the proceedings.

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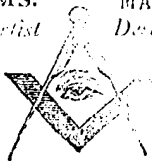
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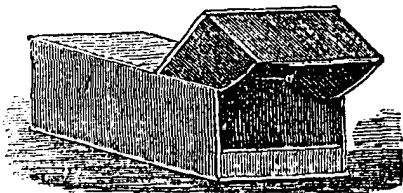
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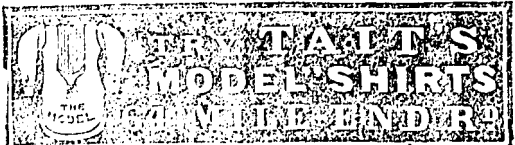
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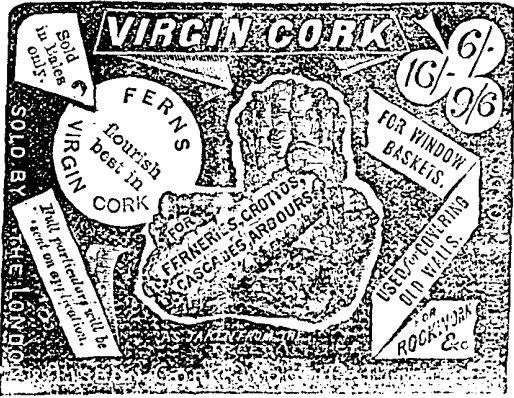
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE.—(No. 73).—The last regular meeting of the season of this old lodge was held on Tuesday, 15th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High Street, Southwark. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. J. Grace, W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. L. Dussek, S.W.; G. Morris, P.M. as J.W.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Gomme, S.D.; T. J. H. Wilkins, J.D.; J. H. Batten, P.G. Steward Middlesex, I.G.; C. Rayden, D.C.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; G. Free, P.M.; and others. There was a considerable amount of work, which was ably got through. Three members were raised, and Messrs. Eggesfield, Hole, and Stephens were duly initiated into ancient Masonry. The proposed bye-laws were read, and it was agreed to discuss them at the next meeting. A poor member was relieved with £5 from the charity fund. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed. It was agreed to hold some emergency meetings during the recess, so as to bring into operation the effects of the arduous duties so well performed by the committee who had been appointed to revise the bye-laws. The visitors were Bros. H. Bartlett, W. M. 147; J. Wavery, P.M. 619, P.M. 1178, and others.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Wednesday, 9th inst. The chair of K.S. was occupied by the W.M., Bro. W. Fleming, who was supported as follows:—Bros. W. Hall, I.P.M.; E. Airey, S.W.; J. L. Bradshaw, J.W.; E. Simpson, P.M. and Sec.; R. Jervis, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; W. Duff, I.G.; Past Masters J. Daniel Moore, P.G.S.B. of England; G. Kelland, J. L. Whimpray, F. Dean, J. Fenton, E. Storey, and a number of brethren, Bro. Jas. Taylor presiding at the organ. The usual business of the lodge was transacted and the ballot taken for Mr. Tewman Edmondson, proprietor of the Lancaster Observer, as a candidate for Freemasonry, which proved to be unanimous in his favour; and he being in attendance was in an emphatic manner duly initiated into the order by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. Airey, S.W., and the ancient charges read by Bro. W. Hall, I.P.M. Some discussion took place respecting alterations in the lodge room, and the musical arrangements, and a candidate having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in due form.

BRADFORD.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1018).—The installation meeting of this young but prosperous Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 9th inst., and there can be no better evidence of the progress of Freemasonry in this Province than the genuine prosperity of this Lodge. Only consecrated nine years ago, it musters a large and united band of brethren, to whom Freemasonry is no empty name, but who act together as one man in the endeavour to uphold and practice its noble principles. The ceremony of installation of Bro. Geo. Althorpe, the W.M. elect, was highly interesting, and the meeting one of the most successful that has been held in the district. There was a large attendance of the Brethren of the Lodge, and an unusually

large attendance of P.M.'s and W.M.'s of other lodges out of respect to the W.M. elect, amongst whom we noticed A. Nicholson, I.P.M., 1018; C. J. Bannister, P.M., and P.G.S.B. of England; C. F. Unna, W.M., Harmony, 600; J. Ambler, W.M., Pentalfa, 974; Manoah Rhodes, P.M., 302, P.P.G.S.W.; J. A. Unna, P.M., 600, P.P.G. Reg.; Wm. James, P.M., 1074, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Oddy, P.G. Chaplain; C. H. Taylor, P.M., 302, P.P.G.S.D.; W. W. Barlow, I.P.M., 302; James G. Hutchinson, P.M., 1034; J. Ahrons, P.M., 600; John Eaton, jun., P.M., 430; Thomas Johnson, P.M., 600; J. D. Sugden, P.M., 302; William Hodgson, P.M., 1034; John Dodd, P.M., 1018; I. Leeson, P.M. 974; Thomas Peel, P.M. 600, P.P.G. Registrar; Edward Clifton, P.M. 1018; Arthur Briggs, P.M. 974; Wm. Wroe, P.M. 1018; S. O. Bailey, P.M. 600, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Henry Ward, P.M. 1018; S. Barnsdorf, P.M. 600; F. Böurnfeldt, P.M. 1018; J. Bealand, P.M. 600; J. Dewhurst, P.M. 600; John Sutcliffe, King Solomon, Australia, 432. After the installation and the investiture of the Officers, the W.M., invited all present to favour him by their presence in the refreshment room, where the brethren partook of a most recherché dinner; the caterer being Bro. Dewhurst, who, on this occasion, had evidently taxed his resources to the utmost, and succeeded in giving the greatest satisfaction. The dinner finished. The W.M. who was supported by all the visitors and brethren who had been in lodge, proposed "The Queen" in appropriate language, and in giving the toast "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" referred in graceful terms to the great interest taken by the Prince in all matters pertaining to the advantage of Freemasonry, making especial allusion to his recent efforts on behalf of the Royal Institution for Aged Freemasons; both toasts were received by the brethren most rapturously. Rev. Bro. J. Oddy, Prov. G.C. in giving "The immortal memory of St. John the Evangelist" said he wished he might have been allowed to visit the Lodge of Shakespeare without having to discharge the duty of proposing this privileged toast. Language failed him to place in a proper light more than one or two thoughts which he should like to put before the brethren; the carrying out of which would tend to make them better Masons. St. John was remarkable for sweetness of temper and lived to high one hundred years—yet his thoughts were ever fresh; and if they imitated the spirit of his character and life they should be better men and better Masons. We must consider our duty to our great Creator, but in addition we must look to those around us and succour and relieve all we can. St. John did this—and I wish we could always endeavour to call up in our minds his eventful life. I ask you to drink in solemn silence to the immortal memory of St. John the Evangelist. The W.M. then gave "The Most Hon. the Marquis of Ripon, M.W.G.M. of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers," jocosely saying that, as the Marquis was not present on that occasion, although he should have been proud if he had been, he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. J. C. Bannister, P.M. 1018, P.G.S.B. of England, a Past Grand Officer, who had honoured them by his presence, a brother with whom he felt honoured in having been associated for many years, and one who had gained the highest position in the Craft. Bro. J. C. Bannister in reply said—W.M., P.M.'s, Officers and Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the way in which you have proposed and received this toast. I have not words sufficient to thank you for your kind expressions in favour of the Marquis. I thank you on his behalf and that of his Deputy, the Earl of Carnarvon, and all the Officers of Grand Lodges; and assure you that you may at all times command my services, and beg to express to you my deep regret that illness has prevented my taking a more active part in the proceedings in the lodge. The S.W., Bro. Longley, proposed "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire." The J.W., Bro. J.W. Monckman, proposed that of the "Most Worshipful Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." Bro. Manoah Rhodes, P.M. 302, P. Prov. G.S.W. in responding said he was pleased to

have this opportunity of expressing his thanks on behalf of the D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. When an officer of the province he did not know that he did much, but he did what he could. He had great pleasure in being present to congratulate the W.M. on his installation, and to see young Masons obtaining office, and felt certain that he would do everything in his power for the welfare of his lodge, and that the officers and brethren would do all they could for him, during his year of office. With respect to the Marquis of Ripon, our P.G.M., he knew of no individual who could take greater interest in all pertaining to the welfare of the Craft than he did, and although his time was necessarily much occupied as Grand Master of all England, yet he made opportunity to take a most active part in the business of the province as our P.G.M. Then as to Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M., his name had become a household word in the Craft, and whatever duties he had to do he did in such a kind courteous way that no one could help feeling they were done on velvet. Our worthy D.P.G.M. has said that, having held office so long, he must give it up, but I tell him he must continue as long as he lives. Bro. Henry Ward, P.M. 1018, then proposed "The Retiring Master," saying that he did so with fear and trembling, for the evening before he had thought of a nice speech that he fancied would have eclipsed all others, even including that of the W.M., but now said he, I feel abashed, as my speech has quite deserted me. I could have long dilated on the excellencies of our Bro. Nicholson, but it is not necessary to do so, since you all know him equally well, and though young in life, he has the esteem of all the brethren. I call upon you to drink to the health of our retiring Master. Bro. A. Nicholson, I.P.M. 1018, on rising was received with loud and reiterated cheering. Addressing the W.M., Officers, and brethren, he said, I should indeed have as good health as any one, if good wishes would give it, for I have lately been so frequently toasted, I can tell you it has no good effect on the nerves. I thank you for your good wishes, and trust the lodge will still prosper, as I have no doubt it will under the guidances of our newly-elected W.M., to whom I beg to offer my congratulations on his installation. Bro. D. Wroe, P.M. 1018, in proposing "The Worshipful Master" said worthy P.M.s., Officers, and Brethren, we are again assembled to commence another year. It has been my pleasing duty to install our W.M., and any who has filled that position knows it requires a little tact to preside over a large and as a decision requires, to throw oil over the troubled waters. Bro. Althorpe as a business man, knows the value of punctuality, and will be one who will keep his officers to their duty. He also has a little of the gift of speech, and by that, at times, can get us over a difficulty. Then he is very desirous of winning the good esteem of the brethren, and that I doubt not he will do. I can assure him of every assistance from the P.M.s., both of this and other lodges, and wish to find, if he have health, that he will make an excellent W.M. I ask you to drink his very good health. The W.M. Bro. G. Althorpe, on rising was received with vociferous and long continued cheering. He said worthy P.M.s., Officers and Brethren I can hardly agree with Bro. Wroe, P.M., he has so exaggerated my abilities. I have been reminded whilst at this festive board by the presence of Bro. Barnsdorf, P.M., who initiated me, of the past, and have fancied what must be his feelings at seeing a stripling like me occupying such an exalted position. It is true I have passed through most of the offices in the lodge, and I have done my utmost to efficiently discharge their duties. And I feel proud to be your elected W.M. and shall endeavour to rule you with suavity, and courtesy to all. Every brother, even the youngest, shall have the same consideration at my hands. At the same time I shall look to those who have filled this post and hope for their help and sympathy. I shall endeavour, if need be, as Bro. Wroe said, to cast oil on the troubled waters, holding that as W.M. it will be my duty to sink my own individuality and to consider the views of others. I trust my health may be sufficiently good to perform the duties of my office. I look with

pride on my officers, feeling that I shall have something to do to keep up with them. Allow me, in conclusion, again to thank you all for the honour you have done me. Bro. J. Dodd, proposed, "The Worshipful Masters of Visiting Lodges," and said—In years gone by I remember, W.M., that nothing gave me greater pleasure than to see around me W.Ms. of other Lodges, and confess I have been astonished to-night at seeing here 25 W.Ms. and P.Ms. I am delighted to see Bro. C. F. Unna, W.M., of Harmony, 600, our Mother Lodge; and Bro. J. A. Unna, P.M., 600, who ranks as the Father of this Lodge. He tells me he has installed 26 W.Ms., so he is getting to be quite a patriarch amongst us. We have also Bro. Ambler, the W.M. of the Pentalpha, 974, and Bro. W. W. Barlow, I.P.M. of the Hope, 302, and Bro. J. G. Hutchinson, P.M. of the Eccleshill, 1034. I am sure you all, along with me, feel indebted for their presence, and will heartily join with me in drinking their good healths. Bro. C. F. Unna, W.M., Harmony, 600, in responding for his Lodge, expressed the pride he felt at being the Father of such a Lodge, and his pleasure in being present, although he could not well consider himself a visitor in his own rooms. Bro. J. Ambler, W.M., Pentalpha, 974, in responding for his Lodge, wished to congratulate the W.M. on his election, and to tender him his good wishes. He begged to thank them for proposing and receiving the toast as they had done, and assured them that he should always welcome them whenever they paid the Pentalpha a visit. The W.M. called upon Bro. Barlow, I.P.M., of the Lodge of Hope (in the absence of the W.M.), to represent that Lodge, who said, Worshipful Sir, Officers, and Brethren, it affords me much gratification to offer to Bro. Althorp my best and hearty wishes for a prosperous and happy year, both for him and the rest of the brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, feeling sure, from what I know of the high estimation in which he is held, that we shall see those wishes amply realised. On the part of the W.M. of my lodge, I have to offer an apology for his absence. Indeed he is so much engaged from home just now that he has requested me to preside for him in our own lodge meeting. At the same time I can offer the right hand of fellowship to the W.M. and brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, and tell them that their presence in the Hope meetings will be always most welcome, and personally, as well as for the brethren of that lodge, I tender you my hearty thanks for the way in which the toast has been proposed and received. The W.M. also called upon Bro. Hutchinson, as senior P.M. of the Eccleshill Lodge (in the absence of the W.M.), to respond, and in doing so he said, Worshipful Sir, I beg to congratulate you on your election, and wish you health and happiness during the year. I cannot take upon myself to say, in the language of the W.M. of the Harmony, that I feel at home because in my own rooms; but I can say that, whenever I come to visit your lodge, I always do feel at home. It has given me the greatest pleasure in being present to-night, especially to see the progress made by your W.M. He is a most enterprising brother, and we need not be surprised to see him in P.G.L., or even in the G.L. itself. I should also fail did I not express the pleasure it affords me to see that you have P.M.'s amongst you who can go through the ceremony of installation. I was delighted to see your I.P.M. take the earlier part of the ceremony, and another young P.M., the remainder. This augurs well for the Shakespeare Lodge; and on the part of my Lodge (Eccleshill), and for myself, I beg to return you the heartiest thanks for coupling our names with the toast. The remaining toasts were respectively proposed and responded to by Bro. Althorp, W.M.; Nicholson, I.P.M.; Ed. Clifton, P.M.; Thos. Peel, P.M.; J. A. Unna, P.M.; C. H. Taylor, P.M.; Wm. James, P.M.; J. Dodd, P.M.; T. G. Andrews; W. Longly, S.W.; J.W.; — Mullen, F. W. Granham, J. Dewhurst, P.M., and regret we cannot report their speeches, excellent as they were, having already given more space than usual in reports of private Lodges. We concur in the congratulations offered to the W.M. on this interesting meeting, which terminated at an early hour on the Tyler's toast being given. The evening's enjoyment

was greatly increased by the excellent songs and recitations of the various Brethren who kindly volunteered their services.

UPTON.—Upton Lodge (No. 1227).—This well-attended summer lodge held its first meeting at the Spotted Dog, Upton, on Thursday, the 17th inst., present:—Bros. English, W.M.; Bratton, S.W.; Chidley, J.W.; Weyland, Treas.; Goddard, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Posener, S.D., *pro tem*; Holtham, J.D.; Slee, J.D.; Bolton, I.P.M.; Mather, P.M.; Picking, P.M., and numerous other brethren. Business of the evening—the initiation of Messrs. F. C. Kiuncar, and J. Isaacs; and passing of Bro. Witherston. Bro. D. Posener was appointed Steward to attend the festival in May next for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The lodge was then closed with solemn and impressive prayer. The brethren next adjourned to a capital banquet prepared by Br. Vase, the worthy host. After removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and briefly and very appropriately responded to by the initiates. Brother Mather, P.M., 65, returned thanks to the toast "To the Visiting Brethren," and the lodge separated highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).—On Wednesday, April 9th, at the Railway Hotel, Potters Bar, the regular meeting of this lodge was held. The lodge was opened at a quarter to six by the W.M., Bro. John Henry Butler, P.G.S. Midx., supported by his efficient officers. The minutes of one regular and two emergency meetings were read, put separately, and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken *seriatim*, were declared to be unanimous in favour of Messrs. Henry Bryceson, John Bryceson, and William Lorberg, as candidates for initiation and members of the lodge. Although a large amount of work was on the agenda paper, all that was done was the passing of Bro. George to the Fellow Craft degree, and initiating Mr. Thomas Smith Lewis, into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The election for the honourable position of W.M. for the ensuing year was declared to be in favour of the S.W. Bro. E. W. Richardson. Bro. E. Sillifant, P.M. and Treas., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the fourth time, J. Bayin, P.M., Tyler, was also re-elected. Notice of motion having been duly given, after some further discussion, it was resolved that in future the lodge be held on the fourth Saturdays of April, May, June, July, and August, instead of the alternate months on the second Wednesday. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. The Committee for Audit was appointed. It was arranged that the Audit should be held in town. Apologies were tendered for the absence of the Treasurer, Bro. E. Sillifant, P.M., P.G.J.D., Midx., caused by ill health, and for Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., Sec., through pressure of his professional duties. The lodge was then closed. It was arranged to hold the Installation meeting on Wednesday June 11th.

LEBANON LODGE No. 1326.—This flourishing lodge held its usual meeting at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion-square, Thames-street, Hampton, at the appointed time the lodge was opened by Bro. Frederick Walters, Past Master and Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, ballots taken separately were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. S. Gibbs, 147; T. Whiteman, 1275; and W. Vine, 1310, as joining members. Also for Messrs. T. Wallis, C. M. May, and J. Johnson as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry and members of the lodge. There was as usual here a long list of work on agenda paper but being holiday week, but few were present so many of the members being out of town. The veteran old Brethren praised his capabilities by the impressive manner he read Bro. S. M. Mildred, J. Newton, Joseph Thompson, and J. H. Webster, 1703, to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Passing Bro. Jesse Smith, C. W. Williams, 1275; R. W. Williams, 1275; to the Fellow Craft degree and commencing the ceremony of initiating Messrs. T. Wallis, J. Fenn, and Elsdon into the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D., Middlesex, W.M., arrived having been detained in town through his numerous and professional engagements which precluded his

earlier attendance. He in a fluent and agreeable manner finished the initiation ceremony which had been so ably commenced. A long list of business was then disposed of, Bro. David Davison Beck, P.M. 1309, S.W., having announced that in consequence of his being the next in rotation at his mother lodge the Industry No. 186, for election as W.M., and not wishing to prevent younger brothers from progressing he resigned his office as S.W. The W.M. then appointed as his officers for the remainder of the year:—Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.M., S.D.; E. Gilbert, J.D.; J. Hayward, I.G.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. Several joining members were proposed and the usual number of initiates. Business being ended the lodge was closed. Banquet followed. Besides those already mentioned there were present:—Bros. C. Heitzmann, Toser, Jones, Lawrence, J. W. Baldwin, R. Godfrey, R. Gower, Dray, F. Bourts, R. Gutteridge, and many others. Several Visitors were present.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED CHATHAM LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE (No. 84).—On Tuesday evening the 15th inst., an interesting gathering of the Brethren connected with this Lodge of Instruction, took place at the "Nelson Inn" Brompton, Chatham, for the purpose of presenting their Preceptor, Bro. Redman, P.M.W.M. 184, with a handsome testimonial for his faithful and gratuitous services. About 30 brethren were present, including Bro. Ashdown, P.M. 1050, P. Prov. G.P. Bro. Cole, P.M.W.M. 1424, P. Prov. G.P., Bro. Nicholls, W.M. 1050; Bro. S. Strown, P.M. 184, and several other visitors, who partook of a most excellent repast, which Bro. Walker had provided in his usual satisfactory manner. After grace had been said and the cloth removed Bro. Rankin, W.M., gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and the National Anthem was ably sung. He then proposed, "The Most Hon. the Marquis of Ripon, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons," "The Right. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters." He then proposed the health of the "Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Lord Holmesdale, and the rest of the P. Grand Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Ashdown, P.P.G.P.; Redman, P.P.G. S.W.; and S. Cole, P.P.G.P. The several Prov. Grand Officers responded in very appropriate terms. Bro. Ashdown then rose to propose the toast of the evening, viz., the health of Bro. J. G. Redman, P.M.W.M. 184, P.P.G.D.W., Preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction attached to 184. In doing so he gave a brief history of the working of the lodge since Bro. Redman had been Preceptor. He spoke in a very high and eulogistic manner of the services rendered to the Lodge of Instruction by Bro. Redman; he had given his services faithfully and gratuitously, he had been indefatigable in expounding the great and useful truths of Masonry, and by his constant attention and hard working he had made the Lodge of Instruction, 184, second to none in the province. He now with great pleasure, in the name of the brethren, presented him with this testimonial (a handsome gold ring) as a small token of their brotherly love and esteem, and may he live long to wear it, and may he be spared to adorn the lodge with his presence for years to come. (Long and continued applause) Bro. Redman in returning thanks said he was unable adequately to express his feelings after the very high encomiums passed upon him. In accepting this handsome ring, which was unexpected, he could only say he had tried simply to do his duty; he expressed his lively sense of gratitude for the manner in which his health had been received, and begged to assure the brethren that nothing gave him greater pleasure than imparting a knowledge of Masonry to those who required it. Masonry has taught us multitudinous duties, that beautiful temple based on love, truth and justice; bounded by Faith, Hope, and Charity, teaches us the duties we owe to one another. We are indebted to Masonry for the knowledge we have of the arts and sciences; empires have risen and fallen, nations have lived before, arts have been lost and found, but Freemasonry stands firm and pre-eminent through all ages, Masonry desires us to overcome our passions, to act as moral and wise

men, cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and cope-stone, the cement and glory of this ancient Fraternity, that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do until the end of time. (Applause.) In conclusion, he hoped that he may be spared many years to come to unite with the brethren in working for the interest of the Craft, with that brotherly love which at all times characterise Freemasons. He again thanked them sincerely for this token of their regard, and resumed his seat amidst loud applause. The health of the visitors was next proposed, coupled with the names of Bro. S. Cole, W.M. 1424, and Bro. Nicholls, P.W.M. 1050. The brethren expressed their thanks in very appropriate terms, and were proud of the honour of being invited to such a prosperous Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Redman had great pleasure in proposing the Officers of the Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the names of Bros. Young, Rankine, Johnstone, McDonald, and Allingham, the Hon. Sec. and Treas. To Bro. Allingham we are mainly indebted for the prosperous financial condition of the lodge, through his energy and zeal we have been enabled to contribute to charitable institutions, and meet here this evening to display the true beauties of love and harmony, and we tender him our sincere thanks. The several brethren responded in very appropriate terms, Bro. McDonald being noted for his brevity. The health of the Tyler and Host was drank and duly responded to. Some very excellent singers were present, whom it would be almost invidious to particularise. Suffice it to say the brethren spent a most pleasant evening, and separated at an early hour.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).—The ninth installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough, High-street, Southwark, on Thursday, April 10th. The chapter was opened by Companions C. A. Cottenbrune, P.Z., as M.E.Z., J. T. Moss, H.; E. Harris, J.; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E.; R. Watts, P.Z.; G. Kenning, P.Z.; W. Smead, P.Z.; and others who were present. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously confirmed. Ballot for companion B. Isaacs to be admitted as a joining member was unanimous in his favour. Ballots taken separately were unanimous in favour of the six brethren, who were candidates for exaltation. Bros. Mahony, 25; Spencer, 73; H. A. Dubois, S.W. 1423; R. Limpus, S.D. 1509, and Frail being in attendance were regularly exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The work being done in an admirable manner, the installations of the Principals were next done. Companion J. T. Moss, H., was installed as M.E.Z., E. Harris, J., as H.; J. H. Button, S.N., as J. The following companions were then installed with the collar and jewel of their office—viz., Companion A. D. Lowenstark, P.Z., Treasurer (reinvested for ninth time); F. Walters, P.Z., S.E. (reinvested for ninth time); E. Shillers, S.N.; M. D. Loewenstark, P.S.; G. J. Lowe, 1st., A.S.; J. W. Baldwin, 2nd., A.S.; W. Y. Laing Janitor. It was unanimously resolved that the usual five guinea P.Z.'s jewel be presented to Companion J. Trickett (C.E.), P.Z., for his services rendered to the chapter. Companion A. P. Stedman was elected to serve the office of Steward for the Girls' School at the ensuing festival, to be held on May 14th. Several propositions were received of candidates for exaltation. The chapter was closed for the season. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9th. The usual good banquet followed. Companion J. H. Spencer, as usual with him, pleased all by the admirable manner he attended to the comforts of all those who were present. The visitors were Companions G. Kenning, P.Z., 192, W. Smead, P.Z., 946.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Chapter (No. 1086).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 27th March. The Comps. present were—Thomas Chesworth, M.E.Z.; Josh. C. Lunt, H.; Geo. de la Perelle, J.; H. Hughes, S.N.; J. P.

McArthur, P. Soj; Wm. Archer, P.Z., Treas.; Jno. Lunt, P.Z., and a large attendance of members. Amongst the visitors were Comps. W. J. Lunt, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B.; and J. T. Banning, H., 823. The chapter having been opened by the Principals, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fitzsimmons of Lodge 220, was then balloted for and was declared duly elected. Being in attendance, he was exalted in a very impressive manner by Comp. Chesworth, M.E.Z., Comp. J. C. Lunt, H., giving the symbolic, and Comp. Geo. de la Perelle, J., the historic lecture. The rest of the officers performed their respective parts in an efficient manner. The Comps. then proceeded to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD MARK MASTERS LODGE (No. 104).—This lodge met at the head-quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 12th inst., the W.M. Bro. Charles Hammerton, P.G.O., W.M.; being supported by the W. Bro. Dr. Eugene Cronin, Grand Deacon, I.P.M.; the V. W. Bro. Thos. Meggy, P.G.O., P.M., and Treasurer; the V. W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.O., P.M.; Bro. A. Wolton, S.W.; A. Williams, as J.W.; Berridge, M.O.; White S.O., and Secretary; E. Moody, I.G.; F. H. Cozens, Org.; Southam, Bassett, W. P. Collins, W. Binney, and others. The lodge having been opened in ancient form, and with full musical service, notices of motion having reference to suggested alterations of bye-laws, were discussed and determined upon. The election of the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, then took place, and the choice of the brethren was unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. A. Wolton, as W.M., and of the V. W. Bro. Thos. Meggy, as Treas. The respective announcements from the chair of A. being received with acclamation. Bro. Grant was re-elected Tyler. On the motion of the V. W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., a Past Masters' jewel was voted for the retiring Master, whose manifold services to the lodge from its establishment, and during his term of office were highly spoken of by both proposer and seconder. Propositions for advancement having been taken, the wages were distributed, the lodge was closed, the closing hymn sung, and the brethren adjourned to supper, at which, on the cloth being cleared, the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

SUNDERLAND.—Union Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 124).—The second annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, on Monday afternoon, April 21st., when Bro. P. Kristendahl was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. S. Y. Strachan, Prov. G.S. After having been placed in the chair the newly installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers, viz., Bros. B. Levy, I.P.M.; W. Liddell, S.W.; Jas. H. Coates, J.W.; R. Humphrey, M.O.; J. Riseborough, P.S.O.; F. Maddison, J.O.; R. B. Lutert, Treas.; J. Davison, Reg. Marks; B. Crick, Sec.; R. Hudson, S.D.; J. S. Pearson, J.D.; D. Clark, I.G.; J. Thompson, Tyler. The annual festival was held the same evening, the W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. A. Clapham, D.P.G.M.M.; Bro. Levy, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Y. Strachan, Prov. G.S.O.; and others. There was a good attendance of the brethren at both the installation and festival.

WHITEFIELD.—Wike Lodge (No. 142)—On Wednesday, the 9th inst., the ordinary meeting of the Wike Lodge of M.M.M., No. 142, was held at the Church Inn, Whitefield. There was a fair attendance of members, the following visitors being present:—Bros. Thomas Hargreaves, P.M.M., Blair, 113, Junior Grand Mark Deacon of England; Joseph Handley, P.M.M., Alfred, 136, Thomas Nuttall, P.M.M., 113; and Henry Maiden, W.M., 136. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. Chambers, the lodge was opened at five p.m. by Bro. Handley, acting W.M. The most important business being the installation of the W.M., Bro.

W. Barlow, and being in attendance he was accordingly presented by Bro. Handley, and installed into the chair according to ancient custom by Bro. Hargreaves. Other business was then transacted, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45. Banquet was then served, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts brought the evening to a close.

BECTIVE LODGE (No. 147).—On Monday last the installation of the W.M. of the Bective Lodge of Mark Masters of Cumberland and Westmoreland at Keswick took place, when Bro. Wood was duly installed. The brethren present were, in addition to the brethren of the lodge, Bro. Easher, G.S.W.; Bro. Porter (Wigton), G.S.D., England; Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Sec. Girls' School, London; Bro. R. Levander, G.D.C., England; G. G. Hayward, Carlisle, P.G.J.C.; and others. After the business of the lodge was gone through the brethren present sat down to a splendid banquet, prepared under the management of Miss Charlotte Franks, at the Keswick Hotel, which was very much commended. The chair was taken by the new W.M. and a very pleasant hour or two was spent.

BOLTON.—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Monday, 14th April, at 6 p.m., when there were present, Bros. G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Warden, W.M.; John Tunnah, Past Prov. G. Overseer, S.W.; Thomas Norris, Prov. G. Sword Bearer, as J.W.; Rutter, J.O.; Brown, S.D.; Horrocks, J.D.; Sharples, Treasurer; Jas. Newton, Sec.; Thomas Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Master; C. Fitzgerald Matier, J. G. Warden, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Jas. Gooden, M.M., 221, as a candidate for advancement, who was unanimously elected. Bro. W. H. J. Jones, M.O., St. John's Mark Lodge, was unanimously elected as joining member. The election of Master for the ensuing year then took place, the result being the unanimous election of Bro. John Tunnah, S.W., P. Prov. G. Overseer. Bro. Rutter and Crother were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts. It was unanimously agreed to recommend Grand Lodge to issue a warrant for a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, to be held in connection with this lodge, to be denominated the "Mount Ararat Lodge." Two brethren—viz., Bros. James Pilkington, W.M., 37, and Rev. E. J. Bolling, who had been previously elected, were admitted and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, by Bro. C. F. Matier, J.G. Warden. The business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Sir Knights Templar.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Preceptory.—On Good Friday the annual general meeting of this Preceptory, was held in Maple-street Masonic Hall, when there was a large gathering of the Sir Knights. The Preceptory was opened shortly after three o'clock by the Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight William Brignall, jun., assisted by the usual officers. Amongst the Sir Knights present were:—Sir Knts. C. J. Banister, P.E.C.; A. Clapham, P.E.C.; W. Foulsham, P.E.C.; J. F. Frolich, P.E.C.; H. Hotham, P.E.C.; Jens Jensen, P.E.C.; H. G. Ludurg, P.E.C.; T. Robinson, P.E.C.; J. Ionis, P.E.C.; John Trotter, E. Preceptor; J. Straker Nilson, 1st Captain and E.P. elect; R. Cooke, 2nd Captain; P. Hirstendahl, Major J. Monks, Lord Ernest Vane Tempest, B. Levy, R. Humphrey, J. H. Thompson, John Trotter and others. The minutes of the previous Preceptory having been read and confirmed the Preceptor vacated in his stall in favour of Sir Knight C. J. Banister, who installed Sir Knight J. Straker Nilson as Preceptor for the present year. The Sir Knights having accorded the newly installed Preceptor his usual salutation, he proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers:—Sir Knts. W. Brignall jun., P.E.P.; W. Punshon, Prior; W. Hotham, Sub-Prior; Rev. S. Atkinson, Prelate; B. J. Banister, Chancellor; H. Hotham, Treasurer; R. F. Cooke, 1st Captain; J. H.

Thompson, 2nd Captain; James Monks, Expert; J. S. Trotter, Equerry. The Preceptor stated he would not appoint any Sir Knights to the offices of Captain of Lines, Standard Bearer, 1st and 2nd Heralds until he knew more of the intentions of those who had framed the new Statutes of the Convent General. Several minor matters of importance having been transacted the Preceptory was closed in due form. A council of the Knights Grand Cross of the Temple was then held, under the presidency of the Grand Master, H. G. Ludurg, when Sir Knt. William Brignall jun., was exalted to this most distinguished and honourable degree as a Knight Grand Cross in an extremely impressive manner. All business having been concluded, the council was closed according to the ancient rites and ceremonies, and the various Sir Knights adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent repast awaited them. The usual toasts followed, which however were not interspersed with harmony, it being eschewed on this occasion owing to the sanctity of the day.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LANCASTER.—*Red Rose Conclave* (No. 12).—A regular meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Monday, the 14th inst. There were present, the Sir Knight J. Daniel Moore, M.D., M.P.S., Intendant General for North Lancashire; Eminent Sir Knight W. Bagnall, V.E. Recorder; Sir Knights E. Airey, as S.G.; W. J. Sly, as J.G.; W. Hall, Prefect; J. Bell, Herald, and others. The usual business of the conclave was transacted, and two candidates for installation balloted for, and unanimously elected. The formation of a code of bye-laws was discussed, and candidates proposed for ballot at the next meeting. The conclave was then resolved into a Preceptory of Instruction under the direction of the M.P.S.

LIVERPOOL.—*Liverpool Conclave* (No. 55).—An assembly of this highly prosperous conclave was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Lime-street, Liverpool. Em. Sir Knight J. R. Goepel, M.P.S., occupied the throne, and the other knights of the chivalric order present were—Ill. Sir Knight G. Turner, Int. Gen. for West Lancashire; Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. K. Smith, Past Sov.; Sir Knights H. M. Molyneux, V.E.; H. James, S.G.; T. Clark, J.G.; R. Warlington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treas.; W. Doyle, Rec.; J. E. Jackson, Prefect; J. B. Mackenzie, H.; R. Young, J.S.; G. H. Turner, D.C.; P. Ball, Sen.; W. C. Thomson, A. Mitchell, J. Ellis, J. Capell, W. Cron, J. B. Jeffery, A. Jarvis, H. Pearson, and others. Sir Knight the Rev. J. Rees Jackson, M.P.S., 23, was present as a visitor. After the conclave had been duly opened, and the records of the previous assembly read, Bro. P. Armstrong was duly initiated into the ineffable mysteries of the order. The assembled knights next proceeded to the annual election of chiefs, when Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux was unanimously chosen the M.P.S.; Sir Knight Clark, the V.E.; and Sir Knight Wood, the Treasurer (for the third time). After the muster roll had been called, the conclave was closed in peace and harmony. An excellent repast was subsequently provided, and the members parted at a seasonable hour, after passing an exceedingly enjoyable evening.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 50).—On Tuesday, April 8, this chapter had a visit from the Prov. Grand Chapter. The deputation consisted of the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. F. A. Barrow, who was accompanied by Comps. Porteus, P.G.H.; A. Smith, P.G.J.; T. Halkett, Z. 113, P.G.T.; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.E.; J. Crabb, Z. 50, P.G.S.N.; Jas. Balfour, P.G.P.S.; G. B. Adam, P.G. 2nd S.; and G. Macdonald, Z. 73, P.G.S.B. The Most Excellent having expressed a desire to see the chapter opened, Comp. O. D. Humpin, P.G. 2nd S., and Z. of 69, assumed the chair; and in the absence of his own officers, requested Comp. G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, to fill the chair of H.; J. Duthie, Z. 67, to act as J.; and T. O. Parkes,

Z. 122, as M.S. After the chapter had been regularly opened, the P.G.Z. congratulated the companions on their working, and also on the state of their books; at the same time sympathising with the 1st Principal in the complaint he had made of want of support by his own Principal Officers who had been conspicuous by their absence; and commending the fraternal spirit that had so readily supplied the deficiency. After the deputation withdrawing, the M.E.Z., with the assistance of the officers already named, advanced Bro. Chisholm to the Mark degree.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 69).—The Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. F. A. Barrow, who is engaged in inspecting all the chapters in his province, paid a visit to No. 50, at the usual monthly meeting on Thursday, 10th inst. He was accompanied by several Prov. Grand Officers. As in consequence of the absence of the Scribe E., the examination of the books could not be gone into, no report was made. Comp. J. Crabb, the M.E.Z. of the chapter and P.G.S.N., then requested Comp. G. W. Wheeler, H. 773, to act as S.W., G. McDonald, Z. 773, to act as J.W., and with their assistance proceeded to open a Mark Lodge, and afterwards advanced to that degree Bros. J. Miller and James Love. A Holy Royal Arch Chapter was then opened, Comps. Wheeler acting as H., and J. Duthie, Z. 87, as J., when Bro. George Gurabey was entrusted with the secrets of Most Excellent Master, and then exalted to the Arch Degree. All the ceremonies were worked with that care and precision that characterises Bro. Comp. Crabb. Comp. A. Smith, Treas., then proposed that in consequence of the continued absence of the Scribe E., E. Lentite be appointed to that office; this was unanimously agreed to and the Chapter was closed in harmony.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73).—The brethren of this lodge met on April 15, in their Hall, Buchanan-street, Bro. G. Macdonald R.W.M.; W. Donaldson, S.W.; A. MacLeod, S.W.; J. Harbridge, Sec.; W. Walton, T. There were several visitors, including Bros. Camner of Milford, and J. Smith, of Lodge 473, Nottingham. The work comprised the initiation of Mr. Wm. Bissett, which at the request of the R.W.M., was performed by Bro. W. B. Pattison, P.M. At the close of the ceremony the R.W.M. read a circular sent by the R.W.M. of No. 48, commenting on the evils of the Proxy System as existing in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which he supplemented by giving instances that had come within his own knowledge. Bro. G. W. Wheeler, then moved and Bro. MacSkie, D.M., seconded "that our Worshipful Master and Wardens be requested to attend the next quarterly communication, and support a motion for the abolition of the system of proxy," Bro. Stewart, P.M.; Walton, T.; and Amphord, having supported the motion, it was carried unanimously. It was stated that most of the lodges in the West of Scotland are moving in the same direction to put an end to this crying evil.

GLASGOW.—*Thetis Chapter* (No. 122).—The companions of this chapter were favoured with a visit from the Provincial Grand Chapter, on the 31st of March. The chapter was opened by Comp. T. O. Park, M.E.Z., Comps. J. Scott and J. Doamen acting as H. and J. The deputation was then ushered into the chapter, and received with due honours. The Provincial Chapter was represented by Comps. F. A. Burrows, Provincial Grand Superintendent; A. A. Smith, P.G.H.; A. M. Tagger, P.G.S.E.; J. Crabb, P.G.S.N.; T. Halkett, T. The P.G. Scribe E. then reported that he had carefully examined the books of the chapter, and was very glad to be able to report that they had been kept with perfect accuracy. The P.G.Z. said, it gave him great pleasure to have to give a report, and also to be able himself to bear testimony to the efficient working of this the greatest chapter in the province. He was sure that many of greater age and pretensions might be proud to have such officers and show such work. Compensation Park acknowledged the compliment paid the chapter in suitable terms. The companions then adjourned for refreshments, when all departed well pleased with the visit of the Provincial Grand Officers.

Obituary.

BRO. WESTMACOTT.

On Tuesday, 15th inst., the remains of the late Brother Westmacott were interred with Masonic honours, he being (except Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., and Bro. W. F. Gooch), the oldest member of the Loyal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, 355, at Swindon. The brethren of the Loyal Sussex Lodge, in full masonic craft costume, with badges and emblems covered with crape, assembled at the Lodge Room, at the Goddard Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Toomer, for the purpose of going through the preliminary ceremonies in accordance with the rules of the craft. They then formed in procession, and marched to the residence of the deceased brother, where they joined the funeral cortege, proceeding to the churchyard in the following manner:—Tyler (Bro. John Savory); Director of Ceremonies (Bro. William Read, P.M.); brethren of the Gooch Lodge, two and two, juniors preceding; members of the Devizes Lodge, followed by members of the deceased's lodge (the Loyal Sussex Lodge of Emulation), two and two, juniors preceding; next came Bro. T. Hatt, I.G., Bro. Liddiard, J.D., Bro. Affleck, S.D., and Bro. Birch, P.M., J.W. (*pro tem*); Bro. T. G. Coale, S.W., Bro. H. C. Tombs, I.P.M., carrying a volume of the sacred law, with emblems supported on black velvet cushions; the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Toomer; Bro. Maclean, medical attendant of the deceased, and the Rev. H. G. Baily, Vicar of Swindon. Then came the body, the pall being borne by six Past Masters of the Lodge, viz.: Bros. H. Kinneir, R. S. Edmonds, R. Bradford, R. Tarrant, J. Goodwin, and R. J. Braid. Immediately behind the pall-bearers were two Tylers with drawn swords (Bro. W. Baker and Bro. G. M. Osmond). Then came the mourners and relatives, the rear being brought up by a large number of the deceased's fellow-townsmen and neighbours, by whom he was universally respected, a fact which received confirmation, if it were needed, by the circumstance that along the route to the churchyard, shutters were up and blinds drawn. The mournful ceremony having ended, the funeral cortege returned to the residence of the deceased, where the Freemasons left, and returned in procession to their lodge room, where the W.M. dismissed them.

Masonic Tidings.

NORWICH.—The unseemly dissension in the ranks of our brethren in this city has been healed for a time. Bro. Marshal is censured, and is to apologise for ordering Bro. Gore from Lodge Social (what a misnomer), during the working, he having been specially invited by Bro. Loftus, but the commission of inquiry, appointed by the Dep. Prov. G.M., actually blamed Bro. Gore for attending the lodge, and make charges against him which he is determined to refute before a higher tribunal. Much ill-feeling has been engendered in the city with regard to this matter, but we trust peace and harmony will shortly prevail.

Bro. William Ramsey, of 83 and 84, Farringdon-street, and Brixton, has joined the directorate of the Surrey Masonic Hall Co. (Limited).

"After suffering many years from indigestion and biliousness, for which I could find no remedy, I was at length induced by a friend to try your Vegetable Pain Killer for it, and the first bottle I used of it gave me entire and permanent relief.—J. L. HAYLOCK, Manchester, July 15, 1867.—To Perry Davis & Son, London, W.C."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Many persons are apt to regard the Winter past, when a few bright days enliven them; and some are rash enough at once to change warm for lighter clothing; much risk attends their imprudence, though the inevitable ill-health resulting from it can be readily set right by recourse to these purifying and corrective pills—invaluable to the sickly at all times and doubly useful at this season, when they cast out the impurities of Winter and fortify the system against the sudden variations and frequent epidemics attending Spring. Holloway's Medicine relaxes the skin, permits free transpiration through its pores and thus rids it of the irritation and harshness which increasing temperatures make annoying to the Nervous and Sensitive.—ADVT.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ST. CLAIR CHARTERS (PAGE 218).

I feel it necessary to reply to the statements made by Bro. D. M. Lyon in page 218 of *The Freemason*, concerning the copies of the St. Clair Charters which I sent nearly a year ago, and appeared in *The Freemason* of June 8th, 1872. He says, that "minus the copyists' or printers' errors which they contain" they appeared to him at the time, to be "a literal transcript of the copies from the originals" made by himself and published by him two years ago, and he seems to think this good ground of a grave charge against me, in making which he certainly uses very strong language; for he says, I should not "have appropriated 'his' work" in any case, without the courtesy of acknowledgement. When Bro. D. M. Lyon makes any real contribution to our knowledge of Masonic antiquities, I shall be prompt to acknowledge it, and to give him all due credit for it; but I am not aware of anything of this kind which he has yet done. Certainly in the present case he has done nothing to boast of. He does not seem to be aware that any copies of these charters were ever published before his transcript of what he calls "the originals" in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which he published two years ago." But the fact is, that, copies of them were published so long ago as 1835, in a work entitled "Genealogies of the Saint Clairs of Rosslyn" by Father Richard Augustin Hay. This work was published in Edinburgh, by Stevenson, the well known antiquarian bookseller and publisher. Bro. D. M. Lyon will find the Charters there at pp. 159 to 163, in good plain type. They will be found also in pp. 435 to 440 of "The History of Freemasonry, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland", by the late Bro. William Laurie, Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a work with which I can hardly suppose Bro. D. M. Lyon to be unacquainted, although it may be that amidst all his researches, Father Hay's "Genealogies of the St. Clairs of Rosslyn" may have escaped his observation. Being well acquainted with both these books, I saw no need of acknowledging Bro. Lyon's transcription of "the originals" as any service done to the brotherhood.

Bro. D. M. Lyon takes it upon him to assert that I was ignorant of "the existence of the original charters" till he informed me of the fact through the *Freemason*. He ought to be a little more cautious in his assertions. It is not very safe for a man who desires always to say what is true, and nothing but what is true, to assert in the most unqualified manner what he does not know, and cannot know, to be true. Nor is it right, and in the present case what Bro. Lyon asserts is the very opposite of the truth. Of the existence of what he calls the original charters, in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, I was well aware before he ever published any thing about them in the *Freemason*, or otherwise, and I suppose long before he ever saw or heard of them. Many years ago they were shown to me by a brother Mason who had borrowed them from the late Bro. Professor Aytoun for the purpose of having a lithographed fac-simile of them made, of which he thought to endeavour to get each of the lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to purchase a copy. I said to him that I did not believe them to be the principal charters, as these would most probably be written on parchment, but merely drafts from which these would afterwards be extended; and in consequence of this he gave up the idea of having them lithographed. I am still of the same opinion. The charters in possession of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which are written on paper, are no doubt genuine. They may even be called, in a certain sense, the originals; as from them the charters intended for preservation and reference would be extended; but if these could be found they would be of higher authority. It would be interesting to compare them with each other, and perhaps this may yet be possible. I would not be much surprised if the charters fairly engrossed on parchment, or vellum, were yet to be found in the Earl of Rosslyn's charter chest. Meanwhile, the copies in the Hay MSS., in the Advocates' Library, may probably be assumed as representing the charters in their perfect and

final form. The differences between them and the drafts—as I take them to be—in possession of the Grand Lodge, would thus be easily accounted for, excepting, perhaps, in the matter of abbreviations, which Father Hay may readily be supposed to have made for himself in transcribing. The greater the discrepancy between his MSS. and the Grand Lodge charters, the greater would the probability appear to be that he did not copy from them, but from the charters as finally extended for preservation, and to which in preparing his Genealogy of the Saint Clairs of Rosslyn, he may be very probably supposed to have access.

That the Grand Lodge Charters are drafts, I think very certain. All who are acquainted with the subject of deeds, whether contract or charter, where the interests of two parties are concerned, know that these documents are not prepared easily, or, at once, as it were "off the reel." A certain procedure is necessary: first, one of the parties drafts the deed, and sends it to the other for revision. Perhaps several revisions, and by both parties, take place, till both are satisfied with the terms. This draft, thus finally determined upon, is signed by both parties, and is sent to be engrossed. Having been engrossed, the principal, in contradistinction to the draft deed, is signed with the usual formalities which constitute it *de facto* the deed. Important documents, such as sasines and the like, are always extended on vellum or parchment; but in former years every deed which required to be preserved was written on the same substance. However, in absence, or in the loss of the principal deed, the draft takes its place; and even in questions raised concerning the terms used in the principal, reference is made to the draft for their elucidation. It would be very improbable, even in a charter of recent date, that a copy on paper was the principal one—the charter properly so-called; but much more so as to a charter of the seventeenth century.

I hope to have the opportunity ere long of carefully comparing the Hay MS. copies with the Grand Lodge Charters, and if anything of real interest is thus brought to view I will not be long in communicating it to the readers of the *Freemason* if place can be found for it in its columns.

I shall not imitate Bro. D. M. Lyon in the use of reproachful language, nor bring against him railing accusations of ignorance, or any other thing such as he has ventured to bring against me. I leave the readers of the *Freemason*, and I leave himself to judge whether his conduct in so doing is Masonic and becoming. In sending copies of the St. Clair Charters to the *Freemason* for publication, thinking them well worthy of being laid before its readers, in the historical sketch which I gave of the Saint Clairs of Rosslyn, I preferred to send printed copies rather than to take trouble of transcribing them, and I do not hesitate to say I cut them out of the *Freemason*, instead of cutting them, as I might have done, out of a valuable book. If, therefore, there were in them errors of the copyist as he hints, he will know whose errors they were.

It is thirty-eight years since the St. Clair Charters were published, consequently there can be nothing new presented to the Brotherhood by D. M. Lyon.

CHALMERS I. PATON.

HEREDITARY GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND.
We omitted to state that this interesting article by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M., on the above subject, was reprinted from the "*Masonic News*" published in Glasgow.

PROV. G. LODGE OF CORNWALL.

I thank Bro. H. for his well-meant criticism of the last meeting of the above Prov. G. L., and feel glad he has called attention to it in a most fraternal and able manner. I am bound to admit the correctness of most of his statements, and trust that his letters will lead to an authoritative decision on the subject. The points which are open to consideration, and explanation, appear to me to be the validity of the Patent held by the D. P. Prov. G.M. and secondly as the Prov. G.M. designate, did not attend the Prov. G.L., his Lordship cannot be said to have held it. I have every respect for our new Prov. G.M., but, like Bro. H., am anxious to have the matter in dispute finally settled, and feel cer-

tain that his Lordship will be one of the first to desire the fullest enquiry.—W. J. HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE DYKES CONCLAVE, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., this conclave was inaugurated at the Masonic Rooms, Cocker-mouth, under the auspices of the Intendant General of the Division, Ill. Sir Knt. Edward Busher, P.G.S.G., who was assisted by Ill. Sir Knts. J. Whitwell, M.P., G. Chamberlain; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander M.A., G.H.A.; Jesse Banning, H.P., 77; H. Rauthmell, 20; John Pearson, Richard Robinson, Dr. William Jones, William Taylor, and Thomas F. Taylor. The ceremony of inauguration was performed with great effect, Sir Knt. Dr. Jones officiating as Grand Organist. The following brethren were then installed as Knights of the Order, John R. Tickle, P.M., 371; Wm. Armstrong, P.M., 371; John Lawson, W.M., 371; W. H. Tickle, S.W., 371; James Gardiner, J.W., 371; George M. Tickle, Sec., 371; Thos. Moore, S.D., 371; Quintin Moore, J.D., 371; Robert Brown, D.C., 371; Thos. Manley, P.S.W., 371; David Tillington, Joseph Abbott, David Bell, Joseph Carter, Henry H. Melmore, and Jonathan R. Banks, of 371; Jas. Porter Prov. S.G.D., P.M., 327; Geo. Shannon, W.M., 327; George Carrick, J.W., 327; Edward Fearon P.M., 119; Crowther Morton, P.M., 872; Edward Ablett, S.D., 872; Dr. Emmerson Henry, John L. Paitson, Isaac Harkness, John Mills, J.W., 1390; John Wood, P.M., 1073; Wm. F. Lamsonby, J.G., 1002; Henry Moncrieff, 1002; Dr. Henry Dodgson, P.M., 1002; Rev. H. L. Puxley, Prov. G.C., P.M., 1002; Robert Bailey P.G.W., 1002; Edward Tyson, and Wm. Potts.

The grade of Ensebius was conferred on Sir Knts. Henry Rauthmell, 20; Jesse Banning, H.P., 77; Thomas F. Taylor, John Wood, Rev. H. L. Puxley, C. Morton, H. Dodgson, J. R. Tickell, J. Porter, and G. Carrick; and that of Sovereign upon Sir Knts. R. Robinson, Rauthmell, Wood, Taylor, Puxley, C. Morton, Dodgson, Tickell, and Porter.

Sir Knt. R. Robinson was duly enthroned as the first M.P.S. of the conclave, *vice* Iredale, whose health would not admit of his holding the office; and Sir Knt. Pearson was inducted into the chair of E. The appointment of officers was deferred until the next assembly, and the conclave was then closed, the knights having to attend a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland, at the Town Hall, shortly after the conclave.

It was intimated that Sir Knt. Col. Whitwell, M.P., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master would accept the post of Intendant General for Cumberland, and Westmoreland, in the room of Sir Knt. Busher, who desires to retire in his favour.

The furniture and appointments of the new conclave were very splendid, and the whole arrangements reflected great credit upon all concerned.

STANDARD OF CHARITY.—Men measure their charities by a peculiar standard. A man who has but a dollar in his pocket would give a penny for almost any purpose. If he had a hundred dollars he might give one. Carry it higher and there comes a falling off. One hundred would be considered too large a sum for him who has ten thousand, while a present of one thousand would be deemed miraculous from a man worth one hundred thousand, yet the proposition is the same throughout, and the poor man's penny, the widow's mite, is more than the rich man's high-sounding and widely-trumpeted benefaction.

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ERRATUM.—In the notice of the meeting of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, Bro. R. Dawson's name was printed Dawson throughout.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending May 3.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Mr. and Mrs. Rignold in Popular Pieces.

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PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Seaton Parry. Mr. J. K. Emmett in "Fritz, our Cousin German."

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1873.

NOTES ON THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

BY W. BRO. EMRA HOLMES, P.M., &c.

RE CRAFT MASONRY.

A lecture was delivered before the members of the Prudence Encampment of Knights Templar, Ipswich, on the 31st of July, 1872, and subsequently, in an extended form, was published in the *Freemason*. I had intended to write a few pages respecting Bro. Holmes's lecture, but as the Editor has closed the friendly discussion, so far as Knights Templar are concerned, I shall simply confine my remarks to the subject as it affects Craft Masonry. By the

prefix "Masonic" being eliminated from the "Orders of the Temple and Hospital" (so warmly supported by Bro. Holmes), it appears to me that their only claim for recognition has been removed; and certainly if it is agreed that the "Orders of the Temple and Hospital" shall be no longer Masonic, but chivalric in character, such a body has legally no right to administer oaths of secrecy to its candidates for membership, seeing it is not a Masonic organisation, and consequently not empowered to require such an O.B. as comes under the denomination of an oath. The present Order of the Temple, if it is not Masonic, is a sham and delusion; for as it cannot be proved to be the legitimate descendant of the ancient order of that name, and the members discard their Masonic relationship, thereby being neither a chivalric order, nor a Masonic body, clearly the United Orders of the Temple and the Hospital, about which we have heard so much lately, are fanciful creations of a few Brethren who have managed to put the extinguisher on a society formerly connected with, and flourishing under the wing of, Freemasonry. It is easy enough to prove that the Masonic Knights Templar have been in existence about one hundred years; and on the ground of their age, and the distinguished roll of craftsmen who have adorned their ranks, many, who care little for show or grandeur, would be ready to acknowledge such a body as being Masonic by adoption, and entitled to a liberal support by Freemasons, especially if they are everywhere conducted as in the United States. To cut away the prefix "Masonic," however, actually removes the only ground they can possibly have for their continuance or existence. The remarks of "Civis," in the *Freemason* of 22nd February, are much to the point, and worth a reperusal by all those interested in the enquiry. We are persuaded that, rather than act a lie by claiming to be the lineal descendants of the original Knights Templar, many "Sir Knights" will leave the ranks! Whatever our Bro. Holmes may say about the ancient Lodge of Aberdeen, and its connection with the Knights Templar, there is nothing in the minutes to confirm his position; and for the future it would be wise for contributors to the *Freemason* to refrain from claiming ancient Craft Masonry either in Scotland or elsewhere, to be in any way the supporters of Masonic Knights Templar prior to the last century. On this point, the words of our friend the "Masonic Student" should be carefully noted. Many of the readers of the *Freemason* will, no doubt, in common with numbers, be glad to know what is meant by the statement that "our learned Bro. Dr. H. B. Leeson is the last surviving member of the Order of Harodim." Our lamented Bro. was alive when that sentence was written, and during his eventful Masonic career we have often seen similar statements made respecting his connection with that order. Dr. Leeson was not a York Mason, neither was he a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite originally, but received his degrees of 18°, &c. under the wing of Knights Templar. As to the Royal Order having documents "upwards of 300 years old," we shall be glad to see or know of any even of fifty years later date. Then we are told that St. John's Lodge, No. 3, has a charter from

William the Lion, "which is indisputable—date 1174." Would Bro. Holmes kindly tell us what the St. John's Lodge has to do with this charter? I believe the correct date is about 1190, but cannot discover any proof of that Lodge having a claim to be of that date, or in any way to be considered in existence as a Lodge in the 12th century. When did the St. John's Lodge possess the charter? It is not in existence now, and nothing has yet been submitted to identify this Lodge with such a document. The sill and one of the windows in Glasgow Cathedral has also been mentioned as of curious import, and containing the "square and compass engraved, the All-seeing Eye above, the sun, moon, and stars, and a finger pointing to the three steps." Bro. W. P. Buchan has kindly sent us a sketch of these emblems, and we find the sun absent from the design; the ladder has five steps; and the finger actually points away from the latter! The Grand Lodge of all England never recognised the Masonic Knights Templar until the eighth decade of the last century, and soon after that organisation expired; so that it does not appear to have profited much by the relationship. I had intended saying more respecting Bro. Holmes's interesting lecture; but, on consideration, I am of opinion that if the dropping of the prefix "Masonic" is persisted in, the "United Orders of the Temple and Hospital" have nothing in common with Freemasonry, and therefore are unsuitable for discussion in these pages. In conclusion, as Bro. "Masonic Student" has already ably stated, "We cannot admit that the Masonic Knights Templar have anything historically or lineally to do with the famous soldiers of the Temple;" consequently if they disconnect themselves from the Craft, they cease to be either Masonic or chivalric.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland held their preparatory, or business meeting, at Cockermouth, on Tuesday, 15th inst., under the presidency (in the unavoidable absence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland) of the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Whitwell, M.P. (Kendal), and P.G.S.W. of England.

The Provincial Lodge was opened in the Court-house at one p.m., the Right Worshipful D.P.G. Master being accompanied on to the dais by Bro. Lemon, P.G. Treas. Acting D.P.G.M., Bros. the Rev. H. Puxley, William Rutherford, P.P.G. Chaplains; Bros. Wentworth, Little, Middlesex, Levander, Wilts, Gibson, Barr, Whitehaven, Rauthmell, Kendal, and others.

The following Past and present Provincial Grand Officers were present, and recorded their names in the signature book:—E. W. Henry, P.M. 119, P.J.G.W.; E. Busher, P.G.S.B., England, P.G. Sec.; A. Mott, 1390, P.S.G.W.; E. Fearon, P.M. 119, P.G.D.C.; R. Robinson, P.M. 1002, P.P.S.G.D.; G. G. Hayward, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Quin, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Alsop, Sec. 119, P.P.G.S.; G. Brooker, P.M. 962, P.G.P.; J. Cooper, Org. 112, P.P.G.O.; W. Court, W.M. 310, P.P.G.P.; H. Rauthmell, W.M. 129, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Dodgson, W.M. 1390, P.G.S.B.; G. Carrick, J.W. 327, P.G.S.; C. Morton, P.M. 872, P.P.S.G.W.; H. L. Puxley, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.C.; J. Porter, P.M. 327, P.G.S.D.; G. Shannon, W.M. 327, P.G.S.; R. Wentworth Little, P.G. Sec., Middlesex; and H. C. Levander, P.M., P.G.S.D. Wilts.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the Provincial Lodge meeting was recommended to be held at Whitehaven, subject to the approval of the Right Worshipful P.G. Master. The usual charitable votes were then passed, after which the lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, to dinner. The chair was taken by Bro. Whitwell, M.P., and the vice-chair by Bro. Busher, but prior to the cloth being removed, these brethren together with Bros. Mott, Little, and Rauthmell, had to retire, having to leave by train. Thereupon Bro. Lemon was unanimously elected to the chair, and Bro. Gibson to the vice-chair. The Chairman in eulogistic terms, proposed "The health of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." Song, "God bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. Porter. The Chairman in succession proposed, "The health of the Grand Master of England, the Marquis of Ripon," "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and remarked that the province ought to be justly proud of having had that day amongst them two Past Grand Officers of England—viz., Bro. Whitwell, and Bro. Busher. The Chairman next proposed "The health of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Bective." He (the chairman) much regretted that the noble Lord their Masonic Master, was not able to be present with them on that occasion, as he knew from experience, from the many acts of kindness which he had personally received from his Lordship, as well as from the great interest which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master had always taken in the Masonic charities, and the liberal way in which he had supported the same, that he had Freemasonry at heart. He had great pleasure in proposing "his Lordship's health." The toast was drank with full Masonic honours. Bro. F. W. Wicks (Chaplain of Lodge 119, Whitehaven), in a neat and appropriate speech, proposed "The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the P.G. Officers," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Henry, P.M. 119, and P.G. J. W., who responded. The Chairman then proposed "Success to Skiddaw Lodge, 1002, Cocker-mouth," which, in the unexplained absence of the W.M., and Wardens, was responded to by Bro. Dr. Dodgson, P.M. The Chairman next proposed the health of "The Visitors," some of whom had come from a considerable distance to assist at that meeting, and he for one felt, and he was convinced that that feeling would be reciprocated by every brother present—that to Bro. Little and Bro. Levander, every praise was due for their zeal in Masonry. The toast was received enthusiastically and with all Masonic honours.

Several other toasts followed, and the meeting broke up shortly after six p.m.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Eastern Division of the county of Lancaster, was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton. There was a numerous attendance of companions from all parts of the province, amongst those present being Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent; J. L. Hine, Second Prov. G. Principal; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Scribe, E.; William Roberts, Prov. G. Principal Sojourner; William Ashworth, First Asst. Prov. G. Sojourner; John Higinbottom, Prov. G. Registrar; Herod Turner, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Wm. Abbey, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; Thos. Law, Prov. G. Organist; Henry Maiden, P. Prov. G. Principal Sojourner; John Smith, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; C. M. Jones, P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer; and representatives from 28 of the 35 R. A. Chapters in the province. The Chapter having been opened, the usual business of the province was proceeded with. The M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent appointed the following companions as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—J. L. Hine, Prov. G. Second Principal; J. A. Birch, Prov. G. Third Principal; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Scribe E.; Thos. Entwistle, Prov. G. Scribe N.; Isaac W. Petty, Prov. G.

Principal Sojourner; James Hall, Prov. G. First Assistant Sojourner; Charles Sutcliffe, Prov. G. Second Assistant Sojourner; Richard Hankinson, Prov. G. Registrar; Ellis Jones, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Robt. Harwood, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Robt. Whittaker, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; H. T. Robberds, Prov. G. Organist; T. H. Winder, J. W. Taylor, Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Stewards; Wm. Dawson, Prov. G. Janitor. The Treasurer's accounts for the past year were unanimously confirmed, and Comp. G. P. Brockbank was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treas. A beautifully ornamented sword was presented to the Prov. G. Chapter on behalf of Comp. Jas. Holroyd, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer, and the thanks of the Prov. G. Chapter were ordered to be conveyed to him for his handsome present. Comp. J. W. Taylor and Herod Turner were appointed to audit the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year. A grant of £5 5s. was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Fund. All business being concluded the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet which was celebrated in the Banqueting Hall at the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Station. The proprietor (Mr. Restron) had evidently determined that nothing should be wanting to ensure the comfort of his guests. An ample bill of fare comprised all that could be desired by the most fastidious, whilst the decorations and appointments of the table, consisting of gold and silver epergnes, adorned with choice flowers, cornucopias loaded with fruit; also sea-horses, dolphins, dragons, &c., attracted universal admiration. The M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent (Colonel Starkie) presided, supported by the Prov. G. Officers and a numerous assemblage of R.A. Masons. After the cloth was drawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with enthusiasm, the proceedings of the evening being enlivened by a glee party consisting of Messrs. Edmondson, W. Dumville, N. Dumville, and Lister, Comp. H. T. Robberds, Prov. G. Org., presiding at the pianoforte.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 15th inst., the Provincial Grand Chapter for the Western Division of the County of Lancaster, held a meeting at the Town Hall, Preston, for the purpose of installing the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale as Provincial Grand Superintendent. Representatives were present from London, Liverpool, Manchester, Wigan, Ormskirk, Southport, Blackpool; amongst the most prominent being:—Companions H. S. Alpass, G.S.E.; T. Wylie, P.G.R.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; R. Wentworth Little, P.G.S.E., Middlesex, P.Z. 177, 975, 1194, &c., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, London; H. C. Levander, P.Z., H. 720, &c., London; R. Radcliff, P.Z. 345; W. Laidlaw, P. 1st. A.S.; C. Hill, J. 241; H. W. Johnston, P.Z. 113; J. W. Turley, S.E. 241; J. M. Johnston, P.Z. 292; D. Jones, P.Z. 216; C. Sherlock, P.Z. 32; P. Armstrong, S.E. 1086; S. Johnston, M.E. 3220; W. Doyle, J. 249; T. Clark, P.Z. 673; P. M. Larsen, P.Z. 220; A. H. Whitehead, H. 113; E. Kyle, S.E. 673; T. Nevett, J. 113, S.E. 703; J. Pemberton, L. 1094; A. Green, N. 113; J. Worsley, 113; J. Scott, 220; W. Jones, P.Z. 249; J. Hoeken, P.Z. 220, Z. 673; J. T. Callow, J. 673; H. Burrows, S.N. 673; T. Armstrong, T.P.P.S.; T. Taylor, S.P. 462; T. Walmsley, F.P.; J. Baron, T.P.; R. Stevenson, P.Z. 148; T. Serjeant, J. 220; C. Harwell, 216; J. Wood, Treas. 249; J. Hamer, P.G.T.; C. Hill, Z. 580; J. Platt, P.Z. 613; J. Baxendale, P.G.A.S.; R. Pearson, P.Z. 220; M. de Frece, 216; J. R. Gærpel, P.Z. 86; J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.G.S.; R. Landless, H. 703; T. Jackson, 333; J. D. Moore, G.S.B. Eng.; G. de la Perelle, J. 680; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.P.S.; O. G. Sharpler, P.M. 703; R. Pearson, J. 995; J. W. Baker, P.Z. 241; J. Case, O.T. 995; T. Emitt, 333; W. Smith, H. 314; T. Birchall, P.P.G.H.; P. Ball, P.G.J. 249; L. L. Rowbottom, P.P.S.N. 178; W. Clark, P.S. 333.

After the lodge had been duly opened, and some formal business had been transacted, the

warrant: was read from the Grand Chapter of England appointing Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Skelmersdale the P.G.S. for West Lancashire in place of the late Sir Thomas Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., M.P.; and after his lordship had been installed with the usual ceremonial, he appointed the following as his officers:—Comps. E. Sherlock, M.E.H.; W. H. Johnston, M.E.J.; Alpass, Scribe E.; Major Wilson, Scribe N.; Platt, Prin. Soj.; D. H. Finney, 1st Assist. Soj.; Peter M. Larsen, 2nd Assist. Soj.; Hamer, Treas.; T. Wylie, Reg.; J. Mercer Johnson, S.B.; J. W. Baker, St. B.; H. Jones, D.; Skeaf, O.; and Landless, St.

The Prov. Grand Chapter unanimously voted the sum of £10 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, London; and ten guineas towards procuring the election of Comp. Gilpin to the Institution for aged Freemasons.

After the business, the companions dined at the Bull Hotel under the presidency of Lord Skelmersdale, who subsequently proposed "The Queen;" "The Prince and Princess of Wales;" and "The Three Principals of the Order, the Marquis of Ripon, the Earl of Carnarvon, and Lord de Tabley;" the last toast being acknowledged by Comp. Dr. Moore. "The P.G. Supt.," proposed by Comp. Wylie, was responded to in happy terms by Lord Skelmersdale. "The P.G. Officers" was given by Comp. Birchall; and the "Chiefs of the P.G. Chapter" by Comp. Sherlock. After Lord Skelmersdale had left, Comp. Alpass, Prov. G.S.E., proposed "The Masonic Charities," of which there was an efficient advocate in Comp. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. That distinguished companion, in responding, reminded the members present of the approaching festival of the institution with which he was connected, and trusted that as Lord Skelmersdale had kindly consented to preside on that occasion, he would be well supported by other representatives of chapters in the province. Colonel Birchall proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Secretary, Comp. Alpass," calling attention to the special difficulties with which he was surrounded, and the zealous manner in which his duties were ever performed. Comp. Alpass in reply was much pleased at learning that his efforts in the cause of Freemasonry had been so much approved by the proposer, and those present, and although he found those duties increasing in a very material degree, he hoped still to be able to perform them to the satisfaction of the province.

The evening's entertainment was much enlivened by excellent music, discoursed by Messrs. Skeaf, Armstrong, D. Jones, E. Jones, and others, and a great deal of the success of the day's proceedings must be attributed to the efforts of that indefatigable member of the Masonic fraternity, Comp. H. W. Johnston, Prov. G.J.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MARK LODGE IN LIVERPOOL.

The Walton Mark Lodge, No. 161, E.C., was consecrated with the usual ceremonial at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, on the 31st ult., and as the greatest *clat* marked the day's proceedings there seems every likelihood that the youngest assembly of Mark Masters will quickly gather strength and influence.

As a preliminary to the consecration ceremonial a meeting of the lodge was held under dispensation on the 28th February last, when six candidates were proposed for advancement and one for joining. Three of the proposed being then in attendance were advanced to the degree of Mark Masters by Bro. Ashmore, W.M. 65.

The Prov. G.M.M., Bro. W. Romaine Callender, having named the 31st of March as the day for consecration, the necessary arrangements for the performance of the ceremonial were perfected without delay. A meeting was held immediately before the consecration for the purpose of advancing Bro. the Rev. C. R. Hyde, J.L.D. Cantab, who had been previously elected, and the ballot was also taken for three joining members, who were also elected.

The Prov. G.M.M., accompanied by nearly all his P.G. officers, entered the lodge room and

were saluted according to their rank. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Romaine Callender, Prov. G.M.M., Lancashire; Geo. Mellor, Prov. G.G.W.; Jno. Duffield, Prov. G. Treas.; Jno. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; T. J. Lancashire, Prov. J.O.; W. G. Alpass, Prov. M.O.; W. O. Walker, P. Prov. G.M.O.; Thos. Morris, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Jno. Brandwood, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; W. H. Prince, P. Prov. S.G.D.; J. Hamer, Past G.M.O. and Prov. G.M.O.; W. J. Lunt, Past G.S. of Works; J. Kellet Smith, Grand Sword Bearer; Chas. Leedham, Past G. Steward; Thomas Ashmore, W.M. 65; W. Shortis, M.O. 65; C. H. Hill, R.O.F.M. 65; John Heyes, S. 65; J. Sillitoe, Joppa Lodge 11; J. C. Lunt, W.M. Designate; Thos. Chesworth, S.W. Designate; Robt. Cain, J.W. Designate; Jesse Banning, P. Armstrong, Wm. Divelly, Rev. Dr. Hyde, G. E. Hanmer, Wm. G. Barker, H. Jackson, and others.

Bro. J. C. Lunt, W.M. designate, explained the reason why a warrant for the new lodge had been applied for, and pointed out the advantages which it was hoped would accrue therefrom to Mark Masonry.

Bro. Chadwick, P.G. Sec., then read the warrant, and the members expressed their approval of the officers named therein.

The R.W.P.G.M.M. then proceeded to consecrate and dedicate the Walton Mark Lodge No. 161, E.C., according to ancient usage and custom.

Bro. J. K. Smith, Grand S.B., then presented Bro. J. C. Lunt to the R.W.P.G.M.M. for the benefit of installation as the first W.M. of the new lodge. A board of installed Masters was declared open, when Bro. Lunt was regularly installed, and on the readmission of the brethren they saluted him with the honours due to his rank.

The W.M. afterwards invested the following brethren as his offices:—Bro. W. J. Lunt, P.M., Past Grand S. of W., J.P.M.; Thos. Chesworth, S.W.; R. Cain, J.W.; T. Ashmore, W.M. 65, M.O.; J. Banning, S.O.; R. Brown, J.O.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain; R. Armstrong (elected unanimously) Treas.; W. S. Barker, Sec.; G. E. Hanmer, S.D.; Wm. Dwelly, I.G.; Geo. Ladmore (unanimously elected) Tyler; the rest of the offices remaining open until the next meeting.

The W.M. afterwards proposed that the heartiest thanks of the lodge should be given to the R.W.P.G.M.M. and his officers for their presence and assistance on that occasion, and further that the vote should be recorded on the minutes. This motion was seconded by Bro. Banning, S.O., and carried unanimously.

The P.G.M.M., in returning thanks for the honour, said it gave him great pleasure to be present on that occasion.

The duties of Chaplain were very efficiently performed by Bro. Dr. Hyde in the absence of Bro. the Rev. J. L. Figgins, M.A., P.G.C., who was prevented by illness from being present.

At the banquet which followed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, which were followed by that of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., G.M.M. of England, with his deputy the Earl Percy, G.M.M. Elect, and the rest of the Grand Officers.

The W.M. proposed the "R.W.P.G.M.M.," and said:—In our present Prov. G.M. we have an excellent and worthy Mason who is ever ready to sacrifice time and convenience to show his appreciation of Masonry, and who, since his appointment, has done very much for Mark Masonry. We have to thank him for his presence here to-day, and for the admirable manner in which he has consecrated the Lodge. I am sure you will show by your hearty response how much you appreciate his kindness, and let us hope that at some future date he will favour us with his presence to witness the working, &c., of the Lodge.

The P.G.M. was warmly received, and replied at great length, referring to Mark Masonry, and to the very great pleasure it had given him to be present to consecrate the Lodge in such an important town as Liverpool, where Masonry was making such rapid progress.

The Prov. G.M. asked permission to propose the next toast, his time being limited. He then gave the "Health of the W.M., and prosperity

to the Walton Lodge," congratulating the Brethren in having so worthy a Brother to preside over them. He also spoke of the duties of a W.M., and the difficulties to overcome in directing a new Lodge, and concluded by wishing it every prosperity. It would give him very great pleasure, he said, to visit the Lodge on a future occasion.

Bro. J. C. Lunt, who on rising was warmly received, thanked the P.G.M. for the kind manner he had spoken of him, and to the Brethren for the manner in which they had responded. It was almost needless for him to say that he was deeply sensible of the honour of being the first Master of the Walton Mark Lodge. He should endeavour to discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability. He was happy to think of the efficient assistance he was sure to receive from the officers of the Lodge, and trusted that they would be all animated with one desire to promote the welfare of the Lodge. If Masonry entailed duties, it also conferred great advantages. He was fully conscious of the responsibilities and duties devolving upon him, and it would be his constant endeavour so to conduct the lodge as to give complete satisfaction.

"The W.M., and brethren of the West Lancashire Lodge, No. 65," proposed by Bro. Banning, S.O. was responded to by Bro. Ashmore, W.M.

The W.M. proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was acknowledged by Bro. H. Morris, P.G.S.B.; C. Leedham, P.M., 65, P.G.S.; and Bro. C. H. Hill, R. of M. 65.

In giving "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. said he knew that they had accepted office with the determination to fulfil the duties with zeal and to the best of their ability.

Bro. Chesworth, S.W. responded, and the evening's proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. S. B. OLDHAM, P.M. AND SEC. NO. 4, DUBLIN:

The regular monthly meeting of the lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, on Tuesday, March 25th, when there was an unusually large attendance of the members of the lodge. The Visitors present included the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Quin, Past Grand Organist, the Deputy Grand Secretary, the Representatives from the Grand Lodges of Canada and Nova Scotia; apologies were received from several of the other Grand Officers, including the Hon. Judge Townshend, P.D.G.M., Right Hon. Major General Dunne, Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., M. C. Clos, D.L., P.G.S.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the spacious dining room, where a superb banquet was served in Bro. Murphy's best style. The usual loyal toasts and those of the Grand Officers having been proposed and responded to, in the most hearty manner, the W. Master, (Bro. William Deaker) announced that the members of the lodge had decided upon taking that opportunity of presenting to Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, their valued Secretary, a token of their respect and esteem for him individually, and their of appreciation of his services as their Secretary for the last thirteen years; an office which he hoped Bro. Oldham would long continue to hold.

Bro. Oldham having been brought up by the two Senior Past Masters of the lodge, amidst the most enthusiastic applause—the brethren all standing—the W. Master called on Bro. G. Woodward who had acted as Secretary to the Presentation Committee, to read the address, which was as follows—

"Dear Bro. Oldham,—We your brethren of the Victoria Masonic Lodge No. IV., Dublin, being desirous of expressing in some measure our sense of the many obligations we are under to you for the manner in which you have fulfilled the duties of our Secretary for the past thirteen years, beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse of sovereigns, as a mark of our esteem and appreciation of your fraternal labours on our behalf. The present flourishing condition of our lodge is mainly owing to your own untiring

zeal and exertions, and we congratulate ourselves on the happy circumstance of being associated with one possessing so much worth, and who has endeared himself to all who know him. We trust you will receive this gift as an inadequate mark of the brotherly love and regard we entertain for you, and we sincerely pray that you may be long spared to enjoy the many degrees the order has conferred on so worthy a member. (Signed) William Deaker, W. Master; Benjamin Mullen, Senior Warden; Thomas J. Robinson, Junior Warden; George Wood, Secretary; March 25th 1873.

The W. Master then, in the name of the lodge presented Bro. Oldham with the address, which was beautifully illuminated and superbly bound in blue morocco, and enclosed in a handsome morocco case; and along with it, a highly ornamental purse containing One Hundred and Seventy-five Sovereigns.

Bro. Oldham having briefly returned thanks for the unusually enthusiastic reception which had been accorded to him, read the following reply:—

"W. Sir and Brethren,—Most heartily do I thank you for the kind and highly flattering address, and very valuable present, which you have just presented to me. When some thirteen years since, I acceded to the unanimously expressed desire of my brethren, to undertake the duties of Secretary, I did so, I confess, with considerable diffidence; fearing, lest any want of experience, or deficiency of judgment, on my part, should have a tendency to lower in any degree, the high position which the Victoria Lodge had attained in the Masonic Order in Ireland. It was a critical period in the history of our lodge, as we had but recently lost the valuable and highly valued services of some of our oldest and most experienced members. And it was only natural that I should shrink from undertaking the duties of a position which had been so ably filled by my predecessors. You have been kind enough to speak in the most flattering terms of the way in which, during the last thirteen years, the duties of that office have been performed, and I beg most heartily to thank you for the fraternal manner in which you have overlooked my many shortcomings, while, at the same time, you have vastly overrated any services I have rendered. Without at all underrating the important—and at times onerous—nature of the duties devolving on your Secretary, I must be allowed to say, that the present flourishing condition of our lodge is mainly owing to that mutual confidence and good feeling which exists amongst its members, and the truly Masonic spirit with which they merge all minor differences where the welfare of the lodge, or the good of the Order at large, is concerned. Allow me most sincerely to assure you that your gift—munificent though it be—was not at all requisite to convince me of the fraternal regard and esteem of my Brethren of Lodge IV. I accept it gratefully, most gratefully; but believe me, I value far more highly the truly brotherly feeling which prompted it, and the words of kindness and confidence with which it is accompanied; and I shall deem myself happy indeed, if, by perseverance in the course you have approved, I am able to retain those feelings of esteem you have expressed and of which I shall ever cherish a grateful remembrance. (Signed) Samuel B. Oldham, 30°."

THE PERILOUS MOMENT.

BY ROBERT MORRIS, LL.D.

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Then Brother Larkin informed the excited crowd that he was a peaceful tradesman, journeying to the East, and took care to say that as a Freemason, he had his diploma in his pocket.

This turned the tables. A dozen men in the company formed a semi-circle before him, their backs toward him, and declared he should not leave the house till morning. The grey-haired preacher loudly approving their determination.

At his own suggestion he was guarded through the night in the landlord's private parlour, but not hand-cuffed. At early day his notes to old friends in St. Louis brought a half-dozen prominent citizens to identify and release him. And after an inter-

change of cards with the "silent friends," who had stepped forward at that opportune moment, Brother Larkin went his way rejoicing that he had neither killed nor been killed. While the veritable Tom Brailey was picked up a week afterwards in a totally unexpected place, and subjected to one of those hasty initiations, common in the West, where nothing is left of candidates but the stump of a rope and a new-made grave. And this is the story as related to me by Brother Larkin himself, not a year ago, of the "Perilous Moment."

Original Correspondence.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Mark Mason I am specially pleased with the first clause of the worthy Mark Mason's observation, "to avoid giving offence," and for belonging to this finishing degree of Craft Masonry.

No Mark Mason would willingly offend a "Craft Mason," or wound his sensibility, but the Mark Mason will not yield his opinion that the "Completion of Craft Masonry is with the Mark Degree." See the Mark Mason's Song, now publishing by Bro. Kenning.

The words of the song are very remarkable, and evidently founded upon the foregoing quotation. Let us hope that the spirit of the words of the song may soon be realised.

Let no Craft Mason attempt to disparage this beautiful and finishing degree, when they know nothing of its loveliness, but let them perfect themselves in it, by learning its mysteries, through joining the brotherhood. No brother will repent it, and he will find that to be a Complete "Craft" Mason, he must secure the "Corner Stone," the "Key;" only in the possession of the Mark Degree.

Yours truly fraternally,

G.O.
Mark 1. and 18°.

PROXIES IN GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have perused the circular in the *Freemason* (vol. 6, No. 215), by the R.W.M. of St. Andrews Lodge, Edingurgh, and beg to support his well considered and expressed communication respecting the evils which must, and do necessarily result from the Proxy System now so prevalent in Grand Lodge of Scotland.

"Proxies" are of value for distant lodges, but certainly the convenience under present circumstances is much abused, and with the exception that I think lodges under the jurisdiction of Scotland, but existing out of that country should still have the privilege of appointing "Proxy Masters," it appears to me that Bro. Douglas's notion deserves success.

The time has arrived for the method of conducting the business of Grand Lodge to be strictly enquired into, and the whole of the finances to be carefully studied and put on a proper basis. As Scottish Freemasons we need not look beyond the "border" for an example of a well conducted Masonic organisation, for in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, under the able management of E. Comp. Mackersey, we have an institution to be proud of; Bro. Laurie, G. Sec. if supported properly can do likewise.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ROYAL ARCH CEREMONIES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to Cheshire in No. 214 of the *Freemason*, you must address the Z. as Most Excellent; H. and J. as Excellent; and the P.Zs., as Excellent, the rest as Companions; and by command of the M.E.Z., is quite correct. *Where* is right, and *Within* the centre, if Cheshire will look at the pedestal next time he goes to chapter, he will see that it is within the centre.

MAGNUS OHREN.

Chapter and Lodge 33.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Why have you not published the usual return of the Election of Boys? In the country we have no means of getting Masonic information, except by reading your *Freemason*.

Yours fraternally,

B. ATWELL, P.M., 437.

[We are informed by the Secretary that the advertisement was not given for the purpose of saving the cost of the same.—Ed.]

MASONIC HALL AT GIBRALTAR.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On finishing the perusal of the letter describing the consecration of the new lodge rooms at Gibraltar, in your edition of the 22nd ult., I could not help arriving at the conclusion that the account was an extremely one-sided one, and for reasons, which, with your permission, I shall now endeavour to place before your readers. In doing so, I feel that I am only carrying out a truly Masonic precept, viz., justice, and giving "honour to whom honour is due."

It may first be mentioned that Lodges St. John's 115, Inhabitants' 153, and the Mark Lodge attached to the latter, have entered into joint possession of the new rooms, a fact not deducible from the letter.

I do not wish for one moment to detract from, but rather bear testimony to the credit that is due to, Bro. Morgan, W.M. 115, for his services and general Masonic enthusiasm; but I feel convinced that he would be the first to deprecate any omission in the account of the proceedings, of the credit, due also to other brethren; and it would certainly appear to me that your correspondent has made a very serious omission of this nature as regards the name of Bro. Henry, and also to a certain extent that of Bro. Haynes.

The former Bro. having twice occupied the chair of St. John's, working in Spanish, is now occupying that of the Inhabitants', working in English. To secure the new rooms, as W.M. of one of the lodges, he necessarily acted in conjunction with Bro. Morgan, and was equally indefatigable, and untiring in his efforts, indeed, but for his ever ready pocket, and love for Masonry, I feel assured that the interesting ceremony might never have taken place. His practical experience is well known to the brethren in Gibraltar, and his zeal and devotion to our great cause, have been eminently displayed on two occasions, when mainly by his efforts lodges were resuscitated and placed in their present prosperous condition.

To Bro. Haynes also, whose professional skill contributed in no small degree to overcome many difficulties, a just share of credit is due.

I could expatiate at much greater length on this subject, but I do not wish to trespass further upon your space; I shall, therefore, content myself by asserting that I believe the success of Masonry in Gibraltar is almost wholly attributable to the heartfelt sympathy and co-operation existing between Bros. Morgan, Henry, Haynes, and though last not least Cavana, brethren of whom any institution might feel proud. The last named is frequently heard in our midst, pouring forth from his eloquent lips, in pure Castilian, the words of genuine Masonic feeling.

In conclusion, and in justice to myself, I may state that I am a member of more than one lodge in Gibraltar, and that in tendering this explanation, I am not actuated by any feeling of captiousness, but simply by that spirit which should be, *par excellence*, the characteristic one in all the dealings of Masons one with another, viz., that of,

FAIR PLAY.

NATIONAL GRAND PRIORY.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the first National Grand Priory is to be held on the 9th of May, it is to be hoped those Knights Templar who are entitled to vote will muster in full force; for not only are there several most important questions to be asked, but the traitor who introduced a reporter at the meeting on the 7th inst., and so brought down upon us the

insulting articles in the *Spectator* of the 12th inst., and the *Saturday Review* of the same date, has to be denounced and chastised.

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

The following proclamation and appeal have been issued by the Grand Lodge of Quebec:—

To all brethren in obedience to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec:

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at its last annual communication, passed the following resolutions, namely:

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, earnestly desires the peace and harmony of Masonry over the whole habitable Globe, and is solicitous that the tenets of the order be preserved in all their ancient purity; and be perpetuated under those wise regulations which the royal craft from time to time enacted for its guidance, in all matters of general government and interest;

And whereas, this Grand Lodge is profoundly of opinion, that in order to carry out this beneficial and laudable object, every Grand Lodge should possess, hold, and exercise supreme and undivided Masonic authority and jurisdiction over all Masons within their legitimately recognised territory, such territory being always conterminous with the political boundaries of the state, province, or territory, or as the case may be, whose name such Grand Lodge may elect to assume and may claim to be designated by;

And whereas, this Grand Lodge more immediately and intimately desires the peace and harmony of their beloved brethren in the Dominion of Canada, and more especially to heal the present unhappy differences which exist between this Grand Lodge and our well beloved sister the Grand Lodge of Canada;

And whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge, that the M.W. the Grand Master of Canada has expressed an earnest desire to adjust the differences that exist between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada; be it resolved—That a Committee of seven, to be named by the M.W. the Grand Master, be appointed to meet a like Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master of Canada, and effect, if possible, an adjustment of the differences, in accordance with the resolutions passed by this Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication.

Resolved—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to withhold the publication of these resolutions for the space of six weeks, in which time, a meeting of the said Committees must take place, when, if an adjustment of difficulties be effected, an Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the City of Montreal, to ratify and confirm the same, but should no adjustment take place within the time specified, then the Grand Master shall proceed as directed by the resolutions of Grand Lodge, affecting this question adopted at the last Annual Communication.

The Grand Secretary is ordered to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the Grand Master of Canada for his information.

Be it therefore known unto you all, that in accordance with the aforesaid action of Grand Lodge, I appointed, (together with myself), the following able and prudent brethren as a committee to confer with the like committee proposed to be named by the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to consider, and if practicable, effect an adjustment of the very unhappy differences still existing between our respective Grand bodies viz:—R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, D.G.M. Quebec; J. H. Isaacson, G. Sec. Montreal; G. H. Borlase, P.D.D.G.M. Sherbrooke; Alex. Murray, P.D., D.G.M. Montreal; M. R. Meigs, D.D.G.M. Bedford; M. M. Tait, D.D.G.M. Montreal;

I was subsequently informed through our Grand Secretary, that Grand Master Wilson of the Grand Lodge of Canada, had appointed seven brethren, all from the Province of Quebec, as the committee of conference to represent that

Grand Body, of whom the R.W. Bro. Thomas White, D.G.M., Montreal, was convener.

A day for the meeting of the Joint Committee was then suggested to the G. Master of Canada, but information was received shortly thereafter by me through our Grand Secretary, from R.W. Bro. Thomas White, convener of the committee named by the G.M. of C., that on account of certain correspondence then taking place between himself and the G.M., it would not be practicable for said committee on their part to meet on the day proposed. After some further delay, I was subsequently informed of the existence of difficulties as to the arrangements on the part of Canada.

I again caused to be communicated to the G.M. of C. the renewed assurance of our fraternal regard, and our earnest desire for the early constitutional adjustment of all our difficulties. Like assurances were received from the G.M. of C., together with the expression of his intention, if necessary, of remodeling his committee so as to remove certain obstacles, the carrying out of which would unavoidably occupy some time. Various other correspondence ensued, and in order that no want of forbearance on our part might seem to exist, still further delay was granted; but even now, no fraternal action in reference thereto has been taken place on the part of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada having, by letter of the 30th ult. (Jan. 1873), declared, that "under present circumstances he did not consider it expedient to take further action in the matter," and having, on our part, exercised forbearance until it would seem that no fair-minded brother at home or abroad, can justly feel that precipitate action on our part has been taken; and the Grand Lodge of Canada, under two successive Grand Masters, having since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the utter violation of all prudential and constitutional considerations, granted warrants to form several new lodges in this province, and has also granted copies of old warrants to construct duplicate lodges, under circumstances most injurious to the peace, harmony and prosperity of the craft in this province, all of which, and other such like acts, being done in gross violation of the laws and traditions of our fraternity, and the establishment and sovereignty of Grand Lodges; and although the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as this Grand Lodge, did appeal to the Grand Lodges of the world for their decision on the great constitutional questions involved in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, yet she refuses to abide by the decision rendered by the great majority of the Grand Lodges with whom she has hitherto been in fraternal correspondence, and to whom she has appealed; and since the Grand Lodge of Canada has continued to pursue a course so unworthy of a Grand Lodge of Freemasons, and so injurious to the unity and general welfare of the craft in this province, and has even appointed the city of Montreal, the chief city within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, as the place of holding its next annual communication.

Be it therefore known unto you all, that in view of this and many such like unconstitutional, and most unfraternal acts, and in vindication of the sovereignty of this Grand Lodge, and of the inherent rights and prerogatives of our ancient, honourable, and loyal fraternity; and in justice to all those grand lodges whose recognition has been so honourably and worthily extended to this Grand Lodge; I therefore, by the solemn action of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, do hereby declare and proclaim all Masonic intercourse to be suspended, and to cease between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the G.L. of Canada, and all lodges and brethren in obedience thereto; and all brethren of the G.L. of Quebec, are hereby solemnly commanded to hold no Masonic intercourse with any brother in obedience to said G.L. of Canada, as far as Ancient Craft Masonry is concerned, and this edict shall be and remain in full force and effect until revoked by the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and it is hereby further ordered that due proclamation of this edict be made to all brethren in obedience to this Grand Lodge; of all which they will take notice and govern them-

selves accordingly, and also that the same be communicated to all regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

Done at Richmond, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this 4th day of February, A. L. 5873, J. H. Graham, Grand Master; John H. Isaacson, Grand Sec., G.L., of Q.

"APPEAL.

"Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec.

"Office of the Grand Master,

"Richmond, P. Q., 4th Feb. 1873.

"To the M.W. the Grand Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Maine, New Hampshire, Iowa, Wisconsin, Texas, Nebraska, Nova Scotia, Nevada, Kansas, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, North Carolina, Connecticut, Indiana, New York, Vermont, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Alabama, Brazil, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, South Carolina, California, Utah, Belgium, Portugal, La Plata, Peru; and all regular Grand Lodges of Freemasons throughout the world to whom these presents may come.

Greeting:

Brethren;

On the 20th day of October, A.L. 5862, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, was duly formed in accordance with the principles and Constitutions of our ancient, and honourable fraternity, and has hitherto received from you, (being upwards of thirty of the leading Grand Lodges of the World) fraternal recognition, as an independent, sovereign Grand Lodge of Freemasons;—and as such, both in accordance with your recognition, and the great principles of our fraternity, is entitled to, and in duty bound to exercise exclusive Masonic authority over all ancient craft Freemasons, and all lodges of such, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Quebec, and

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Canada, in violation of all the considerations implied in her appeal (in conjunction with this Grand Lodge) to you and other Grand Lodges for a decision on the questions involved in our formation, still refuses to yield to, and abide by said decision against her claims and pretensions,—rendered by so many Grand Lodges; and,

Whereas the said Grand Lodge of Canada, has not only not extended fraternal recognition to this Grand Lodge, as of right the exclusive Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec—but in total want of fraternal prudence, and also in utter violation of the customs and constitutions of our fraternity, and consequently in a manner most injurious to the peace, unity, and prosperity of the Craft in this Province—has even granted warrants to form several new lodges within the territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and also under circumstances of most aggravating character, created duplicate lodges therein—and further that persistent attempts on the part of officials of the same Grand Body have been made to cause dissensions within our jurisdiction, and to create additional lodges therein;

The fearful results of such a course of action on the part of said Grand Lodge, can be readily understood by the Craft abroad by supposing our case to be their own, and although existing from somewhat similar causes, in a far less objectionable and aggravating form in the old "Province of Canada," out of which by the formation of the Dominion of Canada, in 1867, the two like Provinces of Ontario and Quebec were created;—said evils resulting from multiplied Grand Lodge jurisdiction in the same territory, were certainly not over-stated by Grand Master Harrington, in his annual address to the Grand Lodge of Canada, at Hamilton, in 1864—wherein he said:—

"About three of them, we have already been in difficulty, and are never out of danger of trouble with each and all. I believe no dishonour could attach to the Grand Lodge of Canada, if considering the practical trouble we have to encounter, we were even now to issue a notification with respect to these lodges, such as we should have done when we took our places amongst other Grand Lodges of Freemasonry.

It is a delicate subject, but a matter of real grievance, and certainly opposed to Masonic jurisprudence, and causes an important defect in our otherwise perfect structure."

Of the multiplied evils necessarily resulting from such divided grand lodge jurisdiction, our M.W. Brother might have mentioned that of applicants for initiation, rejected by a lodge holding a warrant from one grand lodge, making application to, and being received by another lodge in the same or in some other locality holding a warrant from another grand body—and hence many persons being made Freemasons who for sufficient reasons could never otherwise have been received into the fraternity,—all of which has been and still continues to be fraught with grave evils to the Craft in this jurisdiction, and is especially destructive to that unity and harmony which should ever be among the chief characteristics of our order; and notwithstanding this G.L. has repeatedly protested against all these and other such like wrongs, and has reiterated its anxious desire for a constitutional adjustment of all differences existing between it and the Grand Lodge of Canada, whose sovereign territory is now necessarily the large and goodly province of Ontario, still the Grand Lodge of Canada has continued to persist in her refusal to deal justly by this Grand Lodge; and, as if pursuing a course of judicial and Masonic madness, has appointed Montreal, the chief city in the Province of Quebec, as the place of holding its next annual communication; and

Whereas these and other like acts are wholly unworthy of a Grand body entitled to exercise the prerogatives and to enjoy the privileges of a recognised Grand Lodge of Freemasons; therefore having foreborne with the G.L. of Canada until forbearance has almost ceased to be a virtue, I now communicate to you that for all these and many other obvious and important reasons, and in virtue of the resolutions passed at the two last annual communications of this Grand Lodge, and in vindication of the inherent and indefeasible rights of the Craft, and our just and duly recognised prerogatives as an independent sovereign Grand Lodge of Freemasons, as well as in justice to your Grand Lodges whose recognition has been so honourably extended to this Grand Lodge, I have this day directed and proclaimed that all Masonic communication and intercourse be suspended between all lodges and brethren in obedience to this Grand Lodge, and all brethren and lodges in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Canada, until the said G.L. of C. shall in all respects deal justly by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and shall withdraw her jurisdiction from this province in accordance with the vital principle of the exclusive sovereign authority of every Grand Lodge of Ancient Craft Masons within its own territorial limits.

Therefore, Brethren of the above named Grand Lodges, and of all regular Grand Lodges of Freemasons throughout the world, we hereby appeal to you to uphold and sustain us in this our action in maintenance and vindication of our lawful Grand Lodge sovereignty. Our case unless averted, may soon be yours. The fundamental principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction so clearly evolved in the history of the Craft, is assailed and imperilled, here and in a few instances elsewhere. It appears to us that the time has fully come when it behoves all regular Grand Lodges of Freemasons to take such united action as will uphold and defend this pædium of Masonic unity and Grand Lodge existence. The absolute right of every Grand Lodge to sole and exclusive territorial jurisdiction over all members and lodges of ancient Craft Masons must be maintained.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, has already suspended all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Canada, until it ceases to assert any jurisdiction over any Lodge of Masons in the Province of Quebec. Other Grand Lodges have practically asserted the same principles, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec now solemnly makes this her appeal to all regular and loyal Grand Bodies of our ancient and honourable fraternity. Praying the Most High to maintain the rights and perpetuate the blessings of our beloved Order to the latest generations. So mote it be.

J. H. GRAHAM, 32°

THE TWO PILLARS.

BY LEON HYNEMAN.

The two pillars of the Solomonian Temple represent the dual principle in nature which is the active principle in the unfoldment and formation of all physical phenomena. The entire structure of the temple represents nature as one universal system, and its various parts are all representative of the great principles which sustain nature's life in its ever constant and continuous changes of formation, reproduction, and decay. The pillars represent Wisdom and Love, which exist in the Father and Ruler of the universe. Each pillar represents a dual unit, one representing Wisdom and Power, the other Love and Beauty; the two combined represent the dual unit principle, which has its ultimate in Divine being. It is truly said that in God we live and move and have our being. And as the human is a microcosm of the universe, embodying within himself all the principles and laws of nature and its phenomena, it is only by man obtaining a knowledge of himself that he can truly gain a knowledge of divine manifestation in the unfoldment of nature and its laws and mode of manifestation.

A close investigation will show that the entire system of nature was unfolded through the dual unit principle, which has its ultimate in the bisexual principle of male and female. It is the principle of all combination, all affinity in production, reproduction, and all phenomenal expression of nature. World, planets, and the entire system of nature, were formed by and through the dual unit principle; all visible and invisible materiality—the forces, elementaries, and even the life of nature, were evolved through the bisexual or dual unit principle. It will be evident that the male and female form a dual unit, and it is clear that the one could not exist without the other, as there is a perfect unity and uniformity in divine manifestation. As in the ultimate unfoldment of the dual unit principle in the human, male and female, so in its primal elimination there could be no combination nor formation, unless by and through the dual unit principle.

These thoughts, entering into the highest domain of science, are suggestive of the great principles upon which the system of Masonry is constructed. Masonry has not been inaptly termed a science, and most truly a science embracing all other sciences. It is founded upon the eternal principles of God; its object the improvement and elevation of man—this is the acme of all science, of all progressive intelligence and culture. As the pillars of the temple required a foundation to rest upon, could not be placed in position without it; and as without a foundation no structure can be erected, so the logical deduction is, that the interior esoteric teachings of the base or foundation of things is illustrative of the divine Former who is the foundation—the source of all life and being.

LIFE.—Life is a very great mystery. The question, "What is your life," comes very often, uncalled for, and, the question proves itself through the multitude of thoughts and memories, and clamours for consideration. "What is your life?" Am I making the best possible use of the opportunities of life as they are presented? Are you meeting the ends of your being, and discharging the high responsibilities resting upon you, in view of the positions you occupy in our Order and in the State? I ask myself the question, "How I, in youth, as an Entered Apprentice, industriously occupied my time in the attainment of useful knowledge; and in manhood am I applying that knowledge in a faithful discharge of the duties which I owe to God, my neighbour and myself?" Are we all so applying these lessons and duties, that we can look forward to the time of age, in the hope of enjoying the happy reflections consequent upon a well-spent life, and wait our appointed time, when we shall be, like ripe sheaves in the harvest time, gathered into the great garner of eternity.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge of their merits;

THE BURNING OF CHICAGO.—A spirited allegorical picture of the burning of Chicago, painted by Mr. Armitage, R.A., has been on view during the past week at the Scottish Gallery, 48, Pall-mall. The picture, which is the result of subscriptions set on foot by the staff of the *Graphic*, is intended to be presented to the City of Chicago as a memorial of the frightful catastrophe which befel it two years ago. The execution of the work is very fine, and is well worthy of the subject of which it treats. The burning city occupies but a small portion of the canvas, the principal part of which is devoted to three noble figures, a nearly nude beautiful girl, representing Chicago, in the arms of another female, Columbia, and bent over by a third, Britannia. The American eagle and British lion take the extreme ends of the group, and form a pretty *tout ensemble*. The lion is particularly well drawn, and deserves special attention. A visit to the Scottish Gallery, will amply repay the trouble, as there will be found some exceedingly clever sketches of a variety of subjects, and among them are some nicely selected scenes from "The Wandering Heir," and some bright cartoons by Mr. G. Du Maurier.

THE ENTERED APPRENTICE.—As Blue Masonry forms the basis, and is the foundation of all other branches of our mystic Order, so the Entered Apprentice degree is the corner-stone of Freemasonry, upon which all other degrees are built. It is in this degree the initiated is brought to light, to behold the beauties of the Masonic Order; and has revealed to him the system, which in the beginning of his Masonic creation, connects him in the chain of Fraternity with the brotherhood throughout the globe. In this degree he is linked in the universal chain and is hailed as a brother, and the hand of Masonic fellowship is extended to him. The initiation of a candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry ought to be considered by him an important event, he enters a new life, forms new relations and connections, and as a member of the cosmopolitan Order, he becomes a citizen of the world, in every part of which we find a home and the brothers of the same family. To him it is a new birth; he is ushered into existence, as it were, from the womb of darkness into the light or day. He is then first taught to stand erect in the majesty of his manhood, and as all the children of the Good Father should stand before him, free from sin and guiltless before God and men. As a child he is taught to walk with careful steps lest he should stumble and fall into the narrow path which leads to God. He is also, like a youthful learner, taught in his first lessons of the mystic science in easy symbolic language, significant and impressive, so that on the heart's tracing-board they may be indelibly fixed. Happy the learner within whose bosom these teachings are firmly traced and acted out in every day. An Entered Apprentice, like a newborn infant, is always greeted with a hearty welcome, and hailed with gladness and joy, and becomes at once domiciled and affiliated with the members of the household under whose guidance he has placed himself. As a dutiful child he should learn his lessons well, be obedient to his instructors, and in his daily walks and conversation exhibit a lively gratitude for the favour shown him in electing him to a relationship with the ancient and honourable Order.—*Masonic Register*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 2, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, April 26.

- Red Cross Conclave, Roman Eagle, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, April 28.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 831, British Oak, Bancroft-place, Mile-end.
- " 955, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
- Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- Plantagenet Red Cross Conclave, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottlieb, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horse Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, April 29.

- Lodge 141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Wand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 30.

- Grand Festival,
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Holt Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, May 1.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
- " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
- " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey-road.
- " 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.
- " 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh, New Wimbledon.
- Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road: Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, May 2.

Chapter 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 Chapter 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (743), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, May 3, 1873.

Monday, April 28.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 362, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-st.
 " 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollockshaw's
 Chap. 122, Thetis, Freemasons' Hall, St. James's-street.
 Tuesday, April 29.

73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, May 1.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, Freemasons' Hall, 213 Buchanan-st.
 " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-rd.

Friday, May 2.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Rutherglen.
 " 61, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuscan.
 " 512, Thorn-tree, Thornalibank.

Saturday, May 3.

Lodge 458, Bushey, St. John, Bushey.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, May 3, 1873.

Monday, April 28.

Lodge of Lights (148), Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chapter of Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30
 Tuesday, April 29.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 Alpass Encampment of Knights Templar Masonic Temple, Liverpool.

Thursday, May 1.

Mariners' Lodge (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.
 Cestrian Lodge (425), Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, 4.
 Bridgewater Chapter, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, 6

Friday, May 2.

Neptune Lodge (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.
 Walton Chapter, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, 6.

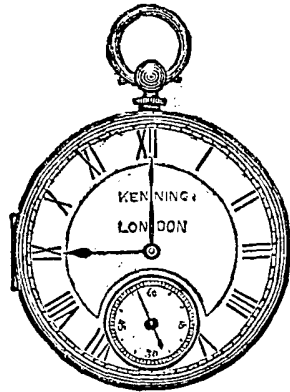
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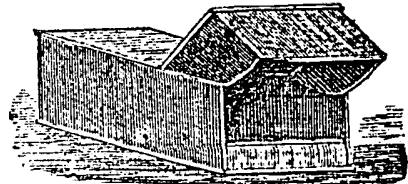
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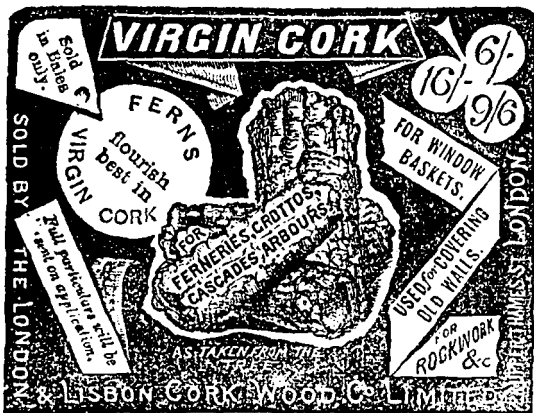
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—*Lodge of Instruction* (No. 97).—The closing meeting of the present session of this thriving lodge of instruction was held at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, on Wednesday, April 23rd. The meeting was in every respect an attractive and interesting one. Nearly one hundred brethren were present, among whom were the W. Masters of Nos. 80 (J. Davison); 94 (J. S. Pearson); 661 (W. Forster); 1389 (W. Crookes, P.G.S.); M. Douglas, P.M. 80. P.P.G. J.D.; T. Elwen, P.M., 80, P.P.G. J.D.; S. J. Wade, P.M. 80, P.P.G.D. of C.; Candlish and Ayre, P.M.'s 661; W. Adamson, P.M. 949; George Lord, P.M. 97, P.P.G.S.B., J. Riseborough, P.M. 94, P.G.P.; P. Hvistendahl, P.M. 30, P. Prov. G.P.; T. Henderson, P.M. 94, and others. The programme of the evening's proceedings included the working of the fifteen sections which was done in an extremely efficient manner. The chair was occupied by Bro. Jas. H. Coates, W.M. of 949, and the officers were—Bros. R. Humphrey, W.M. 97, P.G. St., as S.W.; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97, as J.W.; R. Hudson, P.M. 949, P.G.D. of C., as S.D.; W. Liddell, P.M. 949, P.G.J.D., as J.D.; George Young, 80, P.G. St., as I.G. The introductory addresses and the questions were given by the acting W.M. (Bro. Coates), and the answers in the first lecture to sections 1 and 6, by Bro. Humphrey; 2 and 7, Clay; 3, Hudson; 4, Liddell; 5, Young. In the second lecture: section 1 by Bro. Humphrey; 2, Clay; 3, Hudson; 4, Liddell; 5, Young; and in the third lecture, section 1, by Bro. Humphrey; 2, Clay; 3, Hudson. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded at the close to the brethren who took part in the work, and every brother present expressed himself highly gratified with the instruction given.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 295).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Hogard, W.M.; J. Emanuel, S.W.; Ayden, J.W.; Waylett, S.D.; Buckland, J.D.; R. Hall, M. of C.; Pexworthy, W.S.; Bro. Cohen, P.M. and Sec.; also P.M. Emanuel (2), Littaur, Harris, and about forty other brethren were present. The W.M. initiated Messrs. Pardo and C. Acland; passed Bros. McLeod, Schade, and Hood; and raised Bros. Whitmann, Rowden, and J. P. Cohen. Bro. Anerham of the Joppa Lodge was also unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Littaur, in a eloquent speech, proposed that the sum of ten guineas should be taken from the lodge funds towards a testimonial to be presented to P.M. Cohen for his indefatigable exertions as Sec. to the Lodge for the last seven years, this sum to be supplemented by a subscription amongst the brethren. Bro. Hall seconded the proposition. The W.M., on putting it to the Lodge, took occasion to bear testimony

to the assistance he had at all times received from Bro. Cohen, and said it gave him the greatest pleasure to ask the brethren to vote. The motion was unanimously carried amid great cheering, and most of the brethren present added their subscriptions to the list, which will no doubt be increased as soon as the absent brethren have been communicated with. The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, and after the usual toasts had been disposed of, the W.M. gave that of "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge," which was duly honoured, and the president announced that Bro. Anerham (the joining member) had handed him five guineas for the fund, Bro. Pardo one guinea, Bros. Acland and S. Gompers a half-a-guinea, with other sums, the amount of which we were unable to gather.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Lodge* (No. 1293).—This prosperous lodge met at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 26th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. D. Rankin Still, who was supported by R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett, P.M., and Prov. G.M.; Bro. R. W. Stewart, Dep. Prov. G.M.; H. Pythian, S.W.; Frederick Keily, J.W.; R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec., P.M. and Treas.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; S. Rosenthal, Prov. S.G.W.; David R. Pearce, D.C.; Chas. Coote; Geo. Kenning, P. Prov. G.D.; I. Coalbank, I.G.; W. Owen; R. Kotenberg; T. Lancaster; C. Groombridge Berrie; L. Raf; W. F. Laxton, P.M. 1238, Prov. G. Steward; and about half-a-dozen other brethren. After the usual preliminaries Bro. Berrie was raised to the degree of M.M. by the W.M., who performed his duties most admirably. The brethren voted an additional sum of five guineas to make the lodge a life governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,—it being already a governor of both branches of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. R. Kenyon, I.P.M., Prov., G. Steward, was unanimously recommended by the lodge to the Provincial Grand Master for office in the province, and Bro. Still, W.M., for appointment as Provincial Grand Steward. Several propositions were made. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren spent the evening together in the enjoyment of that genial, social, and fraternal intercourse which has ever distinguished the Burdett Lodge during its short but pleasant existence.

ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1356).—The fourth installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Wednesday, April 9th. At the appointed time the lodge was opened by Bro. William Mann, P.M. and Treasurer, the W.M., Bro. David Davison Beck, being unavoidably absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The W.M., Bro. D. D. Beck, arrived and took the chair. He in a painstaking, correct, and most impressive manner, passed Bro. Goldsron to the second degree, and raised Bro. Meek to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Bro. W. Mann, P.M. and Treasurer, presented to Bro. D. D. Beck, W.M., the W.M.-elect, Bro. Dawson, (P.M. 144) S.W., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The presentation was attended to, Bro. Dawson being duly installed as the W.M. He appointed and invested as his officers Bros. W. Beck, S.W.; Mead, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M. (the father of the lodge) Treas. (reinvested for the third time); J. W. Jackson, S.D.; T. Willets, J.D.; T. Pallet, I.G.; Ray, Gordon, Chaplain; Leftly, W.S. The addresses were then beautifully given by the Installing Master, and when the ceremony was completed, a hearty burst of applause proved how well the members appreciated the work so ably rendered. It is pleasurable to notice that Bro. David Davison Beck, P.M., is one of the many excellent workers in Craft and Arch whom Bro. James Brett, P.G.P. has instructed. A cordial vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously given to Bro. D. D. Beck, P.M., for his working of the ceremony of the installation. This mark of approbation was duly acknowledged by the Installing Master. The important event of the evening was the presentations made to Bro. D. D. Beck, P.M. We

may here remark, that when the lodge was founded no one of the founders displayed more energy, greater exertions and indefatigable perseverance in his endeavours to make the lodge a triumphant success. This work met with its reward, for now the lodge is second to none, either for working or the support given to the charities. It had long been thought that something ought to be done to show how the lodge appreciated the good work done for it by Bro. David Davison Beck, P.M.; accordingly, the opportunity of presenting him with a ten guinea Past Master's jewel was the time selected to carry out the wishes of his friends and admirers. The usual ten guinea Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to him at the previous meeting, and was, of course, presented to him by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge. Before resuming his seat, a splendid fifty guinea gold chronometer was handed to him to present to Bro. D. D. Beck, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge (subscriptions being limited to this lodge only). The W.M., Bro. Dawson, acquitted himself of his agreeable duties in a praiseworthy manner. Bro. D. D. Beck, P.M., on rising to return thanks, was received with a perfect ovation, and some minutes had to elapse before the enthusiasm of his reception had subsided, ere he could return thanks (which he did in a neat and appropriate speech). At the conclusion of his remarks he received a renewed amount of applause. The watch bears on the outside case, a monogram beautifully executed, of D. D. B. On the inside case there is engraved the following:—"Presented by the Brethren of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1356, to Bro. David Davison Beck, P.M., as a mark of esteem, and in acknowledgement of his services as one of the principal founders; and the very courteous and earnest manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during the year 1872-73. April 9th, 1873." After some routine business was disposed of, the lodge was closed. Bro. Hayward supplied the usual first-class banquet, and a happy evening was agreeably spent. Amongst an unusual large number of visitors, we noticed Bros. T. Mortlock, P.M. 186; Kirk, P.M. 144; Kirk, jun., 144; C. S. Simpson, 1326, and others.

ANDOVER.—*The St. Hubert Lodge* (No. 1373), now just twelve months old, celebrated its anniversary on Monday, 28th inst. The chair for the past year has been occupied by Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, D.P.G.M. (Hants), and a large number of new members have been admitted. This gentleman is succeeded by the Rev. Evan Yorke Nepean, one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains, who was installed on Monday by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive style, and the lodge was well attended. After the appointment and investiture of officers and other routine business, the W.M. occupied the chair at a banquet given at the Star Hotel. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and excellent speeches made by Bro. Beach, P.G.M.; Bro. Stebbing, D.P.G.M.; Bro. T. Best, P.M. 357, P.P.G.R. (Oxfordshire); Bro. Drew, P.M., and others, and altogether a most pleasant and profitable day was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—*Harmer Lodge*, (No. 1393).—The usual monthly meeting of this young lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 22nd April, at one of the apartments, No. 2, Windmill-restaurant, dock-road. Bro. W. F. M., W.M., in the chair. Amongst the others present were: Bros. J. Jones, S.W.; J. Harriman, Sec.; C. Tyre, Treas.; T. Barry, S.D.; C. H. Evans, J.D.; H. Jackson, I.G.; W. G. Vale, Org.; N. F. Johnson, 28; T. Bileoch, J.S.; M. Williamson, Tyler; J. McCarthy, R. Dunderdale, G. Lamb, R. Farr, W. Warriner, T. H. Price, H. Roberts, R. Lamson, H. Davidson, T. W. Rigby, G. Bowley, M. J. O'Foole, R. W. Rowlands, R. Roberts, C. A. Caspar, E. Wilson, H. Burrows, E. Dutch, J. J. Smith, N. Thornthwaite, J. Braeshaie, G. McCannell, C. C. Davidson, D. J. Houlding. The visitors present were: Bros. Rev. T. W. Richardson, Chaplain 1086, J.D. 1380; T. A. Jackson, 1264; R. Cox, 123; A. Rankin, 74 (Ireland); J. Wood, Treas. 1094; and H. W. Nicholas, 249. No fewer than eight

gentlemen were initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. After business and excellent banquet was served. It may be stated that the first annual ball in connection with the Hamer was held on Easter Monday, and whether as regards the attendance, pleasantness of gathering, or the truly fraternal spirit which was manifested, it was universally voted a complete success.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF SUFFOLK AND CAMBRIDGE.

The Annual Provincial Priory was held under the banner of the Prudence Preceptory, Ipswich, on Friday, the 25th April.

The Prudence Preceptory having been opened by Sir Knt. Beaumont, R.N., Eminent Preceptor, Staff-Surgeon H.M.S. Northumberland, the Sir Knights were marshalled by Sir Knt. Emra Holmes, Grand Provost, and formed the Arch of Steel, when the Provincial Prior, Sir Knt. Capt. Phillips, attended by his Sub Prior, Sir Knt. Rev. R. N. Sanderson; Provincial Chancellor, C. T. Townsend; Prelate, Rev. T. G. Beaumont; Sword Bearer, G. Cresswell; Standard Bearer, S. B. King; H. Dubose, 1st Grand Capt. of Lines of England; Major Shadwell Clarke, P.P.G. Commander, West Indies, entered in state, the organ playing.

The Provincial Prior then declared the Priory duly opened, and on the Preceptor's being summoned, the Tancered Preceptory was found to be unrepresented.

The minutes of last Provincial Grand Conclave were read and confirmed.

The report of the Managing Committee, which will be found below, was read and passed *nem. con.*

Sir Knt. Taylor was elected Treasurer, and Frater Spalding, Provincial Equerry.

Sir Knt. Holmes proposed that a suitable habit for the Equerry should be procured, which was seconded by Sir Knt. Sanderson, and carried.

The Provincial Prior appointed the following officers for the ensuing year, observing that he had not filled up some of the offices, purposely leaving them open until an explanation from the Tancered Preceptory had been received:—

Sir Knts. Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Sub Prior; Rev. T. W. Beaumont, Prelate; Dr. Beaumont, R.N., 1st Capt.; J. H. Townsend, 2nd Capt.; C. T. Townsend, Chancellor; R. Taylor, Treasurer; W. T. Westgate, Director of Ceremonies; G. J. Findley, 1st Standard Bearer; S. B. King, 2nd Standard Bearer; Capt. Terry, A.D.C.; H. Woods, Capt. of Lines; J. A. Pettit, Herald; Norman, Organist; Frater Spalding, Equerry.

Sir Knt. Emra Holmes, Grand Provost, moved that a loyal address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, congratulating His Royal Highness on his happy accession to the Grand Mastership of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, be prepared and transmitted on behalf of Province of Suffolk and Cambridge.

Sir Knt. Sanderson, Sub Prior, cordially seconded the motion.

The Provincial Prior observed, that he had no doubt such an address would be acceptable to His Royal Highness, and it was afterwards resolved that a Sub-Committee, consisting of Sir Knts. Sanderson and Emra Holmes should be formed to carry out the wishes of the Provincial Priory.

“Report of the Managing Committee of the Provincial Priory of Suffolk and Cambridge for the year 1872-3.

“April 22th, 1873;

“Very Eminent Sir,

“The Managing Committee of your Province much regret that they are not in a position to lay before you their usual statistical report of its condition, owing to the neglect of the authorities of the Tancered Preceptory, Cambridge, to send in their returns.

“This, after the remonstrance in their report of last year, printed by order of the Provincial Priory, and circulated in the Province, the Committee cannot but consider a grave dereliction of duty, and they reluctantly feel bound to request you to

require an explanation of the neglect, and, this failing, to visit the offending Preceptory with some mark of your displeasure.

“As far as can be ascertained from the returns sent in, the muster roll of the Province shows a total decrease of three, so that there are now seventy-one Knights ranged under your banner, against seventy-eight last year.

“The accounts of the province have been examined by the Auditors, and show a balance in favour of the Provincial Priory amounting to £19 11s. 6d.

“In view of the impending changes in the statutes and regulations of the Order, your committee judged it prudent not to proceed with the issue of the reprint of the Provincial bye-laws as ordered at the Provincial meeting in 1872; which delay recent events have fully justified, as an entire revision of the bye-laws is now required to bring them into accordance with the new statutes of the Convent General. A draught of changes recommended by the committee for adoption has been prepared, and the alterations will, with your permission, be submitted for approval by the Provincial Priory *seriatim*.

“The committee beg to remind the Knights of the Province that, though the status heretofore known as Past Rank is now abolished, yet this change is not retrospective, they venture, however, in consideration of their successors most respectfully to express their opinion that, seeing it is plainly set down in the statutes of the Convent General that Past Rank is abolished in consideration of the introduction of the Dignities of Knights Grand Cross and Commanders, the change bears somewhat hardly upon Provincial Officers, who cannot presume to look forward to the attainment of such high honours, yet are now debarred from any official recognition of their past services. Entirely admitting the propriety of dispensing permanent badges of honour with a far more sparing hand than formerly was the custom, the committee venture to state that in their opinion a powerful incentive would be given to the zeal of Knights of the United Orders by the institution of a cross of merit, or some other token, the right of wearing which might be granted to a limited number of Knights specially granted by the Grand Master, and a limited number of Provincial Officers being Preceptors, or Provincial Prelates, accompanied by their provincial Priors, as having done good service in their respective localities, and approved by the Grand Master. The committee desire to ask your opinion whether it would be proper that this suggestion be brought under the notice of the chief authorities, either as a petition, or in any other form.

“Knights intending to propose candidates for inception are requested to take notice.

“1st. That the power of the Provincial Prior to forbid the name of an intended candidate to be submitted for ballot need not be exercised for seven clear days after the receipt of the said name at the Head Quarters of the province.

“2nd. That all communications to the Provincial Prior must pass through his deputy, the Sub-Prior.

“3rd. That the notice of a meeting of the members of a Preceptory should be issued seven days before the said meeting.

“4th. That, allowing for unavoidable delays by postage in the transmission of the names of intended candidates through the proper channels, it is fit that the notice of their intention be given at least eighteen clear days before the meeting at which the candidates names are to be submitted by ballot.

“The Committee recommend that the Provincial Sub-Priors be empowered to ascertain the price of a suitable cope to be worn by the Provincial Prelate, and when in his opinion the funds of the province admit of it to give an order to the Provincial Treasurer for the purchase thereof.

“Had it not been for the unhappy omission to which reference has already been made, your Committee are opinion that both the muster roll and the accounts of the province would have been even more satisfactory than they appear at present, and although the numerical increase is not so marked as in the previous year, they consider that both you, Very

Eminent Sir, and your Knights, are on the whole to be congratulated on the condition of the Priory.

“Signed on behalf of the Managing Committee,

“C. T. TOWNSEND,

“P. Prov. 1st Grand Captain, Suffolk and Cambridge; Past 2nd Grand Capt. of Lines of England; Provincial Grand Chancellor.

“Provincial Chancery Masonic Hall, Ipswich.”

The Report was received and adopted *nem. con.*, the Provincial Prior merely remarking, that at present he was unprepared to express an opinion with regard to the proposed Cross of Merit. The proposed changes in the by-laws were read and approved, and the Committee for the ensuing year was then appointed, the Provincial Prior nominating Dr. Beaumont, R.N., and the Rev. J. Hardy, Tancered Encampment, the Provincial Chancellor proposing four other members, who were duly elected by the Priory.

The other business being disposed of, and the Provincial Priory having been closed, the Arch of Steel was again formed, the organ played, and the Provincial Prior attended as before, retired.

The Prudence Preceptory was then closed in due form.

A banquet was served in the adjacent dining-hall, in Frater Spalding's best style, at which the courteous and popular Provincial Prior, Sir Knt. Capt. Phillips, presided, supported by Sir Knts. Major Shadwell Clarke, P. Prov. Grand Commander, West Indies; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Prov. Sub Prior; the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Prov. Prelate; C. T. Townsend, Prov. Chancellor; H. Dubose, Dr. Beaumont, R.N., the Rev. A. W. G. Moore, and others.

PRESTON.—*Prince of Peace Preceptory*.—The regular meeting of this Preceptory for the purpose of the installation of the newly elected preceptor, was held on Monday, 21st ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston. There were present:—The Preceptor, Sir Knt. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B., England; Sir Knts. Lieut.-Col. Birchall, P.G. Chamberlain of England; Major T. Wilson, P.G.B.B. of England; James Worsley, P.P.G.H.; G. Galloway, Pro. G. Sub Prior; Captain Whitehead, T. M. Shuttleworth, G.C. elect, and an assembly of knights of the order. After the preceptory had been opened, and some preliminary business transacted, the ballot was taken for Comp. W. W. Cottam, of the Chapter of Unanimity, Preston, who was declared to be unanimously elected, and being in attendance, was duly and regularly installed as a knight companion of the order by Sir Knt. Moore. Sir Knt. Lieut.-Col. Birchall, P.E.C., etc., presented the preceptor elect, Sir Knt. Thomas M. Shuttleworth, to receive the benefit of installation, and in due course that zealous member of our fraternity was installed in the throne of the preceptory, and entrusted with the baton of command. After being proclaimed and saluted, he invested his officers as follows:—Sir Knts. Dr. Moore, P.E.C.; Lieut.-Col. Birchall, Prelate; Capt. Whitehead, First Capt.; Capt. Lockheart, Second Capt.; John Worsley, Registrar; G. Galloway, P.E.C., Treasurer; R. Robinson, Hospitaller; Major Wilson, P.E.C., Almoner; James Worsley, P.E.C., Expert; Edward Airey, First Standard Bearer; W. Helme, Second Standard Bearer; W. W. Cottam, Capt. of Lines; Moore and Galloway, Heralds; Knowles, Equerry. The preceptory was closed in due form, and the knights companions adjourned to refreshment, under the presidency of the newly-installed preceptor, after which the loyal, Masonic, and chivalric toasts were duly honoured.

LANCS.—*Fidelity Encampment*.—The regular meeting of this Encampment was held at the Fidelity Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 22nd of April. Amongst those present were:—Sir Knts. W. J. Beck, P.E.C.; J. D. Kay, P.E.C. as Prelate; T. C. Smythe, 1st. Captain; I. Gibson, 2nd. Captain; James Walker, Expert; James Allen, Registrar; W. F. Smithson, Captain of Lines; Sir Knts. Gaunt and Sugden, P.C.S.'s. of the Faith Encampment Bradford; Sir Knt. Menzies, E.C. of the Salamanca Encampment Halifax; and Sir Knt. J. Greenwood, P.E.C.; Prince Edward Encampment, Eastwood. Comp. S. E. Seanor was duly installed a K.T.

After the close of the Encampment a Priory of Malta was opened when Sir Knts. T. C. Snythe, J. Walker and Wm. Baines were installed as Knights of Malta. The presence of so many Sir Knights from the neighbouring towns augurs well for the prosperity of the Order in West Yorkshire.

IPSWICH.—*Preceptory of Prudence*.—The usual quarterly meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, April 23rd. The Preceptory was opened by the eminent Preceptor Sir Knight Emra Holmes, Grand Provost of England with the usual formalities, and the muster roll having been called, the Knights present answered to their names, amongst whom were, the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.E.C. Sub Prior, Suffolk, and Cambridge; J. Pitcher, P.E.C.; G. S. Findley, P.E.C., Registrar; J. Franks, R. W. Beaumont, R.N., S. B. King, and others. The Preceptor in resigning office, announced that there were no arrears in subscriptions, every Knight had paid his dues, the minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read, the resignation of Sir Knight C. Davy, and Rev. G. W. M. ... were accepted and confirmed, and Sir ... Holmes having resigned the baton in the hands of Sir Knight Pitcher, who for many years has inducted the Preceptors into their office, that worthy frater proceeded to install Sir Knight Beaumont who had been unanimously elected to that honourable post, Sir Knight Sanderson, Sub Prior, assisting in the ceremony. The Knights present then saluted the Eminent Preceptor in ancient form. The Preceptor then proposed as a candidate for installation, Dr. Clarke, Royal Artillery, his name having been previously entered on the summons, and approved by the Provincial Prior. It was decided to defer the appointment of officers till Friday, the 25th, when a special meeting was held to receive the Provincial Prior. At this meeting, which is reported in another column, Dr. Clarke was balloted for and accepted, and the following were appointed and invested as officers by Dr. Beaumont, R.N., Preceptor;—Sir Knts. Franks, First Capt.; P. Cornell, Second Capt.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Sub Prior Suffolk and Cambridge, Prelate; G. S. Findley, P.S.C., Registrar; A. J. Barber, Expert; Capt. Terry, 60th Rifles, Almoner; Vacant, Capt. of Lines; S. B. King, First Standard Bearer; Captain Hales, 27th (Inniskilling), Second Standard Bearer; Capt. Ormsby, 2nd Dragoon Guards, First Herald; F. Ashburner, 2nd Dragoon Guards, Second Herald; J. Pitcher, P.E.C., Treasurer. The Knights afterwards dined together under the presidency of Sir Knt. Capt. N. G. Phillips, Provincial Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge.

Red Cross of Constantine.

KENDAL.—*Kentis Conclave* (No. 20).—A meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic-rooms, Kendal, on the 16th ult., under the presidency of M.P.S. Sir Knt. Whitwell, M.P., G. Chamberlain. Bro. Gooding was duly installed a Knight of the Order. Sir Knt. John Holme was elected and enthroned as M.P.S. Sir Knt. H. Rauthmell inducted into the chair of E. Sir Knt. Busher, elected Treasurer, and G. Gawith, Recorder. The conclave was visited upon this occasion by Sir Knts. R. W. Little, G.T., and H. C. Levanter, G.H.A., of London, members of the Council of the Order.

"More than a year ago one of my children was attacked with bronchitis, and, after a long illness, was given up by all physicians as 'past cure.' I was then induced to try your Vegetable Pain Killer, and from the time I began the use of it the child rapidly got better, and it is now strong and healthy.—JOHN WINSTANLEY, 10, Whittle-street, Liverpool, 1869.—To Perry Davis & Son."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS: Exercise most wonderful powers in promoting appetite, improving digestion, regulating the Bowels, and in removing Nervousness and Debility. The weakest will take no harm from the use of this alterative and tonic Medicine, but will gradually regain their health, the Strongest will preserve themselves from many of the mishaps into which their boasted strength and fearlessness of results often betray them. Long suffering Invalids may look towards this rectifying and revivifying Medicine with the certain hope of having their Maladies mitigated if not removed by its means.—In short for all ages, circumstances and conditions, Holloway points out the treatment, which is competent to check the progress of disorder and expel its seeds from the human frame.—ADVERT.

Original Correspondence.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is often a subject of remark that the proceedings of private meetings should so frequently find their way into public print, there to be exposed to the impertinent criticism of those whose "bread and cheese" depend upon the adroitness (?) with which they apply their malignant pen. Fair criticism in the hands of a "gentleman," could scarcely be objected to, provided the subject on which he writes, be well known, and understood by him. I regret that the subject to which I refer has not fallen into such hands.

Some low, disloyal, and ignorant penny-a-liners have thought fit to spit their insolent venom against an Ancient, Honourable, and Loyal Order, "The Knights Templar," and just because it happens to be presided over by royalty, and receive the patronage of Her Most Gracious Majesty. I grieve to add that editors have been found, not only to admit such virulence, but even to append some equally absurd remarks of their own such as could only be expected from the pen of a "reviler." In the present day there seems to be no limit to the license, I will not call it liberty, of the press; and there is no person, be he prince or peasant, who can pursue the legitimate course of his life without interference, especially if it suits a political purpose to attack him. The writers of the articles in the *Saturday* and the *Spectator* of April 12th may be Republicans if they please, I hope they are not! but at any rate should they attempt to gain admission to the Order in question they will find the grapes very sour indeed, if they have not already experienced such disappointment; and I may further add that it must be a satisfaction to the Royal Patroness of the Order, and to His Royal Highness the Grand Master himself to know that the observations to which I have alluded, have not proceeded from the more respectable of the periodicals of the day—they have assumed a different tone.

The members of this and other orders will doubtless in future be more sparing of their contributions to public periodicals.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,
DEVONIENSIS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

So long as the Installation of our Royal Grand Master remained to be accomplished, and also so long as the Lupus-Holmes controversy was diverting the attention of Knights Templar from the far more important subject of the radical constitutional change effected by the vote of Grand Conclave, in December last, I purposely refrained from taking any part in the discussion; although, in common with a vast number of others, I felt unmitigated dissatisfaction with the pressure put upon the Grand Conclave, in the shape of what is now, happily, proved to have been an unauthorised, and untrue, intimation of the wishes of that Grand Master whom we all rejoice to hail as such.

But, now that these matters are things of the past, I wish to be allowed, in all sober sadness, to ask a question, the importance of which it is impossible to exaggerate.

As a member of the Templar body, and as a Preceptor of two Preceptories, I have taken more than one solemn obligation to a Masonic body. Now, on a former occasion, I have written very strongly in your columns, about playing fast and loose with Masonic obligations. I have, therefore, now to ask, can a mere vote of Grand Conclave, (a vote especially, which was practically passed in the ignorance of nine-tenths of that body, and under pressure put upon the remainder), release me from the O.B. which I have taken? I think not. I conceive that my O.B. as a "Masonic" Knight Templar is still binding—more—I expect that my undivided allegiance is still due to the Masonic body, whereas, I may find it. I fear that the body which now obtrusively rejoices in its abandonment of the Masonic title, has ceased to have any legal or moral claim to the allegiance of those who joined such

body, because they believed, as I did, (and some years of careful study have only deepened the conviction), that it formed an integral portion of the Masonry of the present day, but has no *locus standi* whatever, except such as is Masonic.

I think that if you will open the columns of the *Freemason* to a free and temperate discussion of the question which I have started, you will largely promote the best interests of the Order.

Fraternally yours,

P. H. NEWNHAM.

Preceptor of All-Souls Preceptory, Past Preceptor of Hyde, ditto Preceptory, Past Grand Hospitaller

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Shakespeare says "What's in a name? A rose by any other name will smell as sweet."

Why all this correspondence and disputing about the omission of the word "Masonic" from the Temple nomenclature?

Do the new statutes say that the Templar Degree is for the future to be chivalric? Do they not on the contrary make this degree even more Masonic than it was before by enacting that a candidate must not only be an R.A., but also two years a Master Mason? What more can the well-wishers of the Templar Degree require?

Your obedient servant,

E. R.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"When doctors disagree &c.," your correspondents G. Shanks, and Magnus Ohren, give very different replies to "Cheshire's" inquiry, unfortunately neither of them quote any authority in support of their assertions.

I write to ask if they would both of them be kind enough to state the authority whence their opinions are derived. It might probably help to settle a question which has long remained open.

As a P.Z. I may say that my experience is, that in practice, the First Principal only is addressed as M.E., but that he always obtains the assent of the second and third principals before issuing the commands; the summons too is by command of the M.E.Z.

But in theory I agree with Companion Shanks, that the three Principals jointly rule the chapter as one, and should always be addressed jointly, the summons too should issue by their joint authority.

Dr. Oliver in his "*Masonic Jurisprudence*" pp. 450 says, "the three Principals are severally three Masters and conjointly one."

As to the title by which they should be addressed I can only remark that it certainly appears unsuitable to address the presiding officer of a private chapter by the title appropriated to the heads of the Order, or the G. Supts. of Provinces. Can Comps. Hughan and Brett throw any light on this?

Yours fraternally,

Prov. G. S. E!

To the Editor of *The Freemason*

Dear Sir and Brother.

As one of those Masons of long standing, of considerable activity and energy, and I trust of fair skill and experience in carrying out the rituals, ceremonies, charges and lectures of the Craft, the Mark, and the Royal Arch degrees, who have resolutely refused to join the chivalric orders, having failed to see the connexion between genuine Masonry, as exhibited in the branches named, and that which has been professed to be a Christian extension of it in the various degrees of Knighthood, I have been much struck with the leading article in the *Freemason* of this day from which I learn that "the prefix Masonic being eliminated from the Orders of the Temple and Hospital, their only claim for recognition has been removed." It has always appeared to me that the only claim which the advocates of these (so called) high degrees could offer for acknowledgment as branches of Masonry, consisted in the fact, that none could be admitted to them who were not legitimate members of the Masonic body, and this idea seems to be now strengthened by the remarks of my valued friend Bro. Hughan, in the article referred to. I con-

fess that I know nothing of the chivalric orders, nor have I attempted surreptitiously to gain information as to their objects and formularies. It seems to be admitted, however, that the "present Order of the Temple cannot be proved to be the legitimate descendant of the Ancient Order of that name." By recent decision I see it stated, that "the members discard their Masonic relationship," therefore, it is "neither a Chivalric Order nor a Masonic Body." As Bro. Hughan justly observes, "to cut away the prefix Masonic actually removes the only ground they can possibly have for their continuance, or existence," and with the views I entertain, I hope that such will prove to be the case. Sure I am, that a Mason who had a perfect knowledge, such as each of us should aim at acquiring, of all the rituals and lectures appertaining to legitimate Masonry, Craft, Arch, and Mark, (of course I am aware that the last is unrecognised) has quite as much strain upon his mind, thoughts, and memory as it is good for him to bear. There can be no objection to the formation of any amount of degrees and orders, however presumptuous, or ridiculous; but let them stand on their own respective merits, and not claim an association and connexion with other bodies of undoubted character, with which they have nothing to do, depending on this alleged alliance for such importance as they can obtain by such bolstering, the amount of which might be very questionable, if they relied solely on their own independent claims and merits. Some of them might perhaps take rank with the club of "snobs" to which it appears that the real Sir Roger Tichborne was affiliated, as is stated in the reports of the trial now in progress.

In the province to which I at present belong, no restriction, whatever, is put upon the members of lodges who openly and constantly wear the badges of the unrecognised degrees, and as these are showy, not marking high honours or skill, but merely membership, or at the most, the occupancy of one or other of the numerous offices, some of which I fancy require very little knowledge or ability, such as, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Captain of Lines, &c., young Masons, and the many who know very little about the several distinctions, as marked by the jewels worn, are apt to imagine that they see before them brethren of distinguished rank, superior Masonic experience, and acquirements. I am aware that this is contrary to the Book of Constitutions, the regulations in which on this point are here systematically violated.

The Mark degree is unfortunately not recognised by the Grand Craft Lodge of England, though it is generally admitted to be a highly useful appendage to legitimate Masonry, if not even an essential part of it, as very many considered it to be. Certainly it is making steady progress, but I fear that in some cases this is somewhat interfered with by the introduction of one or other of the chivalric degrees; indeed I know of one instance in which such is clearly the case, and the Mark Lodge is consequently in abeyance, preference being given to the high sounding title, and handsome jewellery. It is to be feared that the impetus given to the Order of the Templars by the recent proceedings at Willis's Rooms, under high auspices, will tend still farther to enhance its popularity, unless indeed the severe strictures which have appeared in some of the public journals tend to neutralise the effect, and make our brethren shy of being held up to ridicule.

Yours fraternally,
H. H.

ROYAL ARCH CEREMONIES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am obliged to my friend and brother Bro. Shanks for his answer to my query on the above subject in No. 217, and equally obliged to Bro. Magnus Ohren, for his opinion in No. 218. But these brethren offer contrary opinions, so that I remain in doubt. My reason for making the question is, that a distinguished Companion deservedly high in the Craft, and much respected, recently told me that "M. E." was incorrect, but when kindly acting as P.S. one evening lately, he used the term "M. E." when at that portion of

the working in which the Soj. repudiates with scorn the idea of having fled when the Holy City was oppressed, and assures the M.E. of his noble ancestry &c.

I should like to elicit further opinions on this very interesting subject. Bro. Magnus Ohren has most certainly thrown some light on the point from which no W.M. can materially err, but I would ask him why that is explanatory only to a Royal Arch Mason, as he seems to imply, since it is embraced in the Craft Ritual, and consequently ought to be intelligible to M.Ms.

Yours fraternally,

CHESTER.

PROXIES IN GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being anxious for a thorough system of reform, not only in Grand Lodge, but in every lodge where reform is required, I am always glad when I find anything introduced that is capable of promoting the welfare of Masonry.

Having for several years been fully convinced that the proxy system of representation in Grand Lodge was unsatisfactory and detrimental to the best interests of lodges, I do heartily approve of Bro. Douglas's motion (see *Freemason*, vol. 6, p. 251), and beg leave to support the same.

The proxy system has not only been the means of placing at the head of the Craft a class of brethren in many respects entirely ignorant of the work of any lodge, but has also been the means of weakening the power and authority of Grand Lodge; and as it often happens that no regular correspondence is kept up between the Proxy Master and the lodge he represents, proxies can only be said to represent themselves. Since the proxy system has unfortunately been the means of raising a wall of separation between Grand Lodge and her daughters—for lodges having no actual voice in the management of Grand Lodge affairs do not realise the fact that they are part of it, and consequently do not entertain that fraternal feeling and respect for Grand Lodge, which is due when at the head of the Craft.

The expenses that would be incurred by sending the Actual Masters and Wardens to Grand Lodge will form a strong argument with some lodges in favour of continuing proxy representation; the interchange of thought and opinion, and the passing of a few wise and judicious laws, would soon amply repay any expense that might be incurred in that direction.

Allow me through *The Freemason* to thank Bro. Douglas for the circular that he has issued to the Craft in Scotland, and that his labours may be crowned with success is the earnest desire of

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT WALKER,
P.M., Lodge 66, S.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday, the 24th April, Bro. T. W. White, in the Chair, when in accordance with the recommendations of the House Committee, it was resolved to increase the number of children in the School to 120, and to provide additional accommodation by extending the school-room, and dining hall wings in front, and building extra dormitories over them. Sixteen brethren were nominated for the House Committee, twelve to be elected by the General Committee in May, and eleven were proposed for the Audit Committee, of whom nine will be elected at the same meeting. With a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the proceedings terminated.

A NOTE TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wicker-quiet shoes, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits;

SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY (LIMITED).

A special meeting of this Company was held on Wednesday, the 23rd April, at the offices, No. 47, Leipsic-road, Camberwell, for the purpose of confirming a resolution passed at a previous meeting:—"To increase the share capital of the Company to £3,000." This will enable the directors to build far more elaborate and spacious Masonic Rooms, also considerably increase the size of the hall. From the reception the undertaking has met with among the members of the musical profession who are in the habit of giving concerts in the neighbourhood, and who are united as to its convenience and position, the directors feel no doubt that a fair and remunerative income can be made.

At the termination of the above a Board meeting was held, at which Bro. W. Ramsey was elected to a vacancy in the Directorate. Bro. Geo. Kenning expressed his willingness to join at the next vacancy.

Bro. Edward Worthington presided. There were also present Bros. H. C. Levander, Geo. Kenning, Jas. Stevens, Dr. Pinder, and M. S. Larham.

THE BINCKES TESTIMONIAL.

It will be seen from an advertisement which appears in our impression of this day, that the Committee of the "Binckes Testimonial Fund," propose to close the subscription list on the 30th June next, and to make the presentation at the ensuing Summer Festival of the Boys' School, to be holden at Wood-green, on Tuesday, the 8th of July. The Committee express their belief that brethren who have not yet subscribed are anxious to do so. We trust their belief is warranted, and long before the 30th June, the Testimonial Fund will be a worthy expression of the sense which the Craft entertain of the great abilities and unwearied labours of the Secretary of the Boys' School, whose exertions in its interest have been marked with unexampled success. The debt so long an incubus upon the Institution has this year been extinguished, an event anticipated by the election on a late occasion of ten children in addition to those chosen to fill the vacancies occasioned by the discharge of such pupils as had attained the maximum age at which they could be retained in the Institution. We trust that the friends of the successful candidates will not be forgetful of the source of their unexpected good fortune. As stated in the advertisements, subscriptions are to be forwarded to the Hon. Sec. of the Fund, Bro. Edward Cox, 102, Chancery-lane, London.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AT BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

The consecration of a Royal Arch Chapter (an unfrequent event in the provinces) took place at the Angel Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds, on Monday, 21st ult., the ceremony being impressively performed by Comp. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, P.G. Scribe E., Middlesex, assisted by Comp. Smeed, P.G.F.A., Middlesex. The Principals were appointed as follows:—Comps. J. N. Yorke, Z.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, H.; W. H. Lucia, J. The Z. appointed Comps. T. J. Huddleston, Principal Sojourner, and W. Armstrong, Scribe E. The Chapter is called the "White Rose" Chapter, out of compliment to the first Z., Comp. Yorke. The companions afterwards sat down to a splendid banquet, provided in Bro. Guy's well-known style. The collection in aid of the Masonic charities was a very liberal one, and an esteemed companion made the total up to ten guineas, which will render the Chapter a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Crystal Palace Company have communicated to the Shah of Persia, through H. E. Hadji Moshin Khan, their desire to offer him a reception of the same character as those which they have on former occasions given to the Sultan, the Khedive, the Prince of Wales, and other Imperial and Royal personages.

Reviews.

MASONIC MAGAZINES.

Voice of Masonry (Chicago, U.S.A.). Bro. J. C. W. Bailey, editor and publisher of one of the voices of Masonry, in order to express his satisfaction at the continued prosperity of his monthly magazine, has considerably enlarged it for the new year, and it is now one of the largest of its kind (as it is also one of the best) in the United States. We are always pleased to receive it so regularly, and never fail to obtain some valuable Masonic information on referring to its pages. The series of articles by our friend and Bro. Haghan, on the "Early History of British Freemasonry," are worth more than the cost of the year's issue, so we do not wonder at the paper being such a success.

Die Bauhütte (Leipsic). The organ of the "German Masonic Union," and so ably edited by the learned Mason J. G. Findel, is still published weekly, and is as vigorous as ever. We should prefer it, however, in the octavo form.

Masonic Jewel (Memphis, Tenn. U.S.A.). The *Jewel* is the official organ of the State of Tennessee, and has lately appeared in a symbolical wrapper which certainly is as curious as it is handsome. Bro. A. J. Wheeler is the editor and publisher, and is evidently determined to make the paper worthy of its distinguished patronage. A condensed report of the last Grand Lodge is published in the number for February; 386 actual representatives of lodges were present, and apparently a happy and truly Masonic meeting was closed in peace and harmony.

The Keystone (Philadelphia, U.S.A.). The weekly No. (36) for March 22, is now before us, and we are glad to see our old friend is as full of genuine Masonry as ever. It is well named the *Keystone*, and we hope the Craft in Pennsylvania especially, has long ere this taken the only legitimate means of expressing its satisfaction at the able manner in which its worthy Editor conducts the paper, by liberally subscribing for copies, and introducing them to the notice of their friends. An effectual way, by the by, to make known even some other publications, as well as the "Keystone;" and lest we may be considered modest, we will at once own the "Freemason," and our new *Monthly* are in our thoughts just now, and are candidates for the universal suffrage of the fraternity.

Masonic Advocate (Indianapolis, Ind., U.S.A.). The name suggests the following, which heads the Paper—"Masonry: The Light reflected from her Altars reaches the Homes of the Widow and Fatherless." Bro. Martin H. Rice (P.G.M.) cannot have a better *Beacon* to guide him as Editor, and has only to remember the foregoing to be assured of his duty whilst steering the Craft in Indiana. The leader on "Masonic Obligations" in the March number is above *par*, and will repay a diligent perusal. Bro. Rice tells us truly that "Among too many, the obligations of Masonry appear to be almost forgotten. Though initiated—passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, they seem not to have realised the solemn and high obligations they assume of their own free-will. . . . The imprints of the Masonic lessons are not given to be rubbed out with pleasure; for their obligations are as perpetual as they are distinct and practical. There are none, indeed, that are higher, or that can supersede them in their moral power. . . . Therefore he that becomes a Mason, should remember that he his no longer a common man, for he has been ordained, set apart and obligated in the grandest fellowship fraternity that the wisdom of human genius has ever devised, a fraternity that has numbered millions in its ranks, and to-day counts among its brotherhood as many great hearts and true men as any fraternity on the face of the Globe." Brethren! think of these words and if you know any one who is shaking in his allegiance, and intending to cease paying his small subscription to his lodge, mark the foregoing, and mail him a copy of the "Freemason."

Freemasons' Monthly Magazine (Boston, U.S.A.). The veteran editor of the oldest Masonic monthly magazine in the world, Bro. Charles W. Moore, has our best wishes for a most prosperous career throughout the present year, and

for as long as he can wield his facile pen, which we hope will be for many years to come. An extra "spurt" has been made to start this well-conducted periodical with a better chance of financial success, and therefore we have reason to believe that when the "balance is struck" at the end of the year, there will be more than sufficient to pay the printer. The first article is on Henry Price, the "first Grand Master in the United States." A copy of a letter has lately turned up, which was sent to the "Rt. Honourable and Rt. Worshipful Grand Master, or Deputy G.M. or G.W. of the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons in England," and it is dated 23rd June, A.M., 5736. The letter is certainly a remarkable one for several reasons, and these mostly because antagonistic to Price's claim as Prov. G. Master by patent from the Grand Master of England. Why was this letter in A.D. 1736, addressed to the G.M., or D.G.M., or G.W. of England? Surely the Grand Secretary was the proper official to be addressed; and if Bro. Price was unaware of Bro. Read's appointment in 1734, he should have known that Bro. Read was the Grand Secretary in A.D. 1733, and therefore the addresses to the officers in question is, to the say the least, inexplicable. We may be quite certain that the Grand Secretary would be the medium of communication with the members of the Lodge at Boston, and as such an officer is mentioned in the Book of Constitutions A.D. 1723, ignorance of the fact could not be pleaded. Price signs as G.M. We should be glad to know his authority for so doing. The Earl of Loudoun was Grand Master, and Price, Prov. G. Master, if his claim was correct. Pine's engraved list of lodges, published in 1735, should have been known to Price and Officers of the lodge. In that little work the lodge is numbered 126, and we are told in the Constitutions of 1738 page 154 that "In the Mastership of Dalkeith, a list of all the lodges was engraven by Bro. John Pyne, in a very small volume, which is usually reprinted on the commencement of every new Grand Master, and dispersed among the brethren." If Bro. Price's claim to the Prov. G.M. was a valid one, and the foregoing letter is a true copy of the original forwarded to the Grand Master of England, A.D. 1736, how is it that subsequently in the Book of Constitutions of 1738, 1756 &c., Price does not appear amongst the Deputations granted abroad to Provincial Grand Masters. Please answer this Bro. Moore.

Hibernica, by Bro. D. Sheriff (London: Simpkin, Marshall, and Co.).—Bro. Sheriff is not only a poetical genius, but represents a strange union of the mathematical with the ideal, the practical with the beautiful, or in other words a combination of fact and fancy.

The Book of Poems, (*Hibernica*) is a book of gems, and if we mistake not our Bro. Sheriff should occupy a place in the front rank of poets hailing from the "Emerald Isle," for if ease of expression, beauty of diction and true musical ring are criteria whereby to distinguish one of nature's own, surely the author of *Hibernica* may lay claim to the distinction. Many of the poems we had marked (on scanning the volume) for reproduction in these pages, but want of space necessitates our refraining from giving anything like a fair proportion of the extracts we had selected. The following verses will serve to indicate the character of many of the lyrics scattered over the collection.

"My gallant bark with folded wings
Sleeps on the tranquil tide,
Lulled by the gentle murmurings
Of night winds as they glide."

"A thing of life and thought she seems
Rocked on the billows' crest;
Of dangers long since past, she dreams—
Of tempests now at rest."

There is no lack of loyalty in its pages, for in the "Verses on the Queen's visit to Ireland, 11th August, 1849," there is a profusion of the most unbounded devotion to "our loved one, our fair one, our own chosen Queen," and patriotism is well represented in a most spirited and manly composition of ten verses, which if all Irishmen would but take to heart, the conclusion would soon become a happy reality, and,

"Then Ireland, from the foulest stain
Should stand in glory free,
The proudest island of the main,
Joint Mistress of the Sea."

A song at page 6, which reads very pleasantly, commencing "Success to the land where the Castle of Cairn," has since its publication been given a Masonic finish, and we have been favoured with the concluding lines as follows:—

"Hail Craftsmen. Oh! hail, for without thy blessing,
What's most glorious in man had been lost in the shade,
For thy lovely design, and thy mission would seem
To prevent vicious discord, or harbour of spleen,
And disseminate love in this valley so green.
"May thy Royal Arch flourish, and truth aid its cause,
May virtue adorn, and give strength to your laws
In this land of wild mountains, and vallies so green.
May this peace-spreading banner be ever unfurled,
May its standard shed light to the whole peopled-world,
May its rays bright effulgence benign shed its beam
From the low cot of mirth to the halls of the king,
In regions remote from this valley so green."

We recommend our readers to procure copies and judge for themselves, and we conclude our sketch by wishing success to Bro. Sheriff in his literary enterprises.

Comets' Tails, no longer a mystery, By J. A. R. (Reeves and Son, London).—To us this little book has proved a most pleasant study, and if we are not now enlightened a little more on the subject of the Cometary Bodies, it is not the fault of J. A. R., who has done his best by diagrams and explanations to illustrate the confessedly mysterious subject. The author evidently assumes that the Tails of Comets, and in fact Comets generally, are composed of aggregations of gases of various densities, that they shine by reflected light, and that their heat is dependant upon the amount and constitution of the atmosphere surrounding them, (not upon their distance), hence he explains that the fact of a star not being apparently altered when seen in close proximity to the Tail of a Comet is owing to its being seen through the same medium as the Tail, a long time before the illuminated Tail interposes, and therefore under the same refraction. When the Tail has passed the star, no change of position of the star takes place until the atmosphere has travelled forward to a considerable distance. The above J. A. R. thinks "is the solution of the mystery" It is at all events most ingenious.

Obituary.

BRO. BENJAMIN PAINE TODD.

We regret to announce the death of a much-esteemed member of the Craft, Bro. Benjamin Paine Todd, P.M. and Treasurer of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, which occurred at his residence, No. 81, Kingsland High-street, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at 10 o'clock a.m., aged 55, after a long and severe illness. Bro. Todd was initiated in the Egyptian Lodge in April, 1842, was the Master of that lodge in 1851, and has held the office of Treasurer ever since; also a P.Z. of Chapter No. 382, Uxbridge. He was a staunch and consistent supporter of the several Masonic Charities, and a Life Governor of them all. He was well known in the Craft for his kind and genial manner; a firm friend, and an affectionate husband and father. He has left a widow and eleven children to mourn his loss.

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Answers to Correspondents.

ERRATUM.—Re Bro. Holmes, K.T.—In Bro. Hughan's brief review of Bro. Holme's History of the Knights Templars, 300 years, should be 200, in reference to the Royal Order of Scotland.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending May 10.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Miss Nina Temple in "Romeo and Juliet."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. Mr. E. Falconer's new drama "Killarney."

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SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1873.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

INSTALLATION OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL FERRERS AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A meeting of a very interesting character was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Friday, April 18th, when the members of the late Provincial Grand Lodge, and the brethren of the Province, were summoned to attend and assist at the installation of the Earl Ferrers as Provincial Grand Master in succession to the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, *F.R. Hist. Soc.*, who has recently resigned that office. There was a large attendance of brethren on the occasion, including several visitors from other provinces.

At 2 o'clock, the Craft Lodge, St. John's (No. 279), was opened, and shortly after that

hour, the R.W. Bro. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M. accompanied by the officers of the late Prov. Grand Lodge entered the Hall in procession, and the P. Prov. G.M. having taken the chair, was saluted with grand honours.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in due form, and the Rolls of Lodges and of Grand Officers were called, every lodge being well represented, and the following officers answering to their names:—Bros. the Earl Ferrers, P.D.P.G.M., J. J. Fast, S.G.W.; C. Stretton, J.G.W.; Revds. P. Phelps, and W. J. Fry, G. Chaplains; W. B. Smith, G. Treas.; J. H. Douglass, G. Reg.; S. S. Partridge, G. Sec.; E. J. Crow, G.S.D.; E. Ison, G.J.D.; J. B. Hall, G. Dir. of Cer.; J. Halford, Asst. D.C.; Capt. H. B. Burnaby, G.S.B.; W. J. Rowlett, G. Org.; I. G. Bennett, G. Std. B.; and J. M. Kew, and F. Grant, *M.D.*, G. Stewards, together with upwards of 20 Past Grand Officers. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Samuel Innis, D.P.G.M.; S. Jacob, P.P.S.G.W.; and Rev. F. H. Richardson, P.G. Chap. of Norths. and Hunts.; J. L. Kennedy, P.M. 1031; A. Wright, 1031, Walter Spencer, 263, and W. Simmonds, 445.

A communication from the Grand Secretary Bro. John Hervey was then read, announcing that the M.W.G.M. had accepted the resignation by Bro. Kelly of the office of Prov. G. Master, with expressions of regret that the state of that brother's health had compelled him to relinquish the post, and intimating that Bro. Kelly had not held the appointment for the prescribed period of five years which would entitle him to Past Rank, the Grand Master felt that the Craft in this Province had derived so much advantage from his guidance that it gave him pleasure, under the circumstances, to confer on Bro. Kelley, Past Rank, with the same seniority, rights, and privileges as if he had acted for the full prescribed term of years. A resolution that the Grand Secretary's letter should be entered on the minutes, was carried by acclamation, Bro. the Rev. Jno. Denton, P.P.S.G.W., the mover of the resolution very eloquently expressing the sentiments of gratification on the part of the brethren, at this graceful act of the M.W.G.M., in conferring a well-earned distinction on the worthy P. Prov. G.M., and read a congratulatory resolution on the subject from the members of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Bro. Kelly as Prov. G.M., called on Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec., to read the patent of appointment of the Right Hon. and R. W. Bro. the Earl Ferrers as Prov. G.M. A deputation was sent to receive his lordship, and he was conducted into the lodge and presented for installation by the acting D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. J. Denton. After giving his assent to the ancient charges, and taking the obligation, his lordship was duly installed and invested as Provincial Grand Master, saluted with grand honours, and proclaimed by his several titles, by the Prov. G.D.C., Bro. J. B. Hall.

The newly-installed Prov. G.M. returned thanks to the brethren for their support and attendance in such large numbers on that important occasion. He felt deeply the responsibility devolving on him as their ruler in Masonry.

The Province under the direction of the respected P. Prov. G. M., had attained a pitch of excellence which he was sure could not be excelled, but which he hoped might be maintained by the brethren working together with him in the endeavour to promote that object; and concluded by assuring the brethren that no efforts on his part should be spared to promote the harmony and prosperity of the province.

The officers of the late Provincial Grand Lodge were requested by the Prov. G.M. to retain their respective posts until the next annual general meeting, when their year of office would expire.

The minutes of the last annual general communication having been confirmed, the next business on the agenda paper was to present a testimonial, consisting of a purse of 130 guineas (the subscription being limited), and an illuminated address from the brethren of the province to Bro. Kelly on his retirement from the office of Prov. G.M. Bro. the Rev. J. Spittal, P.P.S.G.W., in making the presentation, alluded in a very eloquent manner to the long and distinguished Masonic career of Bro. Kelly, and to his eminent services in promoting the prosperity of the Order in this country. Referring to the great progress which Freemasonry had made in the province, and to the truly fraternal feeling which existed between the several lodges, the Rev. Bro. attributed it in a large measure to the influence of the worthy P.P.G.M. It was the work of no ordinary man to give the satisfaction which Bro. Kelly had done. The brethren all felt him to be their common friend, and so freely were his services given that they sometimes failed to appreciate their real value. In requesting acceptance of the testimonial, Bro. Spittal said the gift was but small, and had been made purposely so (the subscription being limited to a very small sum), and was a very inadequate return for the obligations which the province owed to Bro. Kelly. He trusted that that Bro. would not measure the gift by its pecuniary value, but would regard it simply as a symbol of the high esteem and respect in which he was universally held in the province.

The address, which was in the form of a book, most elaborately and beautifully illuminated and very handsomely bound, was as follows:—

"To the R.W. Bro. Kelly, Past Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland.

"R.W. Sir and Brother,—

"The brethren of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, ever bearing in mind, that during the lengthened period of your connection with our Craft you have laboured zealously to promote its welfare both in the Town of Leicester and in all the lodges of the Province, cannot allow you to sever that connection and resign your honourable office of Provincial Grand Master without placing upon record their hearty appreciation of the manner in which you have always managed their affairs.

"The M.W.G.M. of England ready at all times to reward merit, has conferred upon you Past Rank, and in his graceful tribute to your services we greatly rejoice, feeling certain that it must be gratifying to your feelings to know that they have met with acknowledgement from the

head of our Order. It will also enable you, from time to time, to take that place in the Grand Lodge of England, which is your due, and for which your experience so well fits you.

"Although retiring from the active direction of the Province, we hope that it may be many years before you cease to attend our meetings; and we feel sure that your heart will ever warm towards that Institution, to the welfare of which you have devoted so many of the best years of your life, and of which you must have so many pleasing reminiscences.

"Our prayer is, that T.G.A.O.T.U. may long preserve your life, and that in His own good time He may remove you to the Grand Lodge above. We now ask your acceptance at our hands of this small token of respect and gratitude, accompanied by a purse containing 130 guineas."

A list of contributors follows the address.

Bro. Kelly, who appeared to be deeply affected, responded in a speech of some length, which from want of space we are unable to give *in extenso*. After thanking the brethren who had subscribed to the testimonial, also Bro. Spittal for the kind and eloquent terms in which he had made the presentation, and the Committee for their efforts in carrying the testimonial into effect, concluded in the following terms:—"So far brethren, my feelings are those of unalloyed pleasure and gratitude; but, alas, happiness in this world is never perfect, and those pleasant feelings are of necessity deeply tinged with sadness and regret when I call to mind that the occasion on which I receive at your hands, this valued token of your respect and gratitude is that on which by my resignation of the P.G. Mastership, I have severed those official ties which during the last five and thirty years have closely connected me with my Masonic brethren, the first half of that period in subordinate capacities, and during the other half as the Ruler of the Province, first virtually as Lord Howe's Deputy, and lastly as Provincial Grand Master; so that your offering is really a 'Parting Gift.' Your address, brethren, states truly that I must have 'many pleasing reminiscences of the Institution to which so many of the best years of my life have been devoted,' and you, brethren, whose names appear there, will have given me another very pleasing reminiscence in the assurance that I carry with me, in my retirement from office, your gratitude and esteem. One of the most satisfactory reminiscences which I shall carry with me in my retirement is of the fact that Masonry in the Province has not deteriorated during the seventeen years I have managed its affairs, and especially during the three years in which I have borne sway as P.G.M., but that on the contrary, I hand the Province over to my noble successor in an unprecedentedly flourishing and still progressive state. And now, brethren, I must take my final leave of you in my official character, by once more thanking from the bottom of my heart, all those brethren who have participated in this parting token of esteem, for the honour they have done me; and wishing the Province collectively, under its new ruler, and you brethren individually, every prosperity and happiness. Brethren, farewell."

At the last annual meeting a sum of money

was voted for the purchase of a cup or other suitable testimonial to be presented to Bro. G. Toller, junr., in recognition of his services as Provincial Grand Secretary during the preceding three years. The R.W.P.P.G.M. announced that Bro. Toller in a truly Masonic spirit had requested that the amount so voted might be given in his name for the benefit of one of the Masonic schools instead of receiving it in the more tangible form which had been originally proposed. The amount had accordingly been appropriated as Bro. Toller desired, and he now had pleasure in handing to him the official receipt for the amount, and at the same time conveying to him the thanks of the brethren for his valuable and efficient services as P.G. Sec., during the above period. Bro. Toller, responded in suitable terms.

Some business of a private character having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the proceedings of the day terminated with a banquet, under the very able presidency of the newly installed Provincial Grand Master.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (NO. 217).

The 56th anniversary festival of this Lodge of Instruction, was held on Friday week, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The lodge meets every Friday evening, from the first Friday in September, till the last Friday in April, on which day the "labour" of the session is brought to a conclusion by a specimen of Masonic working being given by the pupils of the lodge of which Bro. Muggeridge is Preceptor, and subsequent "refreshment," which forms the lighter part of the anniversary celebration. In such high estimation is the lodge held, and so worthy of recognition are the services of Bro. Muggeridge to the Craft considered to be, that a distinguished Freemason is always found ready to preside at the banquet or supper, and a numerous attendance of brethren to witness the working of the lodge, and partakers of the repast is ever secured. About 200 usually attend, and on Friday last that number was far exceeded. Among those who were present, we noticed Bros. Æ. J. MacIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. of China, B. Head P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Heather Bigg, Erasmus Wilson, M.D., George Lambert, F. Binckes, Sec. of Boys School; R. W. Little, Sec. of Girls School; James Terry, Sec. of Benevolent Institution, Hubback; J. R. Marks Hockley, A. A. Richards, John Cory Havers, Huggins, J. Stevens, F. Copestick, Diaper, Theobald, Morgan, Newton, George Kenning, J. G. Marsh, Trott, Abbott, Townend, and Crossfield.

The lodge was composed as follows:—Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor, W.M.; T. R. Eames, S.W.; John Jonas, J.W.; J. B. Scriven, S.D.; Geo. Phythian, J.D.; Henry Birdseye, I.G.

The lodge having been opened in the first and second degrees, the lecture of the second degree was worked in sections by the following brethren:—

1st by Bro. Jonas.

2nd by Bro. Eames.

3rd by Bro. Scriven.

Lodge Board, the W.M.,

After this the lodge was closed in the second degree, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Muggeridge, and the worthy brethren. Before the business was concluded five guineas were voted to the Girls' School, five guineas to the Boys' School, and five guineas to the Benevolent Institution. The closing was then performed, the lodge being adjourned till the first Friday in September at the Guildhall Coffee House, and the brethren retired to the

BANQUET,

at which Bro. Æneas J. MacIntyre, Q.C., G.R., presided, supported by the brethren named above.

It was very late when the brethren sat down, and the speeches were not begun till long after ten o'clock. Under the direction of Bro. Frank Elmore, a splendid musical entertainment was provided, at which Bros. Ransford, P.G. Org., and Bro. Baxter assisted, and it is greatly to be regretted that the banquet was not arranged for an earlier hour, as a fair opportunity of enjoying the speeches and music, which were immensely above the average quality, would then have been given to the brethren, as it was, more than two-thirds of the brethren were obliged to leave before the post-prandial enjoyments had been well launched, and when the last speech had been delivered at a quarter to twelve, the remnant that remained could easily be counted.

The Chairman in proposing "The Queen, and the Craft" said, the first toast that I have to propose this evening is one that is always received among Masons with the very greatest pleasure and satisfaction in our own day. Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, the highest in the land, the mother of the most distinguished young Mason that has come among us, the Prince of Wales, and who at all times, and under all circumstances will be honoured by Masons as the head of the State, and therefore the head of the great Masonic body, of which we are members. At this late hour of the evening I shall not trouble you with long speeches upon any subject whatever, but certainly the health of our Sovereign Lady the Queen needs no encomiums from any one who occupies the chair of a Masonic body, or any other body in the world, and therefore I give you "The health of Her Majesty the Queen," and I couple with that "The Craft."

The Chairman said, the next toast is "The health of the Head of the Craft, the Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M.," and I am quite sure in mentioning the name of the noble lord who presides over Freemasonry in this country, I call to the attention of the brethren the health of a nobleman who is distinguished in the service of his country, and his Queen, and of whom we all feel proud, because he teaches us the very great lesson we ought to learn, that a man may be a good Freemason, and though he be a good Freemason it does not debar him from performing his duties to the outer world, but that it rather increases his powers, and enabled him to do that which unless he were a Freemason he might not be in a position to perform. We have seen that since he has been Grand Master the noble lord has received a greater honour at the hands of the Queen, that he has been made a Knight of the Most Honourable Order of Chivalry and received additional rank in the peerage of his country. Masonry has not been destructive of his advancement, but we may be of opinion that it has conduced to his being advanced as he has been by his Royal Mistress the Sovereign of this country and we are proud to have him preside over us as Grand Master of England.

The toast was duly honoured.

The Chairman: I have now to call your attention to a toast which I am sure every brother in this room will receive with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. In the Grand Lodge of England we have two past Grand Masters,—one, who for a long series of years was the most distinguished Mason in this country, a brother who found Masonry when he became in the first instance the Deputy Grand Master of England, afterwards the Pro-Grand Master of England, and afterwards for five and twenty years the ruler of the Craft, not in a very flourishing position; but he left it a truly harmonious brotherhood that had increased in numbers, increased in importance, and increased in that great brotherly love which Masons ought to extend one to another. My Masonry does not carry me so far as to have seen him ascend to the great position which he occupied as head of the Craft. I only came into the Craft at a time when he was in the greatest zenith of his glory, when every Mason was proud of him as the head of our own noble order, and when he showed that great determination, which was one of his distinguishing characteristics, to call forth from young Masons the desire to promote the great cause of our order, and to extend to every young man in our body the courtesy that ought to be extended from the chief of the Craft to the most humble member. We have seen him now pass from that

great position, and like the glorious sun that has shone in the firmament with undiminished splendour during a long summer day, sinks down at evening resplendent in the western sky, so we have seen that old man honourable, who had distinguished himself in the Craft for the greater part of his life, go down to his retirement which he has so well earned, with the highest aspiration from every Mason that his latter days may be prolonged with comfort and pleasure to himself, and with the highest gratitude of the great and noble order which he ruled, and with the assurance that he was one of the greatest men that has ever presided over them. (Cheers.) Brethren, we have nothing more to hope from that noble old man; but though we have nothing more to hope from him, let us now express, as we ought to express, the deep gratitude which every Mason feels for the great service he has rendered to the noble Craft of which we are members, and to him who has done so well, and who ought to be loved so well by every member of the Masonic body. The other Past Grand Master is one from whom we hope much. He is young in years, young in Masonry; but he has given a promise by what he has done of what he will do; and we may hope he will emulate, even if he does not surpass, those who have gone before him in doing honour and credit to the Masonry of this country. It is a proud thing for us to have to call the heir to the throne of England a Past Grand Master of the Craft. I trust the day may come when we may have the King of England a Past Grand Master of the order (applause). To both of those Past Grand Masters, to him who has served us so long and done so well; to him who is now the rising sun, and one to whom we look for the effulgence of daylight in Masonry—to both let us wish prosperity, length of days and health, and let us drink as we ought to do “The Health of the two Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of England, the Earl of Zetland and the Prince of Wales.” (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with the customary honours.

The Chairman—The next toast that I have to call to your notice is “The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past.” We have all of us been extremely sorry to find that our Deputy Grand Master, who is one of the most distinguished members of our order, has not been able to be present in Grand Lodge. We regret it the more because we know it is from ill health that that noble lord the Earl of Carnarvon, has not been able to attend to our numerous meetings; for we know well that when the present Grand Master was obliged to be away from England, his place was more than filled, and his duties more than performed by the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; and I know that every Mason, whether he comes from the west of England, where Lord Carnarvon so efficiently presides over an important province, or whether he has been a member of the Grand Lodge and seen Lord Carnarvon occupy the chair, must bear testimony to the great ability with which the duties of the chair have been performed, and must also bear testimony to the great zeal that Lord Carnarvon has always shown for the prosperity and the efficiency of the Freemasonry of this country. I do believe, and I am sure all that know him must believe, that the good of Freemasonry is at the heart of the Deputy Grand Master, and that no one is more capable of advancing its interests, and no one more desirous of doing so, than the Deputy Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of the important province of Somerset. Those who have been brought in contact with him as I have been, officially, must know that at all times, early and late, convenient and inconvenient, Lord Carnarvon has devoted himself to forward the interest of the Craft; and it was a very great pleasure to all of us to find that he was placed in the position he now occupies. The only regret that we feel is this, that his health has prevented him from performing the duties of that office as he would have done, not only to his own satisfaction, but to the great advantage of the Craft of this country. Brethren, on this occasion we have several of the Grand Officers present. One who has served us long and well in a distant country,—

I mean our Brother Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China, who knows more perhaps of Masonry in our colonies than any who are now present, and perhaps than any man who is a member of the Craft. We have our distinguished brother—I would say our old brother, though he looks so young, I dare not say old brother—Benjamin Head. Although old in Masonry he is young in constitution; although he is not young in years, yet he has also the full vigour of a man of thirty, and he is also a distinguished member of the Craft. Our Brother Brackstone Baker is also well known; I am not sure whether better in this country or in the colonies, for he has distinguished himself in both, and has made a name that will not soon be forgotten in Canada. We must not forget our Brother Ransford, Past Grand Organist, who not only has done good things in days gone by, but has shown on this present occasion that he is a most efficient supporter of Masonry by the lovely strains of his voice and the purity of his melody. I give you therefore, “The Health of the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge present and past;” and I couple with that toast the name of the Senior Grand Officer present, Brother Rawson, District Grand Master of China. (Cheers.)

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. S. Rawson said—I beg to return you the best thanks of myself and the other Grand Officers for the toast you have drunk, and am much pleased at the good opinion you have expressed of their services. In rising to respond, I do not think I do so in such good right as many others would whom I see around me. What your Chairman has said of the Deputy Grand Master's qualifications I must thoroughly endorse; but in alluding to the Grand Officers he spoke more of those Past Grand Officers who are present with us, than the actual Grand Officers. In any case I will say that they are worthy of the rank the Grand Master has conferred on them. Further than that I will not attempt to say, as it would only be detaining you unnecessarily, but I congratulate you on the success of the lodge and I return you my thanks and those of the brethren who stand up with me for the honour you have conferred on us by drinking our health.

The Chairman:—The toast which I have now to propose is very appropriately designated the toast of the evening, and I am quite sure that every brother who has come into this room for the purpose of seeing what the Stability Lodge of Instruction can do, and of hearing what our esteemed Bro. Muggeridge can perform, has not been disappointed by what he has seen and heard this evening. Brethren, I have not occupied this chair for very many years, but I have been here upon several occasions; and upon every occasion that I have been here I have found a great gathering anxious to do honour to the distinguished brother who has given the instruction to this most admirable lodge. I feel certain that whatever may be the shortcomings of the president who may come among you from time to time you will never forget the great debt of gratitude you owe to the distinguished Bro. Henry Muggeridge, who has made this lodge what it is and who continues to do his duty, and more than his duty to the Craft at large. (Cheers.) Brethren, I see upon the paper that is now before me that this is the 56th anniversary of the meeting of this lodge. I am well aware that from the juvenile appearance of my esteemed friend who sits upon my left that he was not present on the first occasion; but I know that as soon as he could come among you—I believe the very day after he was initiated into Freemasonry, or the day but one—I am told the next day after he was initiated into Freemasonry—he wanted to know what Freemasonry was; and he said “I have learned something from what has been told me by the Master in the Chair; I do not understand it very well,” because I have no doubt that from his extreme nervousness—which he has not got over at the present time—(laughter)—he did not exactly know the secret that had been imparted to him; but he thought he would find it out, and he took the earliest opportunity of pursuing his studies in Freemasonry, and finding out that secret. He said

“that is only half a secret to me, or the third of a secret, and I must go a little further.” And he tried to find out where there was a Lodge of Masons or a body of Masons who could give him further instruction. He found that in the old established Stability Lodge of Instruction, which was under the direction of Bro. Peter Thompson—whose apron I think I have seen on my Bro. Muggeridge's body—it is worn out now; but though he cannot wear it, it is hung up in his house as an emblem of the great advantage he has derived from Bro. Peter Thompson's tuition; and he shewed the great spirit of enquiry which has existed in him ever since. Having placed himself among the great teachers of the Craft, he found, like a very ardent scholar that he caught up his instructors; and I think I may venture to say without fear of contradiction in this room, that he surpassed all of them, and went far beyond all that they ever taught him. In saying so I mean that where they were perfect he is perfect; where they, perhaps having grown old and having forgotten somewhat of the perfection of their knowledge and gone astray, he never has gone astray; but he hands down to us the practice of Freemasonry, the rites and ceremonies of our Order, in as pure and perfect a way as he received it in his early youth. We ought to be most thankful to him, because although the outer world may think that in the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry, in what we teach, it is only the “dry bones” without any flesh and blood on them, I am quite sure if they could have the good fortune of hearing Bro. Muggeridge expound what the principles of Freemasonry are, and of receiving the advantage of his explanations they would see how on those “dry bones” he could put living flesh and flowing blood, and would learn that Freemasonry is a living science for benefiting mankind, and making man more desirous of having fellowship with his neighbour, and every man more anxious to be a good citizen and a good subject. We are told and we know that Freemasonry is a science that is “illustrated by symbols.” It is most beautifully illustrated by the symbols of Bro. Muggeridge; who in those symbols teaches us that as Freemasons we ought to be good men, and ought to do that which will make us loved of all men. If we followed that which he teaches us and which is taught not only by him, but by other good and loyal Freemasons we should be better citizens of the world, better neighbours to each other, and better subjects of our Sovereign Lady and Queen. Brethren, at this late hour I am not going to make a long dissertation: I have spoken already too long, and have occupied too much of your time, because I am preventing you from hearing Bro. Muggeridge, who is as eloquent here as he is when he teaches Freemasonry. I shall therefore conclude by giving you “Prosperity to the Stability Lodge of Instruction,” of which I have been a member for a good many years, and of which I have learned so much, and I couple with that toast the name of Bro. Muggeridge. (Great applause; after which a first-rate Masonic fire was given).

Bro. Muggeridge—It is with great pleasure I rise on the present occasion to thank you for the kind and hearty manner in which the last toast has been proposed and responded to. Having had the satisfaction of returning thanks for the same toast so many years, it is quite impossible for me to say anything different to the old story, but as we have a number of young Masons here for the first time, I trust the older brethren will kindly excuse me if I repeat a little of what they have heard so often. This Lodge of Instruction was founded in 1817 by Bros. Broadfoot, Satterley, Peter Thompson, Hearder and other good brethren of that period, I joined it on the 8th November, 1839, the night after my initiation, and I have been a regular attendant since (nearly thirty-four years ago) the last twenty-two years of which it has been under my management. I am happy to say it has been very prosperous and a source of great pleasure to me. I am greatly pleased at the good and successful meeting we have had this evening, and the admirable manner in which my friends and pupils “the working brethren” have performed their duties. I trust the visitors are satisfied and pleased. I thank you for the kind reception you have given me, and bid you farewell till the first Friday in September

next, when I hope to have the pleasure of meeting many of you at the Guildhall Tavern in Gresham-street.

Bro. S. Rawson—I know Brethren, that my rising would be considered a great boldness, and if it were not for the character of the toast which I have the pleasure of proposing I should rise with very very great diffidence. I wish I had the eloquence of your worthy president to expatiate on his talents and virtues as he has already done in regard to the character of your preceptor. I believe however, that you will agree with me that every word he has addressed to you in proposing the health of your preceptor might be very well addressed by myself to you in speaking of him. You all feel that he is a credit to the high office he fills this evening as he is, whether in a private lodge or in Grand Lodge. Any office he fills he adorns, and you will best express the same sentiment by drinking his health with the greatest enthusiasm. (Cheers).

The toast having been drunk.

The Chairman said—I will not allow a moment to elapse before returning thanks for the kind manner in which you have been pleased to receive my name. I cannot forget that this lodge which has existed for so many years had as its president at the banquet, one of the most distinguished men in Masonry, I mean our Bro. John Havers; and I must say that anyone who had to come after him had a very difficult task to fulfil. I am quite certain that the task has not been fulfilled; but still I know this, that your kindness has made up for any want of that power that ought to have come from the chair. You have had formerly a great president, one who did honour to Masonry. I have tried to do my best; and you have no more than seconded me. I thank you very much for the manner in which you have received me on this occasion. I only regret that I cannot come up to the virtues and excellences of presideney which were always displayed by our distinguished Bro. Havers. I thank you again very much. I have, as I said, tried to do my best. My friend on my right (Bro. Rawson) says I have succeeded. I do not say that, but I have tried to do as well as I can; and on this occasion, and on all occasions, whether in the chair or out of the chair, it shall be my endeavour to support this great and glorious lodge. (Applause).

Bro. Brackstone Baker—I see the room is thinning so quickly that it is essential I should bring the second or duplicate toast of the evening before you at once, that is the toast of "The Working Brethren." Our Bro. Muggeridge has told you to-night that Masonry is speculative. I think it is also operative, and my opinion will be borne out when you reflect on the labour that has been bestowed by those busy bees who have worked the ceremonies, in acquiring a knowledge of their duties. You will admit that they well deserve that we should drink their health, and drink it with the enthusiasm that belongs to Masonry. It requires not only to have a good teacher, but an apt scholar; and I look upon the present meeting as a public examination of the results of the lectures of Professor Muggeridge. (Laughter.) Those particular scholars have passed that examination and have obtained their diploma and they well deserved to be called Masters of their art. They are the dramatis personæ of the evening's entertainment, and we should ill acquit ourselves of that gratitude which we owe to the brethren who have proved themselves so worthy of their preceptor, and who have manifested to us that the art which we all profess is not speculative but operative also. Bro. Eames will respond to the toast, as our Bro. Muggeridge who is also a working brother has already spoken.

The brethren then drank the toast with Masonic honours.

Bro. Eames—In rising to return thanks for this toast I can only express my feelings of regret that the duty has not fallen into the hands of some abler representative than myself. I can only say that we, the working brethren of this evening, are especially happy in having our Bro. Muggeridge among us as a working brother to-night, and if he had not already spoken we should have been glad to depute to him the honour of returning thanks for us. I would expressly wish to state that we, one and all, working brethren, feel how much we have been

honoured to-night that Bro. Muggeridge has accepted the position of a fellow workman. I am speaking on behalf of the other working brethren besides myself, and on their behalf as well as my own thank him for the exertion he has used in making us acquire the knowledge we possess. In the acquisition of that knowledge we have experienced the greatest pleasure and delight, because we have the welfare of Freemasonry at heart, and in exhibiting our proficiency to you our pleasure has been enhanced by the knowledge of the attention with which you have witnessed it. In conclusion, I have only to add, that we thoroughly appreciate the kind expressions you have made use of, and having the good of Masonry at heart we shall do all that lies in our power to further the welfare of this lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Benjamin Head—Our good President has empowered me to propose the next toast, and I do it with a great deal of pleasure, because it is "Success to the Sister Lodge of Instruction." This has been the Mother Lodge of Instruction; but the other one has been associated with it for some years. In that lodge our good friends, Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, Bros. Fenn and Baker, have taken a leading position in imparting Masonic instruction, and we must all feel that that lodge is in the best of hands. It has gone on and prospered, with such instruction. So amiable, so kind, so benevolent in all their feelings, they yet think it a pleasure to give instruction, and they go on performing their appointed task. We have here some members of that lodge, and I can only say that it always gives me great delight when I go to visit other lodges, and hear their working. I am quite certain that everybody here feels as sincerely for the well being of the other Lodge of Instruction as they do for their own. I shall therefore ask you to drink "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement."

The toast having been honoured, Bro. H. Brigg replied. He said—As members of the sister lodge we are greatly obliged to you for not forgetting it on this happy occasion. Many of us are members of this lodge as well as of the Emulation, and we have the sincerest feeling of pleasure at the success which has always attended you. This evening we have enjoyed ourselves very much, and while we are delighted at your prosperity we know you deserve it, and it is a pleasure to us at all times to come among you to congratulate you upon it.

The Chairman—Without a moment's pause I think I ought to propose the next toast, the last toast of the evening, because I know if we delay these things we get nearly empty benches; and I must say it has been always against my principle to propose this toast at the end of the evening. I think very much earlier would have been better, because if given so late as I now give it, as soon as the speaker begins, some one moves, and the attention which the toast deserves is not given to it. But as it is always given at this anniversary meeting in its present order, I now beg to propose "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities." Two of those charities have had their festivals this year. The Aged Freemasons had a very good festival; and the Boys' School, which had an unprecedentedly excellent list. There is one Masonic charity that remains to have its festival, a charity, I was going to say, dearer to us all than either of the other two—quite as dear, at all events, and that is the Charity of the Girls' School. We all know that men may struggle on even when they are beyond the period of youth. Boys may fight their way under very adverse circumstances; but girls are left in a very disadvantageous position if their parents have departed this life, and have had but little to give them; and therefore beyond doubt, I think the Girls' Institution ought to have the great support of Masons. The other two Charities have had their chance, and they have done well. The Girls' chance is to come, and I am glad to say that we know they have a most energetic Secretary, a man who has distinguished himself, and who will distinguish himself, because he is a young man. He has life before him, and he has the advantage of the Institution before him, and he will push it to the utmost. I think therefore that in drinking this toast "The Freemasons Charities," and in coupling that toast with the

Girls' School and with its most distinguished Secretary, who will do so much for it (he has not had a chance yet), Bro. Little, we can do no more than wish prosperity to it—wish he may have most distinguished success on that occasion, and upon all occasions; and that Bro. Little may long be the distinguished Secretary of that Institution.

Bro. Little—Worshipful Sir and Brethren, following the very admirable example that you have set us this evening, I rise at once to return thanks for the toast which you have been pleased to propose. I am very pleased to know that the toast of "The Masonic Charities" is one which is always well received in Masonic bodies, and I am more especially pleased on the present occasion to testify to the great liberality the Craft has displayed in supporting the two charities which have preceded the charity which I now represent. In the year 1873 they have been most nobly, most liberally, most generously supported by the Craft. Their subscriptions have been, as you have remarked, Worshipful Sir, unprecedented, and unprecedented to an extent that we had no idea of at the commencement of the year. We have had many expositions of the principles of Masonry in the lodge which was held in this room. I fancy we had more than the exposition of this principle in that lodge, for I must remember this, that without carrying the principle into practice we were told we were guilty of not performing one duty as Masons. The admirable Institution established by our forefathers, the Masonic Institutions carry into practical life and into tangible existence the principle we all profess. They are, so to speak, "the outward and visible sign" of the principles of the Craft. I say it without fear of contradiction, that without those Charities Masonry were a mummy. You have well, as I have said, supported the Charities in the past, and I am sure that the brethren I see gathered round this board this evening will assist, and not only assist, but propagate, the principles of generosity and liberality in the future you have displayed in the past—that they will rally around the Girls' School at its next festival on the 14th May—that they will evince that the last of the charitable festivals, is not the least in their thoughts—that they will support Lord Skelmersdale, who is, they will have seen, to take the chair. However amply they have evinced their sense of the duties devolving upon them by supporting the other Institutions, I am sure they have not forgotten the oldest, and as our Chairman has said not the least dear of our Charities. I will not detain you at this late period of the evening longer than to remind you that although we are the oldest, and have been liberally supported in the past, we require liberal support in the present. We are now providing for an increased number of children. Only yesterday, at a meeting of the General Committee, they determined to increase the number of the objects of their bounty, and I am satisfied the Craft of this country will support them in their resolution to enlarge and increase the extent of that Charity, and in that desire they will be seconded by the general body of Freemasons. I have to thank you Worshipful Sir, for the way in which you have spoken of myself personally. I have every desire to do my duty to this noble Institution; and I may say during the short period I have occupied the post, I have received the utmost assistance, the utmost aid, the utmost encouragement not only in London but in the provinces in my desire to enlarge the scope of our usefulness, that we should extend the benefits of the Institution to the deserving children of all deserving brethren; and I am sure I shall continue to receive that support as long as I follow the same course. I have to return my sincere thanks for myself, and for the Institution of which I am the Secretary. I know, Worshipful Sir, the Masonic Charities have received the utmost aid and encouragement from you, and I am confident they will receive that encouragement in the future they have done in the past, and the encouragement of every brother around this board. (Cheers.)

Bro. Terry, who was loudly called for, said—Excuse me making any lengthened remarks, as I have not the power, owing to a cold, to make my voice heard; but I return my thanks to you sir,

and to the brethren present, in expression of the very great sense I feel of the obligations and responsibilities which have been cast upon me during the present year, and for the very handsome manner in which the Craft have supported me. I may be permitted to say that I congratulate my Bro. Little upon the great success he will achieve at his next festival, and I congratulate the Craft generally upon the first occasion I had the opportunity of appearing before them as Secretary when the largest amount was collected. That has enabled the Committee to raise the annuities to our aged brethren from £26 to £36 a year, and to the widows from £25 to £28. That may seem a very small sum to give them, but I can assure you it is an enormous boon to those poor people. I can inform the brethren that the small pittance of an extra pound is like a perfect godsend to them. The letters I have received from them thanking the brethren are numerous; they feel that they cannot thank you enough. This impresses upon me the necessity to go on, and further to induce the Craft to give a sum larger if possible. It is a very gratifying thing to know that during the past year we have accomplished a red letter year in Freemasonry. The Boys' School is out of debt. We may congratulate ourselves very largely upon that: not that you will diminish in any one sense the exertions you have made in years gone by for that noble institution; but it will stimulate you to yet further exertions on its behalf, and to extend to the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution in the future a part of that which they have felt bound to give to the Boys' School. I am proud to think we are in a flourishing condition. As the number of our members increases, so I hope the success of the charities will go on. The large number we have admitted into our Order is an assurance as it appears to me that larger numbers will apply to us for our benefits. It must of necessity be so: the larger numbers that come in the larger must be the number who want relief. You have nobly answered the call which has been made upon you by the committees of the various institutions, and speaking as the representative of the youngest of the Masonic institutions. I can only say that the success which has hitherto attended the Girls' and Boys' Schools and the Benevolent Institution will, I hope in years to come, still continue, and we shall be able to show to our descendants that those who preceded them endeavoured to do all they could to leave a bright example to those who should follow. I beg to return you my most sincere and hearty thanks for the honor you have done us, and I trust the support we have received will be continued, and that we shall all have one object in view, namely, the common good of the whole Craft. (Applause.)

The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

A selection of vocal and instrumental music was given (under the direction of Bro. Frank Elmore) by Bros. Baxter, Frank Elmore, and Bro. Ransford, Past Grand Organist.

INSTALLATION OF THE PROV. GRAND MASTER FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Masonic ceremonies connected with the installation of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Royston, M.P., appointed some months ago to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. T. Hall, of King's College, who held the office above twenty years, took place on Monday, 28th ult., at the Sir Isaac Newton Lodge, Green-street, Cambridge; Bro. Deighton, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the province. At the conclusion his lordship gracefully acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, and the lodge adjourned to the hall of St. Peter's College, where a grand banquet was prepared for the brethren, who assembled to the number of about 70, under the presidency of the newly-installed Grand Master supported by his wardens.

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Masonic Tidings.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO WIGAN.—Last Wednesday, a public meeting was held at the Borough-court, Wigan, to appoint a committee to carry out the arrangements for giving a fitting reception to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who with the Princess, will visit the town in Whit-week for the purpose of opening the new Infirmary, exhibition, and bazaar. The Mayor was supported by Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Lindsay, and a distinguished company. It was resolved that public subscriptions be raised to meet the expenses of the reception, and the Mayor promised to bear the cost of a banquet to the invited nobility, gentry, and mayors.

THE LOSS OF THE ATLANTIC.—It may be interesting to know that Captain Williams, the commander of the ill-fated S.S. Atlantic, is connected with the Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035), Liverpool, and is held in high estimation by the whole of the brethren. The Atlantic is the 45th large Transatlantic steamer that has been lost since 1841. The value of these vessels was about £3,000,000 sterling. Forty-one of the ships were of iron. Seven supposed to have foundered at sea, were never heard of. As an illustration of the danger of the Nova Scotian coast, it may be added that nine steamers running from the mouth of St. Lawrence to Portland were lost in seven years. Has this dangerous coast been seriously considered by those who utterly condemn Bro. Capt. Williams.

SAD RESULTS OF A FIRE.—In the course of the destructive fire which raged at Messrs. Parkinson's brassfoundry, Blackburn, on Monday, the 21st ult., Bro. Superintendent Joy, of the fire brigade, was killed instantaneously by the falling of an outer wall. Mr. MacCullum, a machinist, was also killed, and another man was badly injured. On Thursday morning, the 24th ult., the bodies of Bro. Joy, and Mr. MacCullum, were interred at the Blackburn cemetery. The procession was headed by Chief-Constable Potts, and the members of the Blackburn police force, followed by the mayor and corporation, and the fire brigades of Clitheroe, Church, Accrington, Bolton, Preston, Chorley, and Darwen. In addition to the funeral service of the Church of England, Bro. Joy had a full Masonic service. At least 5,000 spectators assembled at the grave side, and with the utmost order viewed the ceremony.

In consequence of the melancholy suicide of Earl Delawarr, (brother to the Countess of Derby), Bro. the Worshipful the Mayor of Liverpool, postponed a civic banquet which he proposed on Friday last, at the Town Hall, to Lord Derby, the Lord Mayor of London, and about 250 other distinguished guests.

The consecration of the Great City Lodge, (No. 1426), will take place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, this day (Saturday), at three o'clock precise.

A Convent General of the United, Religious, and Military Orders of the Temple and St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, will take place on Friday next the 9th inst., at 4 o'clock, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

A meeting of the Grand Council of the Ill. Knights K.M. 30°, will take place on Tuesday the 13th inst., at the New Masonic Hall, Golden-square, at 4.45 p.m.

Royal Order of Scotland, the Prov. Grand Lodge of London, and the Metropolitan counties, will meet on Monday the 12th of May at 4 p.m., precisely, at 33, Golden-square.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.—A new conclave, the "De Shurland," No 97, is about to be opened at the Fountain Hotel, Sheppey, Kent. Its founders are chiefly naval officers, and it is expected to be in every respect a brilliant success.

The Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale, Intendant General, unattached, has accepted the post of Chief Intendant General for the County Palatine of Lancaster.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—Provincial Grand Lodge of London, and the metropolitan counties.—The Knights Companions of the R.S. Y.C.S., are to meet in council at their Provincial Grand Lodge 33, Golden-square the 12th May. We understand that a large number of distinguished Royal Arch Masons will be advanced

and promoted to the Royal Order on this occasion.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.—The Supreme Council of the 33rd degree meets on the 13th May, at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, when considerable additions to the ranks of the 31st° and 30th° will be made, many well-known and enthusiastic Masons of high standing seeking admission to these necessarily restricted and exalted degrees. The Supreme Council are gradually becoming a wealthy and important body, and if they continue to exercise in the future that wise discretion in the admission of candidates which they have exhibited in the past, the Ancient and Accepted Rite will hold a place in this country superior to most, and second to none, amongst the great Masonic organisations which practise the Royal art.

A portrait model of the late Mr. W. C. Macready, represented as in the character of Coriolanus, may be seen at Madame Tussaud's Collection in Baker-street.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

EVILS OF PROXIES IN GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

It is pleasing to see such Masons as Bro. W. J. Hughan, and others, taking a common sense view of the evils of the system of proxies in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. If proxies are of any value for lodges in the Colonies, it would be wise that they select their Proxy Masters from amongst those that are Past Masters of lodges and not from members of the Craft who have no experience of the duties they are called upon to discharge in the settlement of important questions in Grand Lodge.

A PAST AND PROXY MASTER.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 9, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, May 3.

General Committee Girls' Schools, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

" 1426, Consecration, at 3 p.m., City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, May 5.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St James's.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

Mark Lodge, No. 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

" " 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

Plantagenet Red Cross Conclave, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottlieb, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 11.55, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, May 6.

Colonial Board, at 3.
 " 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 " 1257, Grosvenor, Victoria Station, Pimlico.
 " 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 " 1412, Logia de la Liberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
 Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
 Mount Carmel Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrene, Preceptor.
 Varborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, May 7.

Grand Chapter at 7.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, May 8.

91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 1076, Caffer, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West-Ham.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters First Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.
 " 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven-Sister's road, N.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.
 Chap. 538, Vane, Freemasons's Hall.
 New Temple K.T. Encampment, The Inner Temple, London.
 Temple Cressing K.T. Encampment, Horns Tavern Kennington.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsobyst., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, May 9.

Lodge 32, Bismarck Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Calceolaria, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Wilks's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.
 Faith and Fidelity, K.T. Encampment, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 Convent General of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30 Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Bangs Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, May 10, 1873.

Monday, May 5.

De Tabley Chapter, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Skelmersdale Lodge, (No. 1380) Blundellsands Hotel Great Crosby, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction, (No. 823) Masonic Temple Liverpool at 7.30.
 Hamer Lodge of Instruction (No. 1391), 2A, Windermere-st. Breck-road, Liverpool, at 8.
 West Lancashire Mark Lodge (No. 65), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Tuesday, May 6.

St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.

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Lodge of Loyalty (No. 897), Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6
 Hesketh Lodge (No. 986), Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, May 7.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86), Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
 Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758), Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool at 6.
 St. John's Lodge (No. 673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 Chapter of Fidelity, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead at 6.
 Lodge of Harmony (No. 580), Wheat Sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
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 West Lancashire Lodge (1413), Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

Thursday, May 8.

Harmonic Lodge (No. 216), Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 Croxteth United Service (No. 786), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
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 Lodge of Equity (No. 1384), Sims' Cross Hotel, Widnes at 6.
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GRAND FESTIVAL.

Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday, in the Temple, and the Most Honourable the Marquess of Ripon was installed, for the fourth time, Grand Master of English Freemasons. Grand Lodge presented a very lively scene, there being about 300 brethren from different parts of the country, and a full dais of Past Grand Officers present in their gorgeous clothing.

Grand Lodge having been opened, Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication which were then put and confirmed.

Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) then proclaimed the Grand Master by his numerous titles, and led the salutations which were given in ancient Masonic style.

On the brethren resuming their seats, the Grand Master said: Brethren, I beg to return you my hearty thanks for the kind reception which you have given me to-day, and for the marked proof of your confidence which you have accorded to me by this renewed election. I can assure you that I am very sensible not only of the high honour which that confidence confers upon me, but also of the great kindness and forbearance with which you have been pleased to judge of the course which I have pursued during the years that I have filled the great office of your Grand Master. I must in the first place offer you my apologies for my absence at the last Quarterly Communication, which, however, arose, as you are well aware, from an imperative cause. It was my full intention to have been present on that occasion, and all my arrangements for the purpose had been made; but, as you know, I was suddenly called away to the South of France by the very alarming illness which through an accident had happened to my son. I am very glad to say the cause of that anxiety which I then felt has been removed, and I rejoice heartily to meet you again on this occasion. I rejoice also that it is now in my power to congratulate you very unfeignedly upon the prosperous condition of the Craft at the present time. I believe that it may truly be said, that at no previous period in the history of Freemasonry in this country has the Craft been in a more prosperous and satisfactory condition than it is at the present time. Our lodges are increasing rapidly in number, and the enrolled members of the Craft are becoming more and more numerous, I had almost said, every day. But, brethren, we must all bear in mind that in Masonry as in other human affairs a state of prosperity has its peculiar dangers and its peculiar duties (hear, hear); and the two facts to which I have just adverted, namely, that lodges are rapidly increasing in numbers, and that the number of Masons is increasing also throughout the country, impose upon all of us very important duties. I feel it is a bounden duty, on my part, to tender to my Right Worshipful brethren, the Prov. Grand Masters, throughout the country, my warm and hearty thanks for the zealous and able assistance which they have given me in the regulation and management of the Craft; and in respect to that question of the increase in the number of lodges in the provinces, I must of course mainly be guided by the recommendations of the Provincial Grand Masters. I am sure that all of them who are here present will agree with me when I say that it behoves every one of us in our respective

degrees—I do not say for one moment, to check the progress of the Craft, but to be very careful to investigate the circumstances of each new lodge that is established, to see that it is really required, that the desire for it springs from true Masonic motives; that it is not the result of party feeling or the want of Masonic harmony in the district in which it is proposed a new lodge should be established, and that it may justly and satisfactorily be recommended to me, and moreover, that I shall be doing good to the Craft in granting a warrant for that lodge. There is a duty which lies upon every one of us, upon every one of you here present, and upon every brother throughout the country, and that is the duty of always recognizing the responsibility that rests upon us of proposing any person for initiation. (Hear, hear). So far as the condition of Masonry at the present time goes we have no want of an increase of the Order by those who are fit to be admitted; but we ought invariably to put the duty of maintaining the character and position of the Order above the feelings of private friendship, and especially above the feeling that it is very disagreeable to have to say “No” to a person who may make application to us either in regard to Masonic or private affairs. Now, it is a great responsibility which lies upon lodges that they do not admit unworthy brethren into the Craft. Some circumstances which have recently come to my knowledge, make me afraid that there is a tendency sometimes to let in brethren who come from a distance, and about whom very little is known, without making enquiries of the Masons in the district from which they come. Now, nothing can be more unwise, nothing can be more un-masonic than that proceeding, because it often entails very serious responsibilities on the district in which the candidate habitually resides, and the inhabitants of which are the most fit judges of the brother's suitability to join the Craft. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I thought it right to make these observations, because this point involves the danger which attends upon a condition of prosperity, such as that in which the Craft now finds itself; and I am sure I may rely upon every brother in this Grand Lodge, and on every brother throughout the country to second me in my efforts—which it is my duty to make—constantly to uphold the character and position of this ancient institution. (Cheers). Brethren, once more do I thank you most heartily for my re-election, and for the cordial reception which you have given me to-day. And now I shall proceed to the other business of the evening, the immediate portion of which is the appointment of the Grand Officers, the first of whom is the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, whom I re-appoint. You are aware, all of you, that he has been unable to attend Grand Lodge for some time, and many of you are aware that he has been in weak health during a large portion of last year. I am glad to say that his health is now very much improved, and I have every reason to hope, although he is not able to come among us this evening, we shall see him here very shortly, in fact at the next Quarterly Communication. (Cheers.)

The following brethren were then appointed by the Grand Master his Grand Officers for the year, and invested with the splendid collars and jewels of their respective offices:—
Lord Balfour of Burley (the inheritor of a very ancient peerage in the history of Scotland) S.G.W.

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- Thomas Cubitt, Assistant ditto.
- Charles B. Payne, Grand Tyler.

Bro. John Boyd was authorized to take the rank and wear the clothing of a Past Grand Pursuivant, an authorization which elicited loud cheers.

The following brethren were approved by the Grand Master as Grand Stewards:—

- Bros. E. A. Baylis (259); James Mc Inlay (14); A. R. Martin (58); W. A. Colls (1); R. R. Holmes (2); J. Chynoweth (4); W. L. Holt (5); Sir G. R. Prescott, Bart. (6); R. J. Hayhow (8); Thomas W. White (21); Herbert Dicketts (23); F. Payne (26); R. A. Brooks (29); J. H. Paul, M.D. (46); E. H. Cox (60); F. W. Pamphilon (9); W. Leask (99); Chevalier C. E. Habicht (197).

Grand Lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren to the number of about 300, including the present and many past Grand Officers, sat down to a splendid banquet in Freemasons' Tavern, provided by the Grand Stewards. These consisted of Bros. John A. Rucker, President (259); Standish G. Grady, Treasurer (14); Frederick G. Finch, Hon. Secretary (58); Walter H. Wilkin (1); Charles A. Swinburne (2); George Kelly King (4); Francis Morgan (5); Lord Cremorne (6); Anthony Sim (8); Griffiths Smith (21); Jonathan Brandon (23); Thomas S. Soden (26); Edward M. Haigh (29); Frederick H. Rooke (46); Thomas Young (60); Henry Radcliffe (91); George D. Stibbard (99); and Henry Gauning (197). And it is but fair to say that the arrangements reflected the highest credit upon them. Of course they were not responsible for the gas, which all of a sudden went out, just as the ladies made their reappearance in the gallery. The circumstance caused considerable amusement, and will explain many of the humorous allusions in the speeches, which otherwise would be inexplicable. Public diners-out have frequently made disparaging observations on the wax candles, which almost always adorn the tables at which they sit; but those observations must in future be silenced by the remembrance, that if the candles had not been provided for Grand Festival of 1873, a state of confusion must have ensued, which would have entirely marred the very successful celebration of the Grand Master's fourth accession to office. Few Masons, we presume, remember the time when Masonic festivals, and public entertainments generally, were not lighted with gas; but the Freemasons of 1873, and the ladies who accompanied them to Grand Festival of that year, will be able to say that they have a notion of what dingy grandeur the splendid celebrations of our

forefathers must have consisted, when compared with the resplendent beauty of modern illumination.

On the clearing of the cloth, grace was sung, and the toasts were proposed and responded to in regular order. In giving "The Queen and the Craft,"

The Grand Master said: I rise, brethren, under circumstances of no ordinary difficulty. I know well that the world at large in their ignorance of Freemasonry believe that we are very much given to deeds of darkness. (Laughter.) They are very much mistaken in that opinion, and we are quite ready to bring forward proofs, so far as is consistent with the ancient principles of the Craft, that we have light, if its rival, the gas, which is apparently a somewhat fickle element, will afford us the opportunity of doing so. But, Brethren, the toast that I have now to ask you to drink is one which requires no recommendation either of words or of illumination, because the health of one who is in every sense a light to her subjects—(hear, hear)—is the health of one who sets by her own brilliant example, whether it be in the earnest discharge of public duties or in the constant practice of every social and domestic virtue, a pattern which should be followed by every one. I give you "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen."

The toast having been drunk, was followed as usual by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Grand Master: The next toast that I have to propose to you is one which I know well you will drink with the utmost heartiness; it is "The Health of our Most Worshipful Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." Brethren, we always should have received the toast of the heir of the Crown and the other members of his illustrious family with warmth and enthusiasm among a society so loyal as that of Freemasons; but we have peculiarities which unite us to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the interest which he has always shewn from the first hour in which he entered into the Craft for all that concerns the welfare of Masonry has given him a place, and a very high place in the heart of every true Mason. (Hear, hear.) We all know that at the present moment His Royal Highness is worthily representing this country in the great capital of the Austrian Empire, and of course that explains his absence from us on this occasion, though I feel confident that had it been in the power of His Royal Highness consistently with his many necessary engagements to have been with us this evening it would have been to him a source of very great satisfaction to have been here. I give you "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family."

The toast was duly honored.

Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, Provincial Grand Master of Essex: Brethren, it is my privilege to introduce to you the next toast. I could have desired that it had fallen into other hands, but I take upon myself this position because I share in active duty. But Brethren, although it is active duty, I do it with pleasure because I know you all feel sincerity in the warmth with which you will receive the toast—The Health of the Grand Master of England. I can answer for this great assembly that the feelings of enthusiasm which we shall exhibit will evince that our sentiments are not merely formal, but will shew

him that we are delighted to see him here tonight after the trials he has undergone. I am sure that I express the feelings of you all when I say that we all feel proud that he occupies the high position of our Grand Master. I am myself a very old Mason, and it is from the fact that I am an old Mason that I have the honour to propose this toast. I am happy to say that after a long experience in Masonry no Brother has ever filled the high position which our noble Brother now fills with greater credit to the Craft than he. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, we have, I am sure, in another place listened to him this night with a degree of pleasure and satisfaction not to be equalled. On the duties of Provincial Grand Masters we have gathered much useful information. He has been pleased to say that he derives much of his strength from us, and falling as that expression does from one in his high position it is extremely gratifying to us. I hope the allusions he has made will have their due weight. He has taught us this, that we should exercise great caution in every thing we do in Freemasonry. I will not detain you by descanting on the merits of the nobleman who sits at my left hand, but as I know that you are all well acquainted with his merits and love him for his virtues you will drink with enthusiasm "The Health of the Grand Master."

The Grand Master: I thank you for the kind manner in which you have responded to the toast proposed in such friendly terms by my Right Worshipful friend on my right. You have added another to the many causes of gratitude which you have given me in times past. I should indeed be most ungrateful if I did not rejoice to have this opportunity of meeting once more those who have been pleased now for several years to honor me by the distinguishing marks of their confidence. I can assure you, Brethren, that I appreciate that confidence very highly; but there is one thing which I appreciate even more than that proof of confidence which is given by your re-election of me at the last Quarterly Communication, and that is the constant support which you are pleased to afford to me in the discharge of the duties of the office to which you have called me—which all of you from every part of the country are pleased equally to afford me. Now, Brethren, I think it cannot be contested that however difficult the art of driving may be, it is rendered comparatively easy when the horses of the coach are so well trained that they are always accustomed to go the right way by themselves without any aid from the rein and the whip of the coachman who sits upon the box. Now, I have been, I must say, during the time that I have had the honour to fill the office of Grand Master, singularly fortunate in that respect. If, as I had occasion to say a short time ago, these years have been a period of great prosperity to us it has been owing, I am bound to say and we are all bound to remark, due to the wise, the prudent, the disinterested administration of the distinguished Mason who preceded me in this chair. (Applause.) And it has been due also to the fact that there has existed throughout the Craft that truly Masonic spirit, and harmony and good feeling which have rendered the duty of ruling the members of this great society an easy task comparatively even to one who has had so many and such absorbing calls upon his time as have fallen to my lot during the last few years. And, therefore, Brethren, it is not merely for the honor you have lately done me in com-

mitting me for another year to the position in which I now stand, but it is yet more for the assistance which you have given me in maintaining the character and position of Masonry throughout the country by the spirit which has animated the Craft from one end of England to the other, that I thank you. Therefore, I rejoice to have this opportunity of returning my hearty thanks to all those, whether they be Provincial Grand Masters in their respective localities, whether they be the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge who have discharged their duties so well, or whether they be that great and important body, more important by far than G. Masters, or Prov. G. Masters, or G. Officers of any kind, the great body of Worshipful Masters of Lodges throughout the country—(hear, hear)—upon whose character and whose conduct depends in reality the position which the Craft holds in the public estimation of the country. (Cheers.) I rejoice to think, I may say without undue boasting, that it is the feeling by which Masters appear now to be animated—and it is the feeling which I trust will animate them yet more and more as time goes on, that they have cast upon them by the election of their brethren the great and important duty to hold high in the face of their countrymen the character of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) It is in that way that Freemasonry may do good—it is, so far as they may be able, to influence men to hold an honorable and an upright course among their countrymen, to practice those principles which they profess in words. It is that which will tend to make our institution valuable: it is that which will tend to raise it in the estimation of those who do not belong to it: it is that, and that alone which will make it worthy of the support of an honest man. (Great applause.)

The Grand Master: Brethren, the next toast which I have to ask you to drink is "The Health of the Most Worshipful the Past Grand Masters of England." That toast includes two illustrious names—one illustrious in the annals of Masonry and entitled by the services of a quarter-of-a-century to the deep gratitude of every true Mason (hear, hear); the other, illustrious by his birth and position and endeared to us by his zeal for the Craft. The health of the Prince of Wales we have already drunk, and therefore the name which rises principally to our minds in connection with this toast is that of the late late Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. (Hear and applause.) Brethren, it does not need one word from me to recommend that toast to every one of you. There are many here present who recollect Lord Zetland's Masonic career longer than I do; but there is no one in this room who does not, either from his own recollection or from that which he has heard as the honoured tradition of the Craft, deeply feel the debt of gratitude which the Masons of England owe to Lord Zetland; and, therefore, with the most perfect confidence that this toast will be received with the warmest and heartiest enthusiasm I give you "The Health of the Past Grand Masters of England." (Cheers.)

The toast having been drunk,

The Grand Master said: Brethren, I have now to ask you to drink "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Grand Wardens, and the other Grand Officers, present and past." I regret, very much, the absence of my noble friend and brother, Lord Carnarvon, upon this occasion.

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Craft Masonry.

OXFORD.—*Alfred Lodge* (No. 340).—The annual festival of this, the senior lodge in the Province of Oxfordshire, was held at the Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, on Friday, the 25th of April, when Bro. G. T. Prior, who had been previously elected, was duly Installed Worshipful Master of the Alfred Lodge for the ensuing year, Bro. C. Park, W.M., performing the very impressive ceremony of the Installation. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bro. C. Park, P.M.; Bro. Walter Thompson, S.W.; Bro. W. Park, J.W.; Bro. Rev. W. C. Holliwel, Chaplain; Bro. H. Houghton, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. R. H. Hobbs, Secretary; Bro. J. Pratt, S.D.; Bro. W. Seeley, J.D.; Bro. W. G. Emberlin, P.M., S.M. Cer.; Bro. F. W. Ansell, J.M. Cer.; Bro. H. Deane, I.G.; Bro. J. Chapman, Organist; Bro. E. Horn, S. Steward; Bro. S. Harris, J. Steward; Bro. W. Stephens, Tyler; Bro. G. Norwood, A. Tyler. The lodge then being duly closed, the brethren retired to a *recherché* banquet, at which a considerable number of Past Masters were present, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The Worshipful Master presided, and his conspicuous zeal and ability augur well for the success and prosperity of the Alfred Lodge during the year 1873.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on the 1st inst., the W.M., Captain Richardson, R.E., occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by the following officers:—Bro. C. Carnegie, P. Prov. Grand Purst. Hants, as I.P.M.; A. MacKenzie, S.W.; R. White, J.W.; R. Bennett, S.D.; F. Anderson, J.D.; Usher Lucas, Secretary; R. Phillips, as I.G.; E. Harper, as O.G. The lodge was opened in due form in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Sergt. MacKenny, 19th Hussars, and Sergt. Carter, 16th Regt., candidates for initiation, which was unanimous in both cases. The candidates having been properly prepared, were regularly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry; the W.M. also presenting the working tools, and giving the charge pertaining to the degree. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Sergeant Olpherd, R.E., a candidate for the M.M. degree, was questioned respecting his knowledge of the previous degree, which proving satisfactory, he was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Olpherd was raised to that sublime degree. The lodge was closed down to the second and first degrees. A loan of ten pounds was granted to a brother of the lodge. Bro. Drew signed his Grand Lodge certificate, which was then presented to him by the W.M. There being no provincial candidates for the Aged Freemasons, the votes of the lodge (eight) were, on the proposition of Bro. C. Carnegie, P. Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, Essex, given to Bro. Coppin, 433. Bro. Carnegie then brought to the notice of the brethren the loss which the lodge had had sustained by the death of the late Bro. Osmond, P.M.,

and moved a resolution recording the loss which the lodge had sustained by his removal from among them, and their opinion of his many and valuable services. The motion was seconded by the W.M. in words replete with earnest feeling and sympathy, and passed unanimously. The widow of the late Bro. Probart deposited her late husband's Grand Lodge certificate with the lodge. Some other business having been transacted, the lodge closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love, about nine p.m.

Mark Masonry.

ALNWICK.—*Hotspur Lodge* (No. 135).—At a meeting of this promising young lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Alnwick, on Wednesday, 16th ult., Bro. Edward Thew Turnbull, S.W. and Treas. (P.P.G.I.G. Northumberland and Durham), was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. the Rev. E. L. Marrett, M.A., Vicar of Lesbury, I.P.M. (P.G.J.W. Northumberland and Durham), acted at installing officer. Bro. Turnbull invested the following gentleman as his officers:—Bros. the Rev. E. L. Marrett, I.P.M. and Treas.; William Burn, S.W.; Thomas Robson, J.W.; the Rev. G. S. Thomson, Rector of Acklington, Chaplain; Capt. Chas. Gandy, M.O.; George Busby (Deputy Coroner, N. Northumberland), S.O.; George Simpson, J.O.; James Davison, Reg. Marks; H. H. Blair, Sec.; H. S. Johnson, S.D.; J. G. Youth, J.D.; James Heatly, D.C.; M. Armstrong, I.G.; W. Walters, Tyler; G. Challoner, S.S.; J. W. Thorpe, J.S. Four brethren were advanced to this ancient degree. The brethren afterwards (according to usual custom) adjourned to a banquet at the Queen's-Head Hotel, where, under the presidency of the W.M., a pleasant and genial evening was spent.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—*Alpass Preceptory*.—The regular meeting of this preceptory was held on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool. Sir Knt. H. S. Alpass, Preceptor, occupied his accustomed seat, and the officers present were Sir Knts. J. E. Jackson, Prelate; T. Clark, 1st Capt.; W. Doyle, 2nd Capt.; M. Mawson, Reg.; J. Lloyd, Ex.; W. Bulmer, 1st. Herald; J. Kenyon, 2nd. Herald; and P. Ball, Equerry. The visitors present were:—Sir Knts. A. C. Mott, Grand S.B.; T. Berry, P.G.S.B., P.E.C., &c.; J. Wood, William De la More, Enc.; and C. H. Hill, Jacques de Molay. Bros. W. Shortis, J. Chisnall, and J. Gallagher, were installed Knights of the Order. A most sumptuous banquet, at which viands and wines were of first class quality, was subsequently served.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

IPSWICH.—*The Victoria Sovereign Chapter, Rose Croix*, met at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, 24th April, when there were present—III. Bros. Major Shadwell Clarke, 33°; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30°; and Emra Holmes, 31°. M.E. Bros. W. T. Westgate, M.W.S.; and C. T. Townsend, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Ex. Bros. the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Dr. Beaumont, R.V.; F. C. Ord, R.A.; C. Chadwick, 7th Dragoon Guards, and others. It had been announced in the summons that there would be an official inspection on the part of the Supreme Council; but no members of the executive were present but the gallant and courteous Major, the latest member of the governing body. Bro. the Rev. A. W. G. Moore was installed and perfected a Sovereign Prince Rose Croix; and the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Rector of Chelmondiston, was installed as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30°, performing the ceremonies with his usual ability. Bro. Sanderson is, without doubt, the most learned and able Mason in Suffolk, and probably the only Ritualist who is equally master of all the degrees in Masonry which are practised in Ipswich. In Craft or Royal Arch he is well known as an experienced Preceptor, and in the Mark, Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, and Rose Croix degrees, he has no equal. If the Masons of Ipswich, or we may say of Suffolk, were asked

to point out a brother worthy of the distinctive honours of Grand Lodge, we believe they would with one accord single out our reverend and learned brother for that distinction. Grand Lodge however does not set much store by Provincial Masons, but the Supreme Council 33° has of late years gained a character for distributing its favours with considerable judgment, and we venture to suggest the name of Bro. Sanderson as one in every way worthy of advancement in the A. and A. Rite. But we are digressing. Bro. Beaumont, whose elevation to the chair of the chapter we gladly welcome as a sign of better days for the 18° in Ipswich, appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—III. Bro. R. N. Sanderson, 30°, Prelate; E. Bro. M. P. Mills, M.D., 1st. Gen.; E. T. Robertson, 2nd. Gen.; C. T. Townsend, Rec.; G. Cresswell, Marshall; P. Cornell Raphael; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, Capt. of Guard; C. Spalding, Janitor. The brethren afterwards banquetted together.

CONSECRATION OF THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

Few events which have occurred for some time past in the proceedings of Freemasonry have excited so much attention amongst the members of the Craft as the inauguration of the new "Great City Lodge," which was consecrated on Saturday last, [and which no doubt forms an important link in that great fraternal chain which is now of such immense length and power and extending over the whole of the civilised world. The reasons which led to the establishment of this new lodge are somewhat peculiar, for in the petition which was presented to the Grand Master, asking for a warrant to open a new lodge in the City of London, it was stated that there were many merchants and others engaged in the City whose time was so taken up with their business engagements during the week that they had no opportunity of joining a Masonic Lodge, however desirous they might be to do so, unless they could have that advantage near to the places of their ordinary occupation. They also desired that the meetings of the lodge should take place on Saturday afternoons, inasmuch, by common consent, that is a settled half-holiday in the City, when they would have an opportunity of becoming members of an Order to which they had long wished to belong. These reasons were considered to be sound, the warrant prayed for was granted by the Grand Master, and Saturday last was the day appointed for its consecration, which drew together one if not the very greatest assemblage of Masons ever brought together in the City of London.

The Marquess of Ripon, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, had deputed Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, to be the Consecrating Officer, and he was assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, and Rector of St. Clement Danes; Bro. John Savage, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; R. W. Little, P.G. Sec. for Middlesex; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas. for Middlesex, &c., and amongst the brethren were the following:—V. W. John Hervey, G. Sec.; W. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; John Savage, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; W. S. Gover, R.G.S.; (No. 1); Thomas Meggy, P.G.S. (21); C. J. Hogg, P.G.S. (58) P.M.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas. Middlesex; H. C. Levander, P.P.G.S.D. Wilts; R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex; F. Binckes, Secretary Boys' School; J. Terry, Secretary Girls' Benevolent Institution; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, W.M. Designate; N. B. Headon, S.W. Designate; J. Hamilton Townsend, J.W. Designate; J. Freeman, 1287; Edward Moody, P.M., 1287; John Leex, W.M., 186; Richard Stanway, 1287; J. H. Wisby, 1329; George Blackie; W. H. Catchpole, 1287; J. H. Guyton, 1287; Charles Hutton, P.M., 96; F. F. Toole, P.S.G. Warden, Essex; E. Girdham, W.M., 96; R. W. Townend, P.M., 22; Edwd. Grisbrook, W.M., 771; W. S. Cantrell, 771; John Fuller, P.M., 771; W. Hatch, 771 A. N. Wall, P.M., 771; D. Cereake, 142; W. H.

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The whole of the fittings of the lodge, as well as the clothing of the officers, were provided by Bro. George Kenning, and were greatly admired. The chairs, pedestals, and tracing boards are really superb specimens of workmanship, and all the lodge jewels are of sterling silver, and every minutiae had been carefully studied to make the arrangements complete.

It ought here to be stated that Bro. Stevens, first W.M., presented to the lodge a very handsome bible, beautifully bound, and bearing an appropriate inscription.

The brethren assembled in one of the large rooms of the tavern, where the process of clothing took place, a large proportion of those present being Past Masters, who had come for the express purpose of hearing Bro. Hervey perform the important ceremony of consecration.

Shortly after three o'clock the brethren entered the lodge-room in procession, and took the places assigned to them. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, presided as W.M.; Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., as S.W.; Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; Bro. H. G. Buss as Secretary; Bro. Boyd, P.G. Purst., as P.M.; Bro. R. W. Little, Secretary of the Girls' School, as Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. R. J. Simpson, as Chaplain.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees, after which the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren on the nature and object of the meeting for which they had been called together, and alluded to the excellent observations which had fallen from the Grand Master on Wednesday, in reference to the care which should be exercised by brethren in proposing any one for initiation, and said that no one should be proposed for that honour unless the brother proposing him was so well satisfied that he was a proper person that he would have no hesitation in introducing him to his own family and to his own table.

The Chaplain (the Rev. R. J. Simpson) then offered up a solemn prayer on the importance of the duties in which they were about to be engaged, to the honour of God and the welfare

of their fellow creatures, followed by a response, chanted by the members of the choir.

The acting Secretary then read the petition presented to the Grand Master, and the warrant of Constitution.

The officers named in the warrant having been approved of, the Chaplain then delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the institution, and particularly enforcing a close adherence to its principles. He referred to the many works of charity which emanated from the City of London, not only for the relief of those living in it, not even bounded by England, but spread over the whole of the civilised globe, and as charity was one of the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason's heart he thought the site of their lodge in the City of London had been well chosen.

Bros. Hood, Chubb, T. G. Smith, and F. H. Cozens, of the choir of St. James's Church, Camberwell, then sung, in excellent style, the following anthem:—

"Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard; and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

It is like the dew of Hermon which fell upon the hill of Sion;

For there the Lord promised His blessing, and life for evermore."

After some verses from the II Chronicles, had been read, the lodge board was uncovered, and the elements of consecration, corn, wine and oil, had been carried round the lodge, the Consecrating Officer formally dedicated the lodge to God and his service, after which the following anthem was then sung:—

"Thine, O Lord! is the Greatness, and the Power, and the Glory, and the Victory, and the Majesty: for all that is in the Heaven and in the Earth are Thine. Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord! and Thou art exalted as Head above all!"

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings! that publisheth peace: that bringeth good tidings of good! that publisheth salvation: that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Break forth into joy! sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted His people; He hath redeemed Jerusalem. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!"

This brought the consecration to a close, after which the installation of Bro. James Stevens, the W. Master designate, was proceeded with. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, at which 48 Past Masters were present, and Bro. Stevens was installed in due form. On the admission of the brethren, he was saluted in due form, and the usual addresses having been delivered by Bros. Hervey, Savage, and Fenn, The W. Master appointed his officers as follows:—Bro. N. B. Headon, S.W.; J. H. Townend, J.W.; Freeman, Treas.; E. Moody, Sec.; Seex, S.D.; Stanway, J.D.; Guyton, I.G.; Misby, D.C.; Blackie, Catchpole, Stewards; Steedman, Tyler.

The W. Master said he had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. John Hervey, for his assistance in consecrating the lodge, and he was authorised to say that the brethren fully endorsed his sentiments by having them recorded on the minutes, and he had further to ask him whether he would accept a membership and act as Past Master for the ensuing twelve months.

Bro. Hervey expressed his willingness to do so, after which the motion was put and agreed to unanimously.

The W. Master said of course Bro. Hervey had kindly accepted that office without knowing what would afterwards be proposed. He had then to propose that Bro. Hervey should be asked to accept the membership of the lodge, and that he do become an honorary member.

Bro. Headon seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Hervey said he would not take up the time of the brethren by making any observations beyond that of thanking them for the compliment which they had been pleased to pay him. He was glad to have the opportunity of giving his services, and he was glad that he had been elected a member, as a mark of their approbation,

wishing the lodge every success, and when they should meet at their anniversary he hoped he should find a large number of brethren present to show the good work that had been done. (Cheers.)

The W. Master proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Simpson, for acting as Chaplain, and particularly for his beautiful oration. In connection with a vote of thanks he moved that he should also be elected an honorary member of the Great City Lodge.

The motion was put and unanimously agreed to.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson said he should follow the excellent example set by Bro. John Hervey, by not taking up their time with any lengthened observations, but he did appreciate very highly the honour they had conferred upon him, for he considered it to be a great privilege to be admitted as a member of their lodge.

The W.M. said he looked upon that as a great occasion, and what they were doing would have its effect elsewhere. He moved a vote of thanks to Bros. Savage and Fenn for the assistance they had given to the Consecrating Master, and he thanked them also for the services they had rendered.

This was also put and agreed to.

Bro. Savage returned thanks, and he said he was delighted to have been present, and to some extent to have assisted at the consecration of the lodge. In common with themselves he was deeply gratified at the occasion, which must ever be a memorable one in the annals of the Great City Lodge. He had been present at many consecrations, but never certainly had he seen that ceremony so well and worthily performed as it had been on that occasion.

Bro. Fenn returned thanks, and said he was glad to assist at the consecration of the lodge, which would supply a great need, and he wished them the highest prosperity.

A vote of thanks was also voted to Bro. R. W. Little, which the W.M. said had been accidentally omitted.

Thanks were then given to the brethren for their attendance, and after a number of propositions for joining and initiation had been announced, the lodge was closed in due form and with a solemn prayer.

The brethren then adjourned to the large hall, where a most profuse banquet was served, and which gave entire satisfaction.

On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M. said it was not his intention to make lengthy speeches (hear, hear), a thing unusual for him to do (hear, hear), but he could assure them that he intended to turn over a new leaf, and no longer indulge in long speeches (hear, and a laugh), and the reason was, because he was surrounded by brethren who could make a better speech than he could. [He should therefore content himself by a brief expression in proposing the toast, which would recommend itself. It was "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft."

This was followed by the National Anthem and then,

The W.M. said—The next toast was "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon." It was a great advantage to the Craft to have rulers of sound judgment, and they had been fortunate in having for twenty-six years the Earl of Zetland as Sovereign of the Order, and he hoped that they would have the present nobleman who filled that high office for a similar period. He was sure that the observations which were made last Wednesday by the Marquess of Ripon were worthy of the consideration of every brother, and he felt assured that they had reason to be proud of their Grand Master. He trusted that the day might be far distant when they would be denied the services of their Grand Master, for he was not only a good Freemason, but his services were of the greatest interest to the Craft in general.

The toast was cordially responded to.

The W. Master gave the next toast, "The Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, K.G., and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G." To the Earl of Zetland all Masons owed a deep debt of gratitude for his valuable services for twenty-six years as a ruler of the Craft. Long might he live,

and when the time arrived that he should be removed, which he trusted might be very distant, the name of Earl of Zetland would be loved and revered by every Mason, for he had nobly acquitted himself for the benefit of Masons, who had a warm recollection of his services for a very lengthened period. He thanked the Great Architect of the Universe that he was still amongst them, and he trusted that for many years his life might be preserved, and that they might have many opportunities of drinking his health as they did then. As to the Prince of Wales, speaking from below his lofty station, he appeared to have connected himself with the Order, and he doubted not that while that connection would do an immense amount of good to the Prince, the Order would receive a corresponding amount of good from him. All that they had to do was to emulate the qualifications if they could not arrive at the position of those reverend heads of the Craft.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was, "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Past and Present." It was impossible for him to mention them in order, and although he might only select one of their body, he intended to compliment the whole of them. He named Bro. Simpson, their respected and venerated Chaplain. He saw present on this occasion Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Benevolent Institution, who had been most successful in his exertions on behalf of the charity with which he was connected. Then there was Bro. Buss, a man who was well known. Then there was Bro. Little, a man whom they were all proud of, and he took that first opportunity of congratulating him on becoming Secretary of the Girls' School, having been elected with such unanimity, and who conferred honour upon the Craft. Then there was Bro. Boyd, who was well-known, and it had recently pleased the Grand Master to confer upon him the rank of a Past Grand Officer, which he would enjoy as long as he lived. As to Bro. Hervey, the least they said about him the better (laughter). It would be his (the W.M.'s) study to make "The Great City Lodge" a pattern lodge in Freemasonry, and he would do all he could to carry out the precepts which their esteemed Chaplain, Bro. Simpson, had laid down. They had assumed an ambitious title when they called themselves "The Great City Lodge," and to deserve that title he did not think they could do better than follow the precepts he had set before them. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson.

The toast was well received, followed by the song of "The Village Blacksmith," by Bro. Hook.

Bro. Simpson, in responding, said he thanked the W.M., on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, for the high honour he had conferred upon them, and in calling upon them to respond to the toast, inasmuch as he was surrounded by other Grand Officers, abler and older men than himself, who would have responded to it. He could assure them that he had heard with pleasure the admirable address of Bro. Hervey, which he hoped would impress the members of lodges, for his observations were entitled to their highest respect and regard. They were like a piece of West of England cloth that would always bear the strain and stress of weather. It was an advisable thing for them to come in contact with the great rulers of the Craft, and they owed to them a deep debt of duty as well as that of the Craft to which they had the honour and the privilege to belong. It was highly gratifying to him to be present that evening, and to be received in such a princely manner at their hospitable entertainment; and although he had been a Mason for a quarter of a century, he could assure them that he had never received greater pleasure than he had that night in seeing how the lodge had carried out its duties. He was sure that Lord Carnarvon's heart would be delighted to hear how the duties had been performed, and the way in which a large number of officers of the Grand Lodge had been received. Having spoken of the admirable performance and

the manner in which Bro. Little, the Director of Ceremonies, had performed his duties, he said it was like the main spring of a watch, unless that was in good order things would not go on well, but never were his duties better performed. They had met in a place where they had room to breathe, which was a thing most important amongst all conditions of Freemasons, and was attended with the happiest and most beneficial effects. He rejoiced as one of the members of the Grand Lodge in being present on that occasion, and he rejoiced that in the meetings of the Great City Lodge they would find a relief from the tedium of the week in the social recreation of Saturday, when they could meet without any detriment of their character. In the happiness which they enjoyed he felt it cast a halo around, and in the words of the poet he might say—

"Long long be my heart with such memories filled,

Like the vase in which roses have once been distill'd—

You may break, you may ruin the vase if you will,

But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

He was glad to find that the Great City Lodge showed their appreciation of the value and principles of Freemasonry, and that they could enjoy themselves without detriment to their social, moral or religious character. He hoped to be present at many future meetings, and that the lodge would never be untrue to its antecedents.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was, the health of one who was a perfect man and Mason, their "Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of England," who had so kindly, so effectively, and so efficiently carried out the business of the meeting in a manner which rendered it an unprecedented success in Freemasonry, and as he was now connected by membership with the Great City Lodge he hoped they would give him a cordial reception by drinking his health as Consecrating Master. In him to become a member of the lodge they had done less honour to him, than he had done them by accepting it.

The toast was drunk with enthusiastic cheering, followed by the old song of "The Woodpecker," by Bro. F. N. Cozens.

Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, said,—He did not know a greater gratification a man could receive than the approbation of the brethren with whom he was associated, although he did not mean to say that was confined to the Masonic body, but pervaded through every institution in life, and no man but must feel gratified with the applause which was conferred upon him. The W.M. had been pleased to give his health, and to speak of him in a manner which far exceeded any services he had rendered, but upon the present occasion he was proud to receive the honour from the brethren who were then assembled round that table and for the way in which the Worshipful Master had proposed his health. He believed, however, that there were many in the City of London, or the confines thereof, who would have gone through the ceremony better than he had done that evening. (Cries of "No, no.") Would have done it as well, at any rate if not better, but it was gratifying to him to receive their approbation. He was gratified when he was asked to consecrate the lodge, and having met with such kindness from the brethren that evening. He trusted that would not be the last occasion upon which he should meet them. The gavel had been placed in his hands and he was then at liberty to do as he liked, and therefore he asked the brethren to do honour to the toast he was about to propose. He proposed with all solemnity and gratification a toast which was twofold, for in doing so he should throw two toasts into one, as he felt they ought not to be discovered, which was "The Health of the W.M., and Prosperity to the Great City Lodge." He had no doubt that its prosperity would be assured, that the Great City Lodge would maintain its came in the future, which would be at all times gratifying to the first Master, by whom it had been launched into existence, and baptised as it was by their worthy Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. Simpson. First of all, as he ought to do, he expressed his gratifica-

tion at their kindness in having elected him as an honorary member of the lodge, and also for installing him as a Past Master. That was a position which entailed no future honour, but it entailed a great compliment. He gave "Prosperity to the Great City Lodge, and health and long life to its fist Master, Bro. Stevens."

The toast was cordially responded to, followed by the song "What better Themethan Masonry," sung by Bro. F. W. Cozens, the words by the Worshipful Master. The song was greeted with loud applause.

The W.M. said he had a double duty to perform, to thank them for the compliment they had paid him and also for drinking to the prosperity of the lodge. He thanked them most sincerely for the compliment, and hoped to appreciate it by any services he could render for the next twelve months. He could say that he intended to rule the lodge with courtesy, but with all firmness consistent with the principles of the institution. It was impossible that they could tire him with work, for he would rather be three hours at work than one at the banquet table, and he hoped at the end of twelve months he should be able to show that the Great City Lodge was worthy of the name it bore. He should remember the maxim "*Noblesse oblige*" and they would be great not only in name and prosperity, but in reputation, not great individually but collectively. They would seek to carry out the principles enunciated by the Consecrating Master, and the revered Chaplain, and although they might not succeed, they would endeavour to do so. They would endeavour to carry out the acmé of Freemasonry, as one of the principal lodges in the Craft, and in conclusion gave "The Health of the Visitors, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Meggy."

Bro. Meggy returned thanks for the visitors.

The W. Master, in giving the toast of "The Masonic Charities," said it gave him great pleasure to have a representative of each of those institutions present on that occasion; and it was gratifying to him that they had each come amongst them that evening. As to their Masonic charities, he hoped that they would never be lost sight of. He did not speak of them in a sentimental way; and it was a mistake which he wished to point out, when it was said by the outer world that their Masonic charities were mere sentiments. Let them go to Wood-green, to Battersea, to Croydon, or to the homes of many poor Masons, and then they could well afford to disregard the sneers of the outer world, who said that their charities were sentimental and not practical; but he would say that the hearts of more men were touched by sentiment than by any other means. He complimented Bro. Binckes on the prospect of the Boys' Institution, and the Girls' Schools with Bro. Little, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with Bro. Terry, and said that on no future occasion would a meeting take place without the charity box being passed round.

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. Binckes responded, and said that in consequence of a resolution which had been come to by the committee to extend the time of the boys remaining in the school from fifteen to sixteen years of age, the election of any others into the Institution would be stopped unless something was done to extend its benefits, and therefore they must ask the Craft to extend the accommodation, and give them the means of receiving the candidates who were constantly being sent to them. He did not think they ought to have three speeches in responding to one toast. Bro. Terry had had a most successful festival in February last, and he (Bro. Binckes) had also had a very satisfactory one in March, and he trusted the same success would attend Bro. Little at the festival of the Girls' School, on the 14th of May next. He knew how good the Craft were, and he had only to express one word of gratitude and he had done. It was no matter what they had done in the past, for Masonry was a progressive science, and as their numbers increased so a large increase of support would be required for the future. They must support their Institutions for it was their first duty, their first boast, their highest boast, and if they were true to their Masonic obligations it was their continued duty. He was deeply grateful to them

for what they had done, but he wished to tell them that in consequence of the alteration which had taken place in retaining the boys in the school until they were 16 years of age, there would be no vacancies for any others either in October or April, which was a matter he was sure would receive their serious consideration. There were 41 unsuccessful candidates after the last election, and other candidates were coming forward week by week and month after month, and they must enlarge their school if they continued to send these candidates to them. Let them not blame him, but if they continued to send these applications, they must find space to provide for them. He thanked them for what they had done in the past, and he relied with confidence upon their exertions for the future.

Bro. Little returned thanks on behalf of the Girls' School.

Bro. Terry also returned thanks on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, trusting that the festival for the Girls' School would be liberally responded to.

The Tyler's toast was given, which brought the proceedings to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Hook, of 186, assisted by Bros. Chubb, T. G. Smith, J. H. Cozens, and Bro. Frank Toole, P.G.S.W. Essex, most efficiently acted as Toast Master.

We understand that the first meeting of this lodge for work will be held this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Cannon-street Hotel, at three o'clock precisely, notices containing a long list of joining members and candidates for initiation having been issued immediately after the closing of the lodge. Brethren of other lodges will receive a hearty welcome.

CONSECRATION OF THE SEVILLE LODGE, ST. ANN'S BAY, JAMAICA.

Wednesday, April 2, 1873, will long be remembered by the good folks of Saint Ann's Bay. A scene of the greatest interest, never before witnessed in that place, presented itself to the inhabitants. From a very early hour, the galloping of horses and rolling of carriages, with the fair sex from the adjoining parishes, foretold that it was to be a gala day. At a quarter to one o'clock, the Masonic Brotherhood began to assemble at the Court House, when the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Hoyes, arranged the order of procession.

Arriving at the door of the church, the procession halted, and opened out on each side. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master entering the church, followed by the Prov. Grand Chaplain and members, the Prov. Grand Master and officers taking the seats reserved for them before the Communion Table, Divine Service was held, and a suitable and appropriate address delivered by Bro. the Rev. N. L. Ellis, illustrating the blessed triumphs of Faith, Hope and Charity, which was attentively listened to by the hundreds of persons who filled the church, as well as by those outside, who could not obtain seats. A collection was afterwards made on behalf of the poor of the parish.

Service being ended the brethren reformed in procession, and the band striking up the Masonic March, proceeded to the new lodge-room. The Provincial Grand Master entered, followed by his officers and the members of the Seville Lodge, the Grand Organist playing an anthem prescribed by the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master strewing corn, wine and oil upon the lodge, and the Prov. Grand Chaplain rehearsing several appropriate passages of Scripture suitable on such occasions. The ceremony of dedication being ended, the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master called on Bro. John Hoyes, Grand Director of Ceremonies, to read the Proclamation constituting the lodge. The Prov. Grand Master afterwards installed the following officers:—Bros. Michael Solomon, Worshipful Master; Alexander Lake, Depute Master; Edmund Hart, Senior Warden; Carvalho, Junior Warden; Abraham Noah, Treasurer; Albert J. Hart, Secretary; George Roe, Senior Deacon; A. N. Sutherland, Junior

Deacon; W. R. Phillips, Inner Guard; and Edward Hall, Tyler.

The officers severally returned thanks, and the lodge closed in the usual way.

At half past 7, p.m., the brethren re-assembled at the Court House, where a grand display of all the good things of this life was exhibited, to which ample justice was done. A platform, erected on the south side of the building, was graced with the presence of the ladies, who seemed delighted throughout the whole ceremony. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed by the newly installed Master, Michael Solomon Esqr., the band playing the air appropriate to each toast. Among the assembled guest were noticed—the Hon. Charles Royes, Custos and member of the hon. Legislative Council; the Revd. Josias Cork, Rector; E. G. Barret, Esq.; Charles Fletcher, Esq.; E. B. Lynch, Esq., and several of the magistrates and influential gentlemen of the parish.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master, the R.W. Saml. Constantine Burke," who had at great inconvenience attended for the purpose of consecrating the lodge.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master returned thanks in an eloquent speech.

"The Health of the Provincial Grand Master for East Jamaica, R.W. Dr. Hamilton," was then drunk.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the Wor. Michael Solomon, the Master Elect," and congratulated the Seville Lodge upon the choice of a gentleman who possessed the respect and esteem of his fellow parishioners.

The Wor. Master having replied, the following toasts were proposed and drank with enthusiasm:—

"His Excellency Sir John Peter Grant and the Legislative Council of Jamaica," proposed by the Provincial Grand Master, and responded to by the Hon. Charles Royes.

"The Bishop and Clergy, and Ministers of all Religious Denominations" by the Master, responded to by the Rev. Josias Cork, Rector, and Rev. N. L. Ellis.

"The Custos and Magistrates of St. Ann," by E. B. Lynch, Esq. Responded to by the Custos and Charles Fletcher, Esq.

"The Sister Lodges," by the Senior Warden. Responded to by the Worshipful D. DeSouza, of the Athel Union Lodge, Falmouth.

"The Visiting Brethren and Visitors," proposed by the Junior Warden, and responded to by Bros. Fray and E. G. Barrett, Esq.

"The Agricultural Interest" by Bro. Abraham Noah. Responded to by a member of the Seville Lodge.

"The Ladies," by Bro. A. N. Sutherland. Responded to by Dr. Saunders.

Bro. Samuel H. Watson, proposed "The Health of all Distressed Masons, and Widows and Orphans of Masons throughout the world," which was drunk enthusiastically; after which the band struck up "God save the Queen," and thus ended one of the best days that has been witnessed in Saint Ann's Bay for the last half-century.

"Some months since, my wife was suffering with a bad cough and severe pains in the chest, and totally unable to attend to her ordinary duties. She was advised to try your Pain Killer, and after a few doses of it was restored to perfect health, which she still enjoys. I also use it for Piles, from which I have long suffered, and one dose taken internally invariably gives me entire relief.—JAS. BRADSHAW."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT: When Professor Holloway turned his attention to the relief of human maladies he felt that his curative means must be competent to thoroughly purify the system as well as to heal up its sores, he knew that nothing less than this double sanitary action would satisfy the public or enrich himself. How fully he accomplished both purposes, is known throughout the world. His Ointment is now universally used for subduing Erysipelas, cutaneous inflammation of a slighter order, pimples, boils, Scaldy Eruptions and the host of interstif skin complaints. The general acknowledgement of it, by the highest medical power, over deep and more malignant diseases, viz. eruptions, fistulas, carbuncles and abscesses, is voluntarily sent in convincing certificates from all parts of the world.—ADV.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

The Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on Friday, the 21st March, 1873.

There were present:—R.W. Hugh David Sandeman, District Grand Master; W. Bros. J. Pitt-Kennedy, as Deputy District Grand Master; H. H. Locke, P.D.D.G.M.; G. H. Daly, P.D.D.G.M.; I. L. Taylor, D.G.S.W.; J. B. Knight, as D.G.J.W.; D. J. Zemin, D.G.R.; W. B. MacTavish, as D.G. Treas.; Capt. R. G. Smyth, D.G. Sec.; Capt. A. J. Filgate, as D.G.S.D.; W. T. Amos, D.G.J.D.; J. C. Parker, D.G.D.C.; W. H. Jones, D.G.A.D.C.; J. Lindley, D.G.S.B.; E. F. Longley, as D.G.S.B.; C. H. Compton, D.G.O.; J. H. E. Beer, as D.G.P.; Bros. W. H. Ayres, A. J. Hughes, J. M. Evans, C.G. Stewards; and Alexander, Tyler.

There were also present representatives from lodges, Star in the East, 67; Industry and Perseverance, 109; True Friendship, 218; Humility with Fortitude, 229; Marine, 232; Anchor and Hope, 234; St. John, 486; Excelsior, 852; Temperance and Benevolence, 1160; and Sandeman, 1274.

Several visitors were also present.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 7 p.m.

The District Grand Secretary reported the receipt of apologies from the several brethren for non-attendance.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 27th December, 1872, having been printed and circulated, were, on the motion of the District Grand Master, taken as read, and, on being put to the vote, were confirmed.

The Worshipful the District Grand Master then delivered an address, from which we make the following extracts:—

In the absence of the Deputy District Grand Master, the duty will devolve upon the immediate Past Deputy, Bro. J. Pitt Kennedy, and I resign my command accordingly into his hands from this evening. I need scarcely ask you to give him that full support which you have given me for the past eleven years, so that when the time comes for him to give way to his successor, he may do so, as I now do, with a feeling of great sorrow and regret.

I have observed, and I am sorry to be obliged to say, not infrequently, that Masons have seceded from a lodge from a mere feeling of disappointment; sometimes at themselves not receiving that advancement to which they have thought themselves entitled, sometimes at seeing their lodge pass under the rule of a Master to whom they would have preferred another. Need I say, that such brethren are not acting up to the spirit which should govern Freemasons. Hear what the ancient charges say on this point:—

"None should discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same," and "all Masons employed shall weekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work be finished." These brief sentences conclusively show that brethren are bound to stand by the award of their lodge, and to recognise and support their Master and his officers, although they might prefer seeing others in their place.

A very liberal donation of 500 rupees had been made to the funds of the Bengal Masonic Association by Rae Luchmeeput Singh Bahadour, of Baloochur, in the Moorshedabad district. This handsome gift was purely spontaneous, and he would venture to commend the act of liberal beneficence, on the part of one who is not a Freemason, as a good and worthy example to members of our Craft.

The warrant for Lodge Beauchamp at Roorkee had been received from England, and forwarded to its destination. The number of the lodge is 1422.

I have received a petition addressed to the Grand Lodge of England by Bro. Walter Bourne and others, praying for a warrant of constitution to empower them to meet as a regular lodge at Assam, a station on the line of the East Indian Railway, on the second Tuesday of each month, under the Mastership of Bro. Bourne, who has been for long known in Ben-

gal as a promoter of Freemasonry. The Lodge will be known as the Pioneer, and I have, under the authority of the constitutions, granted them a provisional warrant to meet in anticipation of the receipt of the regular warrant from England, until when it will be known as No. 41 of Bengal. I regret to say that four lodges are reported to me as in arrears, and that the state of one of these lodges is so unsatisfactory as to have induced me to ask a special committee to investigate its position and to report the result for such orders as may be found necessary.

R.W. Bro. Pitt-Kennedy expressed a fear that his professional avocations would hardly permit him effectually to fulfil the arduous duties of a District Grand Master, but that he would endeavour to perform those duties to the best of his power.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was read and adopted.

The following report of the Grand Committee of the Fund of Benevolence was read:—During the quarter ending 31st December, 1872, the Sub-Committee has had under its consideration eighteen applications for renewal, of which four were granted for renewal of Rs. 20 for six months each; one was granted Rs. 10 for six months; one was granted a donation of Rs. 50; and twelve refused with regret. The Committee took into consideration the difficulty under which they are at present labouring, from having no knowledge of the extent of their public income, and concerning which the District Grand Treasurer reports that he is unable to supply any information. The Committee resolved that the District Grand Treasurer be addressed, with the view of being informed whether he had carried out the proposition noted in paragraph 18 of the "District Grand Lodge Quarterly Communications," dated the 27th day of December, 1872; and further, that he be again solicited to submit a statement, showing what has been the actual annual income for the last five years, or to explain wherein the difficulty lies in affording this information.

The report was adopted.

In pursuance of the notice given at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge, held on the 27th December, 1872, Bro. C. H. Compton, D.G. Organist, proposed, and Wor. Bro. Pitt-Kennedy, seconded:—"That a Select Committee be appointed to meet and report on the best scheme to be adopted for obtaining premises, either by building, or on a joint-stock principle, or otherwise, a temple or lodge for Masonic purposes in Calcutta, which was carried unanimously."

The District Grand Master hoped that the plan might succeed, although he had very slight hopes on this subject. He had sat on a committee some thirteen years back to consider a proposition to this end, and that Committee had risen out of the ashes of several previous Committees, all of which ended in nothing. During his tenure of office as District Grand Master, similar propositions had been frequently made to Grand Lodge, as frequently died a natural death. There was a general unwillingness to invest money in joint-stock speculations, that he feared the shares would not be taken up.

Right Wor. Bro. Pitt-Kennedy addressed the Right Wor. District Grand Master on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity:—"We the Officers of District Grand Lodge of Bengal, on behalf of the brethren of the Craft, working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England within the District of Bengal, respectfully beg permission, before your departure from the principal field of your Masonic labours, to record our sentiments of regard and esteem for your services. The entire Craft feels deep regret at your departure, knowing, as we do, that in you we lose one who has for eleven years held the Hiram in Bengal with judgment, ability, tact, and liberality, and whose post we can hardly expect to see filled by any other so fitted for the post. We desire to acknowledge our high appreciation of the great services you have rendered to Masonry in the East, from the day you joined the brotherhood to the latest hour of your residence in this country; amongst which services we especially record the institution of the Bengal Masonic Association for educating Children of Indigent Freemasons, which, under your

care and guidance, has already affected much good, and many improvements introduced by you in the management and control of the Fund of Benevolence. For these services you will ever be remembered with the deepest feelings of gratitude by the widows and orphans of departed Masons, as one who had provided the means of succouring their distresses, relieving their necessities, and giving them comfort in their old age. You have left them to our care, and we can but assure you that in your absence we will watch and guard this legacy as a sacred trust, and enjoin the same on our successors. We feel, however, that to those who had the good fortune to have sat under your Hiram, as well as to those to whom your name will come down as an honoured tradition, it would be a satisfaction to have before our eyes, in the hours of refreshment, the semblance of one whose memory we honour, and we therefore solicit the favour of your permitting your portrait to be painted for the District Grand Lodge of Bengal. As a small tribute of brotherly love, and token of the high esteem in which you are held by all Masons, from the Indus to the furthest limits of Burmah, and more especially in the District of Bengal, we beg permission to offer for your acceptance, on behalf of the Masonic Brotherhood, a token which will be delivered to you on your arrival at home. We must now say farewell. The warmest prayers of the Craft for your happiness and welfare will accompany you wherever you go; and we trust that in another hemisphere you will long enjoy the reward of your honoured career here as a public servant, as a man, and as a Mason.

The District Grand Master expressed himself wholly at a loss to reply, in anything like adequate terms, to the very kind and generously worded address which had been read to him; he thought that it over-rated his services to Freemasonry, and considered it was in itself an amply sufficient reward without being supplemented by any testimonial. He resigned his office with feelings of deep and sincere regret, and he felt that it still rested with him as a duty to watch from home, and to the best of his ability, the interests of the Order in the East. As touching the request that he would have his portrait taken for District Grand Lodge, he would, of course be happy to comply with the wishes of his Masonic Brethren, and follow any instructions he might receive from them on the subject.

Wor. Bro. J. H. Turner addressed the Right Wor. the District Grand Master on the subject of initiating Hindoo gentlemen, and stated that he had submitted a report, as required from him, at the last Quarterly Communication for investigation, but had as yet received no reply.

The District Grand Secretary explained that references had been made to other districts for information regarding the mode adopted in initiating Hindoo gentlemen; but as he had only that afternoon received a reply, he had not time to lay the matter before the Right Wor. District Grand Master for consideration.

A collection was then made for the Fund of Benevolence, and the amount announced by the District Grand Secretary to be Rs. 156-12.

There being no further business to be brought forward, the District Grand Lodge was closed, in due form, at 8 p.m.

It is with great pleasure that we have to announce that His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Brazil has conferred a well-merited honour upon our esteemed brother, James Glaisher, F.R.S., Senior Grand Deacon of England, and Grand Soj. of Grand Chapter, by nominating him a Knight of the Order of the Rose, an order of Brazilian chivalry.

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in their Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 6th May, 1873. There was an unusually large attendance.

In the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Rosslyn, the throne was occupied by Past Grand Master Bro. John Whyte-Melville, of Bennoch and Strathkinnes, supported by Substitute Grand Master Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, Colonel Campbell of Blythwood, Senior Grand Warden; Bro. F. A. Barrow, Senior Grand Deacon, Acting Grand Junior Warden; Bros. Walter Montgomerie of Queenshill, P.G.M. of Glasgow; John Laurie, Grand Secretary; Alexander Hay, Grand Secretary; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; James Ballantine, Grand Bard; Daniel Robertson, Grand Bible Bearer; Albert T. Apthorpe, Acting Chief Grand Marshal; F. S. Melville, President; John Haig, of Cameron Bridge, Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards; Professor Blackie, Representative at Tennessee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Bros. C. W. M. Müller, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saxony; William Hay, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; Lindsay Mackersy, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada; William Officer, P.G.D.; Captain Neil, of Swinridge Muir, Deputy Grand Master of Ayreshire; Captain Gordon, of Craigmyle; and Captain G. R. Harriott, of Killimore, D.P.G.M. of Wigtownshire.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and several proxy commissions were sustained.

Thanks were voted for presents from the Grand Lodges of France, Prussia, the Netherlands, Brazil, Chili, Virginia, and Kentucky, after which the minutes of Grand Committee were read and confirmed.

The Grand Secretary reported the demise of Bro. Alexander James Stewart, W.S., late R.W. Senior Joint Grand Secretary; as also of Bro. John Hart, late R.W. Prov. Grand Master for South Australia; and he read, in connection with the decease of Bro. Stewart, a letter of condolence from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. These intimations were received, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes, with an expression of regret.

An application for the recognition and establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Greece was received, and unanimously agreed to. On the nomination of the lodges in the Province of Wigtownshire, and the recommendation of the Grand Committee added thereto, Bro. G. R. Harriott was unanimously appointed Prov. Grand Master for that province, and, being present, was duly installed into office, with the usual honours, by the Acting Grand Master.

Petitions for charters to new lodges "Thistle," New South Wales, and "Myrton," Port William, Newton-Stewart, were, on the recommendation of the Grand Committee, complied with.

A motion for altering the days of meeting of Grand Lodge was, after some discussion, withdrawn.

The Grand Secretary intimated that he had received a communication from the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Rosslyn, enclosing a letter from the Grand Master of Quebec, on the subject of the recognition of that body. At his Lordship's request, it was remitted to the Grand Committee.

The following motion, after some discussion, was carried by a majority:—"That the Grand Lodge of Scotland, from and after the beginning of the Masonic year, be composed entirely of Right Worshipful Masters, and actual Wardens, and Past Masters."

A notice of motion for discussion at the next quarterly communication was, in the following terms, proposed by Bro. Captain Neill, seconded by Bro. Halkett:—"That for the good of Freemasonry in this country, it is expedient that business meetings of Grand Lodge be held in different places in Scotland, the suitable time and places for such meetings to be determined by the Grand Committee, or in such a manner as Grand Lodge may direct."

Grand Lodge was thereafter closed in due form, and the brethren dispersed.

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The following communications stand over:—J. B. (Cheltenham), Report of Rowley Lodge No. 1051.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending May 17.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Mr. J. L. Toole in Popular Pieces.

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. M. Espinosa and Ballet troupe.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Seton Parry. "The Happy Lark."

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1873.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

Upon no previous occasion, in all probability, have so many brethren whose names are perfectly unfamiliar to the great body of the Craft been appointed to office in Grand Lodge, as was the case on the 30th ult. In vain have we sought for some trace of the Masonic qualifications of the Lord "Balfour of Burleigh" upon whom the collar of Senior Grand Warden was bestowed, and who, but for the remarkably juvenile freshness of his corporeal appearance, might well have been mistaken for one of Scott's heroes by the members of Grand Lodge, so little is his name renowned as a working Mason, or as a supporter of the Masonic Charitable Institutions.

Of Bro. Platt, the Junior Grand Warden, we desire to speak with great respect, inasmuch as

he has not been unmindful of those higher duties of Freemasonry which are, unfortunately, so frequently overlooked by thoughtless brethren. Bro. Platt is a member of a very influential London Lodge, he is a Mason of some years standing, and possesses qualities, which we are informed have made him appreciated in the limited Masonic circle to which he is known. Happily for him that circle is a highly influential one, and hence his Masonic merits are not suffered to remain for ever in obscurity.

Bro. Bent, the new Grand Chaplain, is simply *un homme inconnu*.

In the nomination of one of the Senior Grand Deacons we gladly hail the recognition of science in the person of Bro. James Glaisher, F.R.S., whose name is known, not only throughout England, but all over Europe. Bro. Glaisher has presided over the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, a lodge chiefly composed of men who represent progress and enlightenment, his appointment therefore stands out in marked contrast with that of his colleague, Bro. Richard Havers, who apparently owes his wand of office to a "fortuitous concurrence" of circumstances, not the least important of which is the relationship to a brother who has won a foremost place in the Craft by many years devotion to its service, a recollection which forbids too keen a criticism of an otherwise inexplicable appointment.

Bro. Philbrick, as Junior Grand Deacon, merely gives us cause to regret that he is not Senior, and certainly if the charms of eloquence, combined with many sterling Masonic qualifications, constitute a claim to reward, Bro. Philbrick might very gracefully have been offered a higher place on the dais.

Bro. Furner, the other Junior Grand Deacon, is the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, beyond doubt an excellent man, although we have searched for his name without success in the lists of donors to our charities. This is most probably an accidental omission, which Bro. Furner would do well to have rectified by the officials before he retires upon the honours of Past Grand Rank.

The Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. John Whichcord, is an old P.M., and the Treasurer of the Jerusalem Lodge (197), in which he was initiated nearly thirty years ago. He took a leading part in the establishment of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge (1150), in which he was the first I.P.M., and during its earlier existence did much of the Masonic working. He is also at the present time the First Principal of the St. James's Chapter, No. 2; and some time since served the office of Grand Steward. Bro. Whichcord is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and many other learned bodies, including the Institute of British Architects; and his works in Operative Masonry bid fair to become prominent features in modern London, as well as in the provinces.

We are pleased to find that a brother, who has worked well in the Province of Cheshire, has been appointed Grand Sword Bearer. Bro. Bulley is not an ornamental Mason, and we fancy we have heard of him before in connection with matters of practical Masonic utility.

By the promotion of Bro. Cottebrune to the

post of Grand Pursuivant, Bro. Cubitt, a Past Master of the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, has become Assistant Grand Pursuivant. This appointment generally falls to the lot of one of the body of Metropolitan Masons, and Bro. Cubitt may fairly be taken as a good representative of this rather numerous section of the Craft.

Upon the whole we can only lament that the recent appointments in Grand Lodge lead us to the inevitable conclusion that there are really no Masonic giants in these days, that the age of mediocrity has set in, and that a brother who desires to obtain Grand office must on the one hand rigorously abstain from supporting the Masonic Charities, and on the other hand ruthlessly stifle whatever natural ambition he may possess to make a figure in Freemasonry, otherwise, we fear that for him the purple fruits of office will never bloom, and that he will end his Masonic career, as he commenced it, a happy and contented "blue."

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

The quarterly meeting of this body was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 24th ult. In the absence of Frater Levander, M. G., the chair was taken by Frater R. Wentworth Little, P.M.G., and amongst the members present were Frater Colonel Burdett, Hon. V.P.; W. H. Hubbard, P.M.G.; W. R. Woodman, M.D., Sec. Gen.; J. Weaver, E. Stanton Jones, Angelo J. Lewis, and S. Rosenthal, Ancients, G. Kenning, M., W. J. Ferguson, C. of M.; Major E. H. Finney, H.; T. Cubitt, O.; R. B. Webster, E. H. Finney, Junr.; W. Roebuck, I. L. Thomas, D. R. Still, K.R.; H. Mackenzie &c. Bro. Vallance, was duly admitted a member of the Society, after which a highly interesting paper referring to the study of occult science was read by Frater Mackenzie to whom the thanks of the meeting were voted. The Abbé Conssant of Paris, (Eliphas Levi,) was unanimously elected an honorary member, and several names of aspirants having been proposed for the next meeting, the college was closed.

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

The "Masonic Student" is very greatly obliged to the Editor of Boston's Freemason's Monthly Magazine, as well as to a friendly American brother, for having been so good as to forward to him, through Bro. Kenning, the April Number of that Magazine, for 1873. He begs them to accept his fraternal thanks.

Reviews.

The Teeth, in Infancy and Age, by T. Burgoyne Pillin, L.D.S. &c. (J. Milles & Co. London).—Bro. Pillin's little book is most useful, and free from the technicalities of Dental Science. We are all interested in its contents, and cannot fail to be instructed and entertained by a perusal of its pages. We trust its circulation will be as large a one as it deserves.

Freemason's Repository (Providence, R.I., U.S.A.). This broadsheet, which represents Rhode Island, is issued monthly, and although not a very pretentious publication is no doubt useful as a means of communication for the Craft in that Masonic district.

A full report of the proceedings of Grand Chapter, on Wednesday last, will be given in our next.

A BOOK TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

In Memoriam.

THE EARL OF ZETLAND, P.G.M.

A solemn and affecting duty now devolves upon us. The Earl of Zetland is no more! and in simple, but heart-felt praises, we wreath our chaplet for his tomb.

In our lamented departed brother, Freemasonry has lost a fervent friend, and the cause of progress in general an ardent and generous supporter.

No career in the Craft—not even excepting that of the late Duke of Sussex—was ever so distinguished, and few brethren—if any—have wielded the sceptre of Grand Master of England with so much credit to the Order. We say this without being guided in the least by the old quotation—*De mortuis nil nisi bonum*. Lord Zetland was not merely noble; he personified nobility, and all those who have enjoyed the honour of intimacy with our deceased illustrious brother can testify in the strongest manner to his urbanity, and kindly bearing.

The writer of this tribute to our late chief's memory feels that words which he had the privilege to indite upon the occasion of Lord Zetland's retirement from the government of the Craft are somewhat apposite to the present melancholy occasion, inasmuch as they embody and express the universal sentiment of the Craft as to his Lordship's merits, in connection with a brief but accurate statement of the Earl of Zetland's Masonic career.

We simply echo the feelings of every English Mason when we say that Lord Zetland has endeared himself to all our hearts, not only by his unswerving devotion to the high and holy principles of Freemasonry, but by the courtesy, the urbanity, and the dignity with which he has performed his duties as Grand Master of England. The post that his Lordship occupies is one of the most lofty and honourable positions to which a man can aspire during his earthly career. We would rather be the ruler of a glorious fraternity of good and true men, than the monarch of many a European realm. We would rather reign, as the Earl of Zetland has reigned, in the "hearts and affections" of his brother Masons than exercise command over their "lives and fortunes." We would rather have the epitaph placed over our tomb that we had served our fellow-men, and advanced the interests of truth and virtue, than to have recorded there those titles of majesty and dominion which sit so sadly on the cold brow of death. Give us the affectionate remembrance of those whom we

loved and cherished, give us a name like that of Thomas Dundas, a Nobleman in every sense of the word, a Mason in every signification of the name, a Man in the most exalted acceptation of the term. It is true that we have a right to expect in the Grand Master of the Mother Grand Lodge of the world, a knight, like Bayard, *sans reproche*; it is true that we rely implicitly on the honour, the integrity, and the zeal of the brother who rules the Freemasons of England, and it is equally true that in our present Grand Master we have had one to whom we could point with pride, one whose consistency as a gentleman and a Freemason has never been questioned, and who will hand the sceptre of his office to his successor untarnished by a single stain.

The Earl of Zetland comes of a good Masonic stock, as we shall prove in a few words. His grandfather, the first Lord Dundas, was Deputy Grand Master under the Duke of Sussex, in 1813 and his father, the first Earl of Zetland, afterwards filled the same post, and died in 1839, Pro. Grand Master of England. Our Most Worshipful Brother was born on the 5th of February, 1795. His Masonic career dates from the 18th June, 1830, when as the "Honourable Thomas Dundas," he was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, in which lodge he eventually occupied the chair of Worshipful Master. His lordship was appointed Senior Grand Warden on the 25th April, 1832; he succeeded the late Earl of Durham, as Deputy Grand Master, on the 24th April, 1839, and followed the same lamented nobleman in the office of Pro. Grand Master in 1840; this high post he held at the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, in April 1843, when by the Constitutions of the Order, the Earl became the ruler of the English Craft until the next period of election, at which time, namely on the 6th of March, 1844, his lordship was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, and was installed as such on the 24th of April following. In Royal Arch Masonry, Lord Zetland's career has been equally brilliant; he was exalted on the 1st June, 1832, in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, and duly served in each of the principal chairs; he was appointed one of the Grand Sojourners in 1832; as Deputy Grand Master he became, *ex officio*, Second Grand Principal, and of course as Grand Master he was elevated to the dignity of Supreme Grand Z., in accordance with the regulations of the Order. His lordship has also been Provincial Grand Master for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire since 1835.

It now only remains to trace the progress of English Freemasonry under his benign sway. From seven hundred and sixteen lodges at the time of Lord Zetland's installation as Grand

Master, we have increased to nearly thirteen hundred! From an estimated membership of twenty-seven thousand, we have increased, in England alone, to eighty-four thousand five hundred, and the increase in our Foreign and Colonial lodges is far greater in proportion. The immense Masonic constellation that now shines in the far Pacific Seas, has arisen in light and beauty during the period of our present Grand Master's rule. Remote and almost mythical corners of the globe have received the benefits of Freemasonry under his auspices. From Japan to Gibraltar, from the Gold Coast to the Himalayan mountains, through the ancient empire of Cathay, and the bleak regions of Newfoundland, the blessings of our friendly Craft have been spread, through the fostering care of the Earl of Zetland. This is a result of which any man might be justly proud, and like his great predecessor, Sir Christopher Wren, posterity will be able to say of our noble chief, "If you seek his monument, look around." The universe of civilisation will bear his name, and the hearts of men will hymn his praises. It is therefore with pain that we shall witness the retirement of one who has for such a lengthened period filled the foremost place in the regard of his brethren; we shall miss the stately presence, and the suave dignity, which so fitly represented the innate nobility of the Masonic Institution.

In this brief notice we shall not say one word of the future—it is all too feeble a tribute to a loved and venerated name—but as the accepted organ of the great English Craft, as the voice of many thousands of the household of faith, we tender to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, our unfeigned gratitude for his life-long devotion to the interests of the Order; for his recognition and support of those principles which are dear to the hearts of all Masons, and we cordially wish him, on his retirement from the active duties of Freemasonry, that repose and happiness which are ever the accompaniment of a conscience void of offence to all mankind.

Let us but add to the above that, although Lord Zetland's career has not been greatly prolonged, he leaves behind him not only remembrances in many hearts, but an imperishable memorial of charity, in the shape of the Zetland Fund, which by our late brother's own desire, is to be devoted to the relief of distress and affliction amongst those who have rendered eminent services to the Craft.

We have every reason to believe that the latter days of Lord Zetland were peaceful and happy. We know that his interest in Freemasonry never slumbered—full of honours—burdened so to speak—with good wishes and with the gratifying testimony of a good conscience. The venerable Earl has gone to his rest, lamented by Freemasons more particularly, but also by the great body of his countrymen, to whom he had ever presented an example "void of all offence." Peace to his *manes* and may his successor in the family honours, who we rejoice to know is a Mason, emulate the virtues of the great and good Dundas, whose ashes we now reverently commit to the dust.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

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The Grand Master, continuing, said: I am quite sure that you have all deeply regretted the cause which of late has prevented him from taking that active part which he has been accustomed to take, both in public and in Masonic duties. I rejoice to say that he has returned from a yachting expedition in greatly improved health. (Hear, hear.) I received from him a letter this morning, in which though he said it would not be in his power to attend here to-day, he informed me that it is fully his intention to be present at the next Quarterly Communication in June. And, brethren, that is quite consistent with the character of my noble friend, because he is accustomed to prefer occasions when there is work to be done and business to be transacted, to occasions which are more purely of a festive description. With his name I have to couple the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present; and, brethren, though as they, the Grand Officers of this and the past years, have been my own selection, I may feel some difficulty in speaking of them, yet it would be a misplaced feeling on my part if I were not to avail myself of this opportunity of returning to the Grand Officers of past years my warm thanks for the assistance which they have given me, and for the manner in which they have discharged the duties to which they have been called; and expressing my hope and my full confidence, that those who have honoured me by accepting office on this occasion, will prove fully worthy of the fame of their predecessors. Brethren, I have great pleasure indeed in coupling with this toast the name of one who, if I am not mistaken, is likely to take a leading, important, and grand part in the Craft, I mean, the Senior Grand Warden, Lord Balfour of Burley (cheers).

Lord Balfour of Burley, S.G.W.: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, no one can regret more than I do the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, though perhaps had he been present I should not have been brought into the prominence that I have been, to respond to this toast. I desire to thank you for the kind manner in which you have received me. My constituency is somewhat numerous and is separated from me by some distance. I have not therefore been able to consult them individually, but it is impossible for them not to be much gratified by the way in which you have received this toast. Speaking for myself, I have attained to an eminence which I never hoped to attain when I was initiated into Freemasonry. We have to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for appointing us as your officers, for the most handsome way in which you have proposed this toast, and to you, brethren, for the hearty manner in which you have responded to it. We have received an ovation which is far beyond our merits and deserts; and while it is gratifying to the Past Grand Officers as testifying to them the approbation their efforts have met with, it imposes upon us, the officers for the ensuing year, a debt which we can hardly hope to repay. We shall endeavour to do so by an assiduous attention to our duties, by regular attendance at Grand Lodge, and by endeavouring to assist the Most Worshipful Grand Master in furthering that scheme which he has held out for us in his speech, which although high in its aims and ambitious in its objects, is not too high or too ambitious for the Freemasons of

England. (Cheers.) Allow me to thank you for the kind manner in which you have received this toast. (Applause.)

The Grand Master: Brethren, I now ask you to drink "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Masters of England." In proposing that toast I am suddenly reminded that I have pursued this evening a somewhat improvident course, for I have expressed already my gratitude to those distinguished persons which I ought to have reserved as the principal topic of the toast which I am now about to propose: but there can be no harm in expressing over again the obligations under which I myself and the Craft lie to those distinguished brethren who have accepted the office of Provincial Grand Masters throughout the country. I can only say that I have always received from them the most loyal and the most hearty co-operation in the government and management of the Craft; and if I may judge by the tranquility of Masonic affairs, by the absence of trouble, and by the fewness of appeals—if the saying is true which has been spoken of nations that "Happy are the people whose annals are dull," then I may truly say that during my period of office, so far at least as disputes and difficulties have to do with amusement, the annals of Masonry have been dull indeed; and that has been due to a large extent to the wise government and the judicious rule of those who have filled the offices of Provincial Grand Masters. Brethren, I beg to couple with this toast, having already called upon Bro. Bagshaw for a speech, the name of my Right Worshipful and Noble friend, Bro. Lord de Tabley.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Lord de Tabley, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, I feel it a great honour to have been called upon on an occasion so important as this to return thanks for the Provincial Grand Masters present at this auspicious celebration. I shall detain you but a very few moments; but it is necessary that I should, after the flattering way in which the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to speak of those who support his rule in the provinces—occupy your attention for a short time. I assure you in the name of my Brother Provincial Grand Masters of their hearty desire and their strict determination to do their duty not only for the sake of the spread of those great principles which are embodied in the present constitution and landmarks of our Order; but out of loyalty to him and, I may say, attachment to his own particular person. I have spoken hitherto, as I know I may do, in the name of the Provincial Grand Officers here present; but I may speak also I am sure, in the name of that more important body, the Worshipful Body of Masters of Lodges to whom our most Worshipful Grand Master has alluded, and I assure him that every member of the Craft throughout his widespread dominion is determined to support him in the office he holds—and long may he continue to rule over us! In doing this we shall always feel the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Limerick (who was received with great warmth) said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, a toast has been committed to me which will require but few words of preface for it is one that commends itself in a most especial manner to all Freemasons. If

there is anything that the Craft is proud of in this country it is its Masonic charities—(hear, hear), and those charities have been most nobly supported in the past, and I am quite sure that they will also be most nobly supported in the future. One of the most noble virtues to which Freemasonry is consecrated is that of charity. We all are proud of supporting that charity which relieves the declining years of our old and distressed brethren; we also are proud of supporting those charities which relieve the children of those Freemasons who may have fallen into want. Even at this moment of our gloomy splendour—(laughter)—we can Masonically look to three great charitable lights, our Benevolent Association, our Boys' School and our Girls' School. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Two of those great charities have been very well supported during this year, and I am quite sure that the third of those charities, the one whose festival is shortly to be held,—the Girls' School—will also receive its full amount of support from the brethren of the Craft. I will not detain you longer, brethren, but I will couple with the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the name of Bro. Little, the Secretary of the Girls' School. (Cheers.)

Bro. Little: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lord Limerick and brethren, it must be a source of great gratification to us all to have heard from the lips of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, that Freemasonry is making such rapid strides and progressing in such a prosperous manner. I am sure you will be equally pleased to hear that our Masonic charities are working hand-in-hand, and with equal steps keeping pace with the material prosperity of the Craft in general. Of that, brethren, we have had a very great example in the two recent festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. I believe that on few previous occasions have the subscriptions of lodges and brethren been exceeded. Taking both Institutions together something like £14,000 have been contributed to those two institutions; and I am satisfied that in appealing to you on the present occasion, and in advocating the broad principle of charity which pervades every Masonic heart, I may anticipate an equal result for the Girls' School Festival which is about to take place. (Cheers.) I will not at this late period of the evening detain you further than to say that that festival is fixed for the 14th of May, when Lord Skelmersdale will preside; and from the number of Stewards we have already obtained, and from the promises of support we have already received, although we may, to some extent, fall short of the results achieved by the other charities I believe we shall achieve a success which will be not only beneficial to the institution itself, but an honour to the Craft of which we are members. I beg to thank you for the toast which has been proposed and drunk. (Cheers.)

The Grand Master: Brethren, the toast which I have now to ask you to drink is "the Health of the Grand Stewards of the year" (hear, hear), and I am quite sure that you will with me heartily drink that toast, and will concur with me in thinking that we owe them much gratitude for the successful arrangements of this festival. (Hear, hear.) I understand, brethren, that that volatile element, which has failed us this evening is no more under the control of the Board of Stewards than it is under the control of any other description of mortals, and that consequently we

must not hold them responsible for that shortcoming (laughter); but this at least I think I may say, that it seems to me high praise to accord to the success of this evening, that the dinner was of such a quality that even if we had been involved in total darkness we might safely have eaten the viands that were placed before us. Now, if that be true I cannot pay a higher compliment to the Board of Stewards, and I shall therefore propose their health and call upon Bro. Rucker to respond.

Bro. J. A. Rucker: Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren, the duties of a Grand Steward, if we except those duties which are performed by the honorary Secretary, are not very onerous; but such as they are the Board of Grand Stewards who were presented to you, M.W.G.M., and approved by you last year, entered upon their business with the full determination that no effort should be wanting on their part to give satisfaction to Grand Lodge. The terms in which you, my Lord, have expressed and the kind way in which the brethren have expressed your and their opinion that the result of our labours is successful is the highest compliment you can pay us, and is more than a recompense for the time and care we have taken in the task. We hope that the musical entertainment under our Bro. Grand Organist, which will take place in the Temple after the banquet, will be a fitting and agreeable termination to this Grand Festival. We thank you most heartily for the manner in which you have proposed our health, and we thank the brethren for the way in which they have received the toast with which you have honoured us. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The Grand Master: Brethren, I have never risen to propose a toast at the Grand Festival under circumstances of such difficulty as those under which I rise to propose this toast upon this occasion. It has usually been my good fortune when I have risen to propose "The Health of the Ladies" to have had before me in that gallery a beautiful vision which cheered me on, encouraged me in my speech, and gave flow to my words; but those unforeseen occurrences which have cast a shadow even over the brilliancy of these rejoicings have deprived me of that encouragement, and have taken from our eyes that brilliant vision. (Laughter.) But whether the ladies be present or whether they be absent in the body, they are always present to our minds, and we can truly assure them that we drink their health with equal enthusiasm in their absence as when they are before us. I therefore doubt not that on this occasion you will avail yourselves of the peculiar circumstances to shew even more than ordinary zeal in the reception of this toast, and without further words—for what words of mine could recommend the toast to you better than the very name of the toast itself—I give you "The Health of the Ladies." (Cheers.)

His Lordship then proceeded to the Temple, where he was followed by the rest of the company, and where a charming concert was given under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Organist, by Miss Carola, Miss Banks, Miss Adelaide Newton, Madame Patey, Bro. George Perren, J. C. Patey, Mr. Lewis Thomas, Bro. Payne (solo violoncello), and Bro. Radcliff (solo flute).

Bro. Goodchild was an able and successful

[We cannot conclude our report without expressing our thanks to the Grand Stewards

for their admirable arrangements for and kindness to the press, and also our thanks to Bros. Buss, Pendlebury, and Dodd, in Grand Secretary's office, for their courtesy and readiness in supplying us with information with regard to the peculiar orthography of the proper names of Grand Officers and Grand Stewards.]

CONSECRATION OF MASONIC HALL, AT BALLARAT.

The hall built in Camp-street by the Masons of Ballarat was consecrated on the 13th February with great ceremony, and in the presence of a large number of Masons, many of whom came from long distances. There were some from Melbourne, and from country districts thirty miles away. The building is commodious, substantial, and admirably suited for the purposes for which it is designed.

At five o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria, I.C., was opened under a special dispensation at the British Queen Hotel, by Bro. W. Scott, P.G.D. Inspector, who appointed the following acting office-bearers:—R.W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. H. Cuthbert; V.W. Prov. Grand S.W., Bro. Gibbings; V.W. Prov. Grand J.W., Bro. Alfred; V.W. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Macartney; V.W. Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Peake; V.W. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Russell; W.P.G. Senior Deacon, Bro. Whitby; W.P.G. Junior Deacon, Bro. Rowe; W.P.G. Superintendent of Works, Bro. H. Davies; W.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Robertson; W.P.G. Organist, Bro. King; W.P.G. Stewards, Bros. Radcliff and Trevor; W.P.G. Sword-Bearer, Bro. Sleep; W.P.G. Inner Guard, Bro. Ware.

At shortly after six o'clock the procession was formed, and headed by the rifle band, marched up the south side of Sturt-street as far as Doveton-street, thence by the north side to Camp-street.

In Camp-street the leaders of the procession divided and two lines were formed, through which the brethren marched in inversed order. The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge then walked three times round the building and entered the hall. The other brethren followed, the band playing them in. On entering the hall a very pretty sight met the eye, and not a few of the brethren who had not made themselves acquainted with the intended ceremonial were not a little surprised. Round the hall was a line of ladies seated on chairs raised on a slight dais, and their pretty, tasteful, and in some instances somewhat brilliant dress lent a bright, picturesque, and perhaps, un-masonic appearance to the room. The hall was set out in form for holding a lodge, the very elegant furniture belonging to the North Star Lodge being used. The spacious floor was covered by a very handsome and costly carpet, which gave what may be termed a furnished appearance to the hall.

The acting R.W.P.G.M. took the Master's chair at the head of the lodge, and the acting Senior and Junior P.G. Wardens were in their chairs. The R.W. Master was supported by P.G. Secretary, Bro. Lempriere, and Bro. Russell, Chaplain, on the right, and by the Dep. P.G.M. Bro. H. Cuthbert, on the left. The ceremonial throughout was of the most impressive character, as will be judged from the report below, and the R.W.M. and all his officers showed that they were thoroughly at home in their various duties. There was not a hitch through a long and intricate ceremonial, and all prayers and addresses were given in an earnest and solemn manner, and impressed not only the brethren but gave many of the ladies a higher opinion of Masonry than they perhaps had before. No doubt the slight peep into the mysteries may make some of the fair visitors curious to know more, but they must needs rest content with having seen a more thoroughly Masonic ceremony than is often witnessed by the gentle sex.

The Secretary delivered the following address:—Right Worshipful Sir,—Freemasonry, like many other institutions in a young country, has experienced a very varied existence: it has enjoyed periods of prosperity and suffered those of depression. In this good city of Ballarat, in its more prosperous days, the Craft boasted of no less than six lodges, the first of which was opened on the 28th September, 1855, at Bath's Hotel. As the district became less prosperous it was deemed advisable in the interests of the Craft to reduce the number of the lodges to two. This was successfully accomplished in April, 1867, and has had such a happy effect that I am proud to say, we have been enabled in our depression to carry out that which in our prosperity we could not effect, viz., the erection of a building which the Craft can call its own. I need not here, Right Worshipful Sir, recapitulate the action taken by the Yarrowee and St. John's Lodges to erect this building, it having been so fully explained at the laying of the foundation-stone, on the 16th October, 1872, by our esteemed Bro. Past Master Henry Cuthbert; suffice it to say, that the original design, although not yet finished, is so far complete that the brethren can, without any inconvenience, pursue their labours therein. The total cost of the erection, up to the present time, including purchase of ground and all incidental expenses, amounts to £1303 14s. 9d.

The brethren then left the hall and returned to the British Queen Hotel, where the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. The Yarrowee Lodge was opened, and after the transaction of some little business was closed.

The banquet was given in the hall, and nine o'clock had been fixed as the hour, but in consequence of the ceremony occupying longer than had been expected, it was ten o'clock before the chair was taken. There were then present nearly 200 of the Craft.

The Chairman, Bro. H. Cuthbert, said they had reason that day to think that Masonry was prospering in Ballarat. The erection of a hall dedicated to Masonry had been long thought of in Ballarat, but projects had failed. It was not until 1872 that Masons, most of whom were comparatively young in Masonry, determined to have a hall erected, and that day they had seen the result in a building that was alike creditable to the building committee, to the architect, and the contractors. The Chairman briefly sketched the career of Masonry in Ballarat from the opening of the first lodge, in which men of many nations assembled, to the present day. He was sure all had been much pleased with the way in which that day's ceremony had been performed, and the addresses they had heard would have a lasting effect on them. He was sure Bro. Watson's address inculcated lessons that would not be soon or speedily forgotten. After referring to the principles of the Order, brotherly love, relief, truth, honesty of purpose, and, above all, charity, he proposed "Prosperity to Masonry."

Bro. Scott, chairman of the building committee, responded. The first lodge he visited in Victoria was the Golden Lodge of Bendigo, in 1853, which was the first lodge established in Victoria out of Melbourne. Bro. Scott referred to the career of Masonry in Victoria, and trusted that in future, in Ballarat at all events, Masons would be more consolidated than they had been.

Bro. Scott proposed the W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, and the W.M. of the Yarrowee Lodge, and paid a very high compliment to Bro. Little, W.M. of the Yarrowee Lodge, and Mrs. Little, to whom were due the arrangements for having such very excellent music. They had determined to have good music at the consecration, and the brethren could bear testimony to the result. To Bro. Trevor, W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, was due a large proportion of the success of that day's ceremonial.

Bro. Little, W.M. of the Yarrowee Lodge, responded. He was glad to have an opportunity of acknowledging the gratuitous services so readily and courteously given by the choir, some of whom it should be remembered were professional musicians.

Several other toasts were given, and the brethren separated shortly after one o'clock.

Original Correspondence.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A letter, signed F. H. Newman, Past G. Hospitaller, &c., inserted in your columns of the 3rd inst., leads me to the conclusion that the writer is unfavourably impressed with the natural desire to restore to its proper status the United Order of the Temple and Hospital.

I believe he is not a little mistaken in supposing that it is wished entirely to disconnect that body from Freemasonry. Without further reference to the History of the Old Crusaders and the succession of the heads of that order, I think I am right in saying, briefly, that all the Crusader Knights were Freemasons, and that the latter position was either a qualification for the former, or was esteemed at that time a concurrent necessity. In this sense we are still "Masonic" Knights Templar, and there is no reason why we should repudiate the connection, which would be kicking away the ladder by which we have risen, and thus depriving others of a similar means of ascent. It has been recently observed, the Pope had something to do with establishing the Order, (true) and the Pope dissolved! That is quite another matter. Did he! Could he! Has he not excommunicated the whole Craft of Freemasons, as well as those whom he pleases to call heretics. Much obliged to him; but we remain *in statu quo*, as far as he is concerned, and not much the worse for his Holiness's anathemas, indeed the Craft seems to thrive, in spite, if not in consequence of them.

It is not, however, certain that Freemasonry was originally a qualification for a Crusader; it seems more probable that it might have been a concurrent step, a collateral advantage. And why not? Are there not hosts of Freemasons amongst our own officers and soldiers? and is our army therefore necessarily Masonic? The foregoing seems to indicate that I believe in the pure and lineal succession of the Order. I do: but still I would not disconnect it from Freemasonry, because the R.A. degree is, to a certain extent, a guarantee of the eligibility of a candidate; not conclusive, however, for the authorities have wisely provided other securities against indiscriminate admission, and I should be pleased to see them go further, and require a social qualification. I trust that your correspondent may be induced to reconsider his views, in regard to the intentions of the supreme authorities of the Order, which views I confess I was, at one time, disposed myself to entertain, until I became, as I believe, better informed on the subject. I believe him, however, to be actuated by thoroughly conscientious motives, thus open to conviction, and not by that jealousy which prompts another correspondent to "fear that the impetus given to the order by the recent proceedings at Willis's Rooms, will tend still further to enhance its popularity," etc.

The Order is honoured by the patronage of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; it is presided over by the future sovereign of our native country; let us shew our gratitude by our loyalty, and endeavour to perpetuate, without dissensions, those sacred and noble principles which have been handed down to us by our illustrious ancestors.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

DEVONIENSIS.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the refusal of the correspondence relating to the holding of a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall at Truro, an idea occurred to me that neither Bro. H. nor Bro. Hughan are quite correct in their opinions in respect to that meeting.

By the Book of Constitutions, page 45, we are told that the Prov. G.M. is appointed by patent granted by the M.W.G.M. and that by such patent he is invested with a rank and power, in his particular district, similar to that possessed by the M.W.G.M. He shall be installed at the first Provincial Grand Lodge which he may hold after his appointment.

On reading on we find that he is empowered to appoint a Deputy, two Wardens, two Deacons, &c. At page 50, it is stated after renumerating the qualifications for the office of D. Prov. G.M. that he shall simply be authorised by patent to hold office during pleasure.

There is nothing in the Book of Constitutions about any further installation or investiture of the D. Prov. G.M., but the Wardens and other officers, not holding their offices by patent from the Prov. G. M., are to be invested in the Prov. Grand Lodge. Now, my opinion of the whole matter is, that, as the Book of Constitutions states that the Prov. Grand Lodge ceases to exist on the death, resignation, suspension, or renewal of the Prov. G. Master, until a brother is appointed or empowered to perform the functions of Prov. Grand Master, by whose authority the Prov. Grand Lodge may be again be established. The Province, masonically speaking, never ceases to exist, because it is, as it was, subject to the authority of the M.W.G.M., and that the Grand Master takes the province under his protection and authority, until he appoints by patent a Prov. G. Master, and that the officers of the Prov. G. Lodge only cease to exist, or to hold any power, or to act as a lodge, until their re-appointment and investiture by the Prov. G.M., or acting as him, by his Deputy, appointed by patent, and of course duly registered in London. I believe that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had full power to hold the lodge, and that all business or a town councillor, or a parson, the laws relating to such appointments are nothing to do with Masonry, and we as Masons have nothing to do with them.

With regard to Bro. Rogers I hold that the same reasoning does not, most decidedly apply; he was duly appointed by patent from the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as Prov. G. Master for Cornwall, by patent from the M.W.G.M., to act as his Deputy Prov. G. Master, and had fulfilled all the requirements of the Book of Constitutions, and had registered his patent, a matter of the greatest importance. His appointment needed neither investment in lodge, or installation; the Book of Constitutions says nothing about that. And in answer to Bro. Hughan's last question I am of opinion that the Provincial Grand Lodge transacted at that lodge, was masonically speaking in strict conformity with the Book of Constitutions; but had the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall been held by the Prov. G.M., or by his deputy, on his authority, he, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was bound by Masonic law to have been installed on that occasion, and that to my mind was the only error committed at the meeting.

With regard to the instances mentioned in support of his opinion by "Bro. H.," as regards Earl Percy, and the Mark Lodge, as Craft Masonry in England does not recognise the Mark degree, (and the more the pity) that circumstance does not apply, and although the W.M. elect of a Craft Lodge cannot act until his installation, his I.P.M. or P.M. can, in that instance does not apply in his favour, and as for the multiplication of such instances as the appointment of a J.P., acquired a legal existence, when it was resuscitated by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, acting under the only authority which the Book of Constitutions provides, by appointment and patent of the Prov. G.M., who had received his patent from the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M. of England,

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

HERBERT BUSY HODGES.

P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W., Herts.

GRAND ORIENT OF GREECE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

We hail with the greatest satisfaction, and with feelings akin to those of the astronomer when some new planet comes within the field of his view, to add another link in the great chain of the Solar System. We hail with the greatest satisfaction the rise of the Grand Orient of Greece, and at once recognise in the establishment of this new National Lodge, under the presidency of H.I.H. the Prince Rhodocanakis, well supported by the Prince Navrocordato, a name so familiar to us all, and M. Rothschild, even more so from his family connection with England,

the dawn of a new era for Greece, when the present disturbed elements of social life, gradually harmonised under the mild and yet powerful moral influence of the noble Craft, will inevitably subside into the current of civilised progress, with its concomitant circumstances of greater security for life and property, and the restoration of peace and prosperity to the long-oppressed, or at any rate, uncared for mass of the people, whose personal endowments, despite their adverse political destiny, have always commanded the admiration of other more fortunate European States.

In the remarkable report, containing many valuable particulars respecting the foundation of the Grand Lodge of Greece, it is worthy of especial note, with what consummate ability and tact, the First Grand Master succeeded in reconciling differences and overcoming successive obstacles, that might well have disheartened one less ardent in pressing to its consummation the realisation of a generous and patriotic scheme for the social amelioration of his country.

Turning then to the rules for the Government of the New Grand Lodge, we at once perceive the happy adaptation of many of those in force amongst ourselves, to local differences; while, at the same time there are several enactments contained in this official report, which deserve the careful consideration of the Masonic body in England, as defining more broadly and yet not the less precisely and even minutely, the various duties attached to the executive of the governing body.

A like success has attended the coeval establishment of the Supreme Grand Council 33° in Greece by the same Prince, and which the G.M. has very judiciously brought into close union with the Grand Lodge, although not necessarily so.

The ultimate result of this remarkable movement we cannot doubt, and we have good reason for believing that the present Grand Master will in due course be succeeded in that office by His Majesty the King of the Hellenes.

CONSECRATION OF THE HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425.)

This new lodge was consecrated at "The Westbourne," 1, Craven-road, W., on Saturday, the 26th day of April, by the V.W. Bro: John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., as S.W.; Bro. John Terry, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, as J.W.; Rev. Bro. Heaton as Chaplain, and Bro. John Weightman, P.P.G. Deacon Berks and Bucks, as I.G. The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. Henry Parker, P.G.O. Middlesex.

The ceremony was worked in a most impressive manner, and in the addresses from the Presiding Officer and the Chaplain, some excellent advice was given, of which we are sure that the brethren will take heed.

The lodge being resumed in the second degree, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. A. H. Longhurst, P.M. 780, was presented by Bro. Crittenden, sen., P.G.R. Kent, and was placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, and the brethren being admitted, saluted him in due form.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, viz., Bro. Henry H. Tathano, S.W.; Bro. A. Beasley, J.W.; Bro. W. Langridge, Treasurer; Bro. G. Read, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Bro. J. H. Landon, S.D.; Bro. W. F. Savage, J.D.; Bro. Sydenham J. Knott, I.G.; Bro. F. E. Moore, D.C.; and Bro. Daley, T. The other founders present were Bros. Thomas Vine, G. H. Browing, Samuel Headon, John Headon, S. Morgan, John Crittenden, jun., Thos. Allen, S. Jones, R. C. Rickett, Robert Clarke, Thos. Colson, H. Eccles, and Hy. Jno. Alexander.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment.

The visitors present were, in addition to those already mentioned, Bros. A. C. Alais, P.M. 834; L. Bryett, W.M. 834; J. Trotman, S.W. 834; C. Barker, J.W. 834; W. T. Wrighton, 23; E. G. Woodward, 382; Chas. B. Payne, P.M. 27; John Walker, P.M. 274; John Bond, S.D. 889; John T. Brown, W.M. 1101; J. Price, J.W. 59; G. Moxon, J.W. 209; G. Alexander, S.W. 59; L.

O. Carter, S.D. 209; L. J. Waddington, J.D. 1309; Thomas Kingston, J.D. 862; J. Brown, W.M. 780; Thomas Cross 1194; W. Dodd, P.M. 1194; W. R. Baker, 192.

The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet, served in a most excellent manner by Bro. Browning, which gave unqualified satisfaction. The Worshipful Master proposed the various toasts in appropriate terms.

Bro. Hervey G.S. in responding for himself, and also in proposing prosperity to the Hyde Park Lodge, expressed his wish that the brethren would be very careful in the admission of members and endeavour to maintain the high character of the Order. Bro. Terry strongly exhorted the brethren to follow the advice given by Bro. Hervey. The numerous visitors responded, and all wished the lodge hearty success.

Bro. Wrighton gave great pleasure to the meeting by singing several of his excellent songs, and Bros. Parker, Beasley, Vine, Alexander, and Savage also added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Not a single hitch occurred during the ceremony and banquet, and so good a start augurs well for the success of the lodge.

Reviews.

Mackay's National Freemason (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.) No. 6, vol. 2., is full of interest, and our well known Bro. Dr. Mackay presides in the editorial chair with his accustomed grace and efficiency. An article entitled "Revival of Masonry in the eighteenth century," by Dr. Mackay, though unfortunately brief, gives a fair outline of a discussion which was published in *The Freemason* sometime since, and in which our readers will remember Bro. Hughan was left in "possession of the field." The editor states as follows, "That Bro. Buchan is right in theory, that the three degrees of Master, Fellow Craft, and Apprentice were unknown to the Masons of the seventeenth century, and that these classes existed only as gradations of rank, will be generally admitted. But there is unquestionable evidence that the modes of recognition, the method of government, the legends, and much of the ceremonial of initiation, were in existence among the operative Masons of the middle ages, and were transmitted to the speculative Masons of the eighteenth century. The work of Anderson, of Desaguliers, and their contemporaries, was to improve and enlarge, but not to invent. The Masonic system of the present day has been the result of a slow but steady growth. "An old Diploma" at page 313, we find to be a certificate of the Royal Order of Scotland, granted at Edinburgh in the "year of Masonry 579, and of Salvation 1791" to the grandfather of Bro. Alex. W. Marshall, jr., of Charleston, S.C.

"A brief reply to Bro. Drummond" re Knights Templars and Knights Templar, quite expresses our view of the matter, whatever our printer will have it to be! "Knights Templars" appears to us to be the proper title by which to express more than one member of the Order of the Temple. Dr. Mackay observes "The whole gist of my argument is, that Knights Templar is wrong, because Templar is here a noun in apposition with Knights, and we know that it is not an adjective, but a noun, because it follows Knights and does not precede it, as an adjective would." We should like to give Bro. Hughan's article on "Picart's Ceremonies" in answer to certain leading questions propounded by Bro. John M. Richardson, of Georgia, but forbear making our reviews too lengthy. Bro. Hughan conclusively proves in his own words as follows "No. 126 Boston, New England, was not warranted A.D. 1691, but during the year 1733; and that it is a fact, that no constituted lodge by a Grand Lodge dates from an earlier period than the Revival of Masonry, 1717; all antecedents being on the older system of separate organisations, as no Grand Lodges were known.

The Freemason (St. Louis U.S.A.) This paper we are told is the largest and most successful (financially) in the United States. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, the Editor, if he has thus accomplished so much, (and we believe he has) may now feel honestly proud of the achievement, seeing that he has not sought success by an over-

weening pandering to the least worthy aims of the Craft, but on the contrary has ever been the fearless advocate of the brave, the just, and the true. *The Masonic Trowel* has been transferred to *The Freemason*, and no doubt the arrangement will prove advantageous to all concerned, for the subscribers to the former will benefit greatly, and the latter cannot be the losers. "Knights Templarism in England" is on the whole well written, but viewed from the standpoint that the pre-requisite of R. A. Masonry has been abolished, which we believe is not the case. If it is so, or intended ultimately to be so, Bro. Gouley truly says "an act will be committed, which must be repented, or regretted as long as it lives . . . and the Templars of England will have cut themselves loose from the other Templars of the world."

Proceedings Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Dec., 1872. We have again to express our thanks to the obliging Grand Sec. for his attention in keeping us so well posted up in all that concerns this Grand Lodge. The present volume is a most readable and interesting account of the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and were it not that we are expecting a long notice of this important body shortly from that indefatigable Mason, Bro. Hughan, we should have quoted at length from its pages.

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE.—In June next there will be an examination for twelve scholarships, varying in value from £50 to £15 per annum. For particulars as to the examination, apply to Mr. Sellick, the College, Marlborough.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 9, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, May 10th.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.
 Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, May 12th.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Cornerstone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 193, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 879, Peckham, Maismore Arms Tavern, Park-road, Peckham.
 " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.
 Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-square, at 4 p.m.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friends' Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155 Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, May 13th.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
 " 211, St. Michael's Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Clarendon Hotel, Bond-st.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, Golden-square.

Grand Council of the Ill. Knights K.H. 30°, 33, Golden-square, at 4.45 p.m.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nighthingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, May 14th.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. (See Advertisement.)
 Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3. Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 13, Union of Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road Limehouse.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
 " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, Wapping.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, May 15th.

Lodge 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st. Deptford.
 " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton, Essex.
 " 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.
 Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.
 Observance K.T. Encampment, 14, Bedford-row.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, May 16th.

Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st. St. James's.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 Kemeys Tynte K.T. Encampment, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30 Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom. Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, May 17, 1873.

Monday, May 12th.
 Mersey Lodge (No. 477), 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1350), Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chapter of Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Lodge of Unity (No. 613), Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
 Tuesday, May 13th.
 Lodge Antiquity (178), Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 Merchants' Lodge (No. 241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Grosvenor Chapter (No. 721), Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Wednesday, May 14th.
 St. John's Chapter, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 The Temple Lodge (No. 1094), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 Thursday, May 15th.
 Ancient Union Lodge (203), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Combermere Lodge (605), Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Pembroke Lodge (1299), West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 2.30.
 Friday, May 16th.
 Fermor-Hesketh Lodge (1350), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
 For the week ending Saturday, May 17, 1873.

Monday, May 12.
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barhead.
 Tuesday, May 13.
 Lodge 413, Athole, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 419, Neptune, 25, James-st.
 " 440, Robert Burns, Baileston.
 " 447, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st.
 Chapter 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Wednesday, May 14.
 Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
 Chapter 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.
 Thursday, May 15.
 Lodge 27, St. Mungo, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garnad-rd.
 Friday, May 16.
 " 362, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

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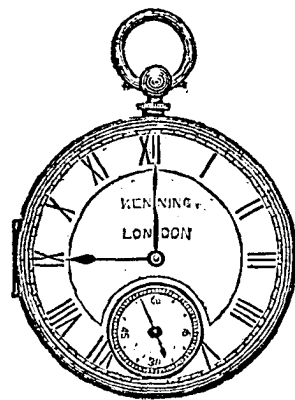
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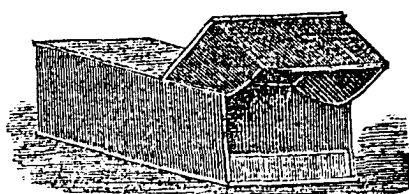
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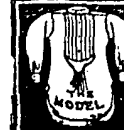
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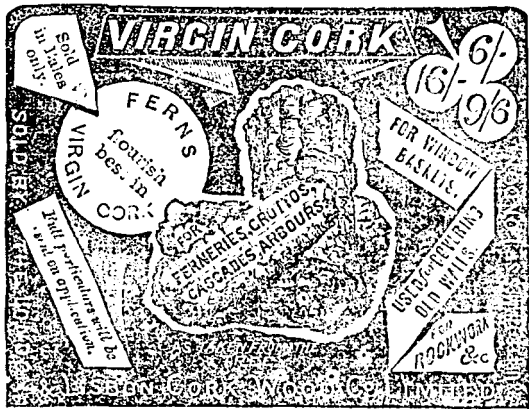
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—*Williamson Lodge* (No. 949).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., when Bro. Jas. H. Coates was re-installed W.M. for another twelve months. Bro. W. Liddell, I.P.M., P.G.J.D., ably officiated as Installing Master. The following is a full list of the officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Jas. H. Coates, W.M.; W. Liddell, I.P.M.; J. Foster, S.W.; R. Shadforth, J.W.; R. W. Halfhight, P.M., Treas.; J. Barlow, Sec.; A. Gray, S.D.; J. Harrison, J.D.; J. Taylor, I.G.; E. Gardiner, M. of C.; J. H. Foster, O.; J. Thompson, Tyler; E. Beckwith and R. Richardson, Stewards; C. Bell and J. H. Eggleston, Auditors. The lodge being called from labour to refreshment, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Liddell, P.M., proposed, "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed his conviction that the affairs of the lodge would be as efficiently conducted in the coming year as Bro. Coates had done in the past year. It was an honour (Bro. Liddell said) not accorded to many to be re-elected to the chair of their lodge; he only remembered of late years in Sunderland the case of Bro. Wade, who for two years filled the chair of No. 80, but he was certain that the members of the Williamson Lodge had done a wise act in placing their W.M. in the chair of K.S. for another year. Bro. Coates, in responding, warmly thanked the brethren for the honour they had a second time conferred upon him, and assured them that as in the past, so in the future would he continue to do his utmost to promote the interest and prosperity of the Williamson Lodge, and from the experience he gained during last year's working he hoped to be able still more efficiently to perform the duties devolving upon the Master of the lodge. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, nearly sixty brethren were present, among whom were Bros. J. Davison, W.M. 80; S. J. Wade, P.M. 80, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. S. Pearson, W.M. 94; T. Henderson, P.M. 94; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; H. Fryer, S.D. 97; G. Young, 80; &c.

MANCHESTER.—*Shakespeare Lodge*, (No. 1009).—On Monday, the 5th inst., the festival of St. John was celebrated in connection with this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall. The members assembled in force, and were honoured by the company of a goodly number of distinguished visitors, including Bro. William Romaine Callender, W.D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Thomas Biddulph, was installed in the chair of King Solomon in a most impressive manner by the Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bros. Past Masters S. W. Petty, P.P.J.G.D.; Charles Henry Coates, P.M., Treas., and J. A. Birch, P.M. After the lodge business was over, the brethren, to the number of about seventy, sat down to a sumptuous banquet served by the Freemasons' Club, in a very elaborate and artistic

style. The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., and enthusiastically received by the whole of the brethren. The W.M. also briefly proposed "The Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon M.W.G.M. of England," and "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, V.W.D.G.M. of England." Bros. Past Masters J. W. Petty, P.P.J.G.D., and Charles Henry Coates, introduced respectively in very effective speeches, "Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire," and "William Romaine Callender Esq., W.D.G.M. of East Lancashire." All these toasts were drunk with the greatest heartiness and greeted with the customary honours. The toast which has always been considered the greatest toast of the evening at the annual festivals of this lodge was entrusted to Bro. Chas. E. Austin, P.M., and D.C. Its announcement was welcomed with great enthusiasm. Bro. Austin said that the cordial welcome which had been extended in anticipation to the toast he had the honour to submit, did not diminish, but increased the feeling of diffidence with which he addressed them; nevertheless it was none the less pleasing, evincing as it did, the unflagging interest which the brethren continued to manifest, in the intimacy of the association which subsisted between it and the well-being and success of the lodge. Happily the great fact had never been lost sight of that this lodge had not simply been baptised in the name, but was consecrated to the genius of their immortal bard. The glorious banner under which they sailed had not been hastily or thoughtlessly adopted as unlikely to exert much influence on the character of the lodge; but it was carefully and wisely chosen for the high tone it would give, and the ever fresh and inexhaustible fountain of wisdom it would supply. Its selection was inspired by a somewhat similar wish to that expressed in Ben Johnson's lines on the portrait of Shakespeare:—

"Wherein the graver had a strife,
 With nature to outdo the life;
 Oh! could he but have drawn his wit,
 As well in brass as he hath hit
 His face; the print would then surpass
 All that was ever writ in brass."

It was felt that, however futile the attempt must prove to imitate his sparkling wit, or emulate his wondrous genius, they might at least hope to catch somewhat of his divine spirit; unfold themselves as it were in the expansiveness of his grandly catholic mind, and sound the depths of his sublimely sympathetic heart. It was a matter of small moment to their founders whether Shakespeare had been a member of a Freemason's lodge or no. Sufficient it was that his marvellous works were in perfect harmony with the principles of the order; that they contained as true a religion, as pure a morality, as lofty a philosophy, and as boundless a charity; that he not only understood and taught, but lived out the principles of Masonry, so that it was a happy thought to identify this lodge with his deathless name, and seek its inspiration in the matchless products of his mighty mind. The ceremony, which was performed nine years ago was more than a baptism, it was a betrothal—a union of the divine art of poetry with the mystic Craft of Freemasonry. The installation meetings were as much the reunions of a Shakesperian club as the festivals of a Masonic Lodge. From the outset they had been regaled with a sumptuous intellectual feast in the introduction of this great toast. Discourses had been delivered of great power and varied styles, differing as did the impetuous mountain torrent from the serenely placid stream in the vale beneath; some carrying them triumphantly forward with a rushing brilliant flood of rhetoric, others winning their hearts and captivating their minds with a quiet, even, melodious flow of metaphor and simile. But if he (Bro. Austin) experienced a feeling of diffidence in handling this toast, because of the successes which his predecessors had achieved, and the large expectations in which the brethren naturally enough indulged, how much more was that feeling increased by the nature and magnitude of the toast itself. In the first place it was difficult to bring oneself to approach the subject at all. Almost in propor-

tion to the reverence they had for Shakespeare was the disinclination that was felt to speak of him. Perhaps it was because the delight he gave them was so inexpressibly sweet: he was a near and dear friend with whom they loved to commune, but were shy of talking about. And then again his genius was so vast; its range so illimitable: like Juliet's bounty, boundless as the sea, and like her love, as deep. To speak for a short time upon it was like making a first and flying visit to a new and charming country. It was impossible they could even glance at a thousandth part of its beauties in the limited time at their disposal; and although they could not do wrong, strike which way they might, delight awaited them, as the country was rich with every variety of scenery which could please the eye, gratify the taste, or strike the imagination;—the charmingly sweet, the fantastically grotesque, the touchingly beautiful, the grandly picturesque, and the awfully sublime; still, the very infinitude of variety puzzled them in their choice as much as it dazzled and delighted them. In the few remarks he should make, he should not attempt to proceed upon any particular road, but should ramble hither and thither without plan, though he trusted, not without purpose. It had, no doubt, occurred to many of them what a vast difference there was between the pleasure of seeing Shakespeare's plays represented on the stage, and the indescribable felicity of a quiet perusal of them at home. It was because he was such a truly great poet that this was and must be so. There were among his admirers, those who owed their acquaintance with him solely to the representations of his plays upon the stage. Such people could never really know him. Indeed they lost the better part of him. They were utterly unacquainted with his deeply spiritual and divinely poetical nature, which was his most endearing characteristic. Even in the historical plays, which least appealed to the imagination, they were exhorted to "Piece out our imperfections with your thoughts; Into a thousand parts divide one man, And make imaginary puissance. Think when we talk of horses, that you see them Printing their proud hoofs in the receiving earth." And again,

"Still be kind
 And eke out our performance with your mind."
 If imagination was necessary to the proper comprehension of such plays as "Henry the Fifth," how essential was it in such enchantingly charming creations of the fancy as "The Tempest," and the "Midsummer Nights' Dream." These inimitable productions were poems—poems of an ethereal lightness and beauty, which could neither be understood nor thoroughly appreciated in the theatre. It was only at the fireside that they could give the reins to the imagination, and unreservedly revel in their charms. Theseus says,

"The lunatic, the lover, and the poet,
 Are of imagination all compost.
 One sees more devils than vast hell can hold,
 That is, the madman, the lover all as frantic,
 See's Helen's beauty in a brow of Egypt.
 The poet's eye, in a fine frenzy rolling,
 Doth glance from Heaven to Earth, from
 Earth to Heaven,
 And, as imagination bodies forth,
 The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen,
 Turns them to shapes, and gives to airy
 nothing
 A local habitation and a name."

The sympathetic Ariel who flies on a bat's back, and lies in a cowslip's bell; the wanton Puck who lurks in a gossip's bowl, and the fairy elves who hide in acorn cups, were not beings to represent on the stage in the form of flesh and blood, but beautiful poetical creations, "airy nothings" which could only properly be seen by the "mind's eye." They partook more of the character of personifications, than impersonations, notwithstanding their wonderful individuality. These remarks did not simply apply to the fairy pieces, but to the comedies generally, and the tragedies in particular. In fact not a play that Shakespeare had written, but read infinitely better than it could ever be represented, however great the actor might be, however deep he might have studied, and however thoroughly he might comprehend such wonderful roles as those of "Macbeth,"

"Lear," "Hamlet," "Othello," and "Iago," it was impossible he could ever delineate them upon the stage with anything like the truth and consistency in which they were pictured on Shakespeare's golden page. There only could they fully enter into the loftiness of conception, accurately note the delicate niceties of distinction, and feast upon the sublime imagery. There had been critics who claimed a higher excellence for the comedies, others had given the palm to the tragedies. The fact was, they were almost equally great. Shakespeare was "always good alike," "he is your only tragedy maker," "he alone is high fantastical," certainly he was the most versatile and universal genius the world had ever seen; the most absolute master of the human heart, the very high priest of nature. He possessed a talismanic, "open sasive," which enabled him to enter at will into the very souls of his characters, and represent them to the very life. He described better than anyone else has ever done, the tenderest emotion, the most violent anguish, and the wildest passion. As he could frown like thunder, so he smiled as the sunshine. As he was terrible as the lion, so he was gentle as the dove, and sweet as the nightingale. Who but he could have portrayed such angelic creatures as "Imogen" and "Cordelia." Who but he could have penned such paradisiacal love scenes as those of "Romeo and Juliet," "The Tempest," and the "Winter's Tale?" What a spring-tide freshness did they exhibit, what a glow of imagination, what celestial beauties, what truly pastoral charms? The very exaggerations into which the lovers ran were as natural as they were charming. Bro. Austin gave extensive quotations from these scenes, and went on to speak of Shakspeare's intense love of nature, his passionate fondness for flowers, his glowing patriotism, and his complete universality, illustrating his remarks by numerous quotations, and concluded by saying, that it was impossible to estimate the extent of their indebtedness to this darling Shakspeare, this prince of poets, this king of men, this imperial monarch of the muse. They could not conceive how vast had been the influence he had exerted in moulding the character and guiding the thought of the nation, nor how much they owed to him for the purity of that "Native English" he so much loved and used with such magical effect. They could not better display their reverence for his glorious memory than by cultivating a nearer companionship with him; following him more closely in the wild flights of his imagination, and drinking still deeper of the perennial springs of his inspiration. No nobler or more indestructible monument could be raised to perpetuate his memory than he himself had built up in his unrivalled works. "Age cannot wither them, nor custom stale their infinite variety." the toast was drunk in solemn silence. Several other toasts followed, including, "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Hartly, P.M., which was most enthusiastically received, and suitably responded to by the W.M., "The Immediate Past Master," (Bro. W. H. Pratt), proposed by the W.M., "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W., and "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. the Rev. S. J. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G. Chaplain, Northumberland. The last toast was given at about eleven o'clock, and closed a thoroughly successful and most enjoyable meeting.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, on Monday, 5th May. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. W. J. Sly, the chair of the lodge was taken by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, who was supported by Bros. W. Hall, P.M.; T. Mason, P.M.; E. Airey, S.W.; John Hatch, P.M., as J.W.; James Taylor, S.D.; George Sutton, as J.D.; H. Longman, I.G.; N. W. Helme, F.C.; James Ellershaw, 281; Thomas Jackson, Steward; J. Watson, Tyler. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of A. L. P. Dodson, Esq., of Little Dale Hall, he was duly initiated into Freemasonry by the acting W.M., after which the third degree was conferred on Bro. Helme by Bro. Hall, P.M. Several Grand Lodge certificates were delivered to the brethren, and a grant of three guineas from the Lodge funds was made to Dr. Moore's list for

stewardship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. An emergency meeting of the Lodge was held on the 2nd of May, for the purpose of instruction.

ABERYSTWTH.—Aberystwith Lodge (No. 1072).—The last meeting for the season of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Aberystwith, on the 1st inst., under the presidency of Bro. G. T. Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. South Wales, Western Division, supported by his officers. Among the visitors were noticed the W. Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, and Bro. W. M. Rees, P.M. Cambrian Lodge, Neath. The business consisted of raising Bros. Dr. Pugh, and Griffith Jones to the sublime degree of M.M. and passing Bro. B. Ellis Morgan to F.C. The ceremonies in each degree were conducted in Bro. Smith's well-known style, and calling forth well deserved encomiums from both visitors and members. The brethren again missed the welcome sight of the W.M.'s face (Bro. Wm. Williams, F.R.C.S.) through continued indisposition and wished him better health. The well-known S.W. was unfortunately absent, owing to a severe cold, his chair being ably filled by Bro. E. L. Cole, P.M. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until the 1st Thursday in October, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The cloth being removed some excellent songs were ably sung by Bros. Homfray, Smith, Baker, and others, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

HARROW LODGE (No. 1310).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 6th May, at the Railway Hotel, Harrow. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Green, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer. Middlesex, the W.M. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, report of audit committee read and adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Ballot was taken for Mr. James Chapman as a candidate for initiation, which was declared to be unanimous in favour of his admission, and he, being in attendance, was initiated. Ballot was taken for Bro. M. D. Lowenstark as a joining member, which was declared to be unanimous. Bros. Speed and Wilks were passed to the Second Degree. A dispensation from the M.W.G. Master having been read by Bro. W. H. Green, W.M., authorising the brethren to instal Bro. Spencer Home-wood as the W.M., he being at the present time the W.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, Bro. Homewood was presented by Bro. William Smeed, and installed by Bro. Coutts, P.M. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. W. H. Green, I.P.M.; George A. Smith, P.M. Beadon Lodge, 610, S.W.; John Harrison, J.W.; John Coutts, P.M., Treas.; George Cattel, P.M., Sec.; Frederick Harrison, W.M. Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, S.D.; Thos Hammond, W.M. Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, J.D.; James A. Martin, I.G.; William Kippis, Org.; Edward Rawson, Dir. of Cer.; Josh. Bavin, P.M., Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "Bro. W. H. Green, the I.P.M.," presented him with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, voted from the lodge funds in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge during the past year. The visitors present were:—Bros. William Seaman, W.M. Beadon Lodge, No. 619; William Kindon, J.W. Beadon Lodge, No. 619; J. W. Avery, P.M., Acacia, 1314; Geo. Allen, J.D. St. Luke's, 144; Edwin Scott, S.W. Belgrave, 749; J. Palmer, P.M. Egyptian, 27; A. J. Ireton, I.G. 1343; John R. Goodior, Gihon, 49; Hayward, Domestic, 177.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The first meeting of this lodge since its consecration took place on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, for the initiation of candidates and the admission of joining members, and also to agree upon a code of bye-laws. Bro. J. Stevens, W.M., and all the officers were present. A ballot took place, and five candidates for initiation were all approved, and subsequently 30 joining members were affiliated to the lodge. The bye-laws, as proposed, were agreed to, fixing the initiation fee at seven guineas and the joining fee at 20 guineas. The following candidates were then severally initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.—Mr. George Jenkins, Mr. William

Jackson, Mr. William Barber, Mr. William Frederick Kibble, and Mr. John Boulton. The ceremonies were well performed, and was materially assisted by accompaniment on the harmonium by Bro. Worrell, Organist of Beckenham Church. Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chap., was invested as the Chaplain of the lodge, who afterwards moved a vote of thanks to the W. Master for his present to the lodge of a very handsome bible, and in doing so said that as Freemasonry was essentially a religious order, and that the foundation of all blessings was to be found in that sacred volume, they must all feel happy and thankful that the Wor. Master had made them such a gift, and he hoped that the lodge might long meet and prosper. Bro. Headon, S.W., seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. The Wor. Master said he was very much obliged to the Grand Chaplain and the brethren for the compliment they had paid to him in passing the vote of thanks, and he could assure them that it was a great pleasure to him to have the opportunity of making such a gift, and he hoped that it would remain on their pedestal for many years to come, and that the principles contained in it would be followed by each member of the lodge, as it was a book which ought to actuate them in all the phases of life. It was a large book, but it was for the Great City Lodge, and that lodge, of course, required a great book. He remarked, however, upon the contributions made by other members of the lodge, and thought they ought also to be included in the vote of thanks which was given to him. This was done, and afterwards Bro. Simpson expressed his intention to present the lodge with a photographic album, on condition that every member should contribute his portrait towards it. The lodge was then closed, and after light refreshment the brethren adjourned.

Royal Arch.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—This chapter held its ninth installation meeting on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Every officer was in his place, and the meeting was well attended. Among those present were the M.E.Z., Comp. R. H. Harvey; Comps. S. Davison, H.; H. Smith, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., and Treasurer; C. Hammerton, Scribe N.; G. Waterall, P.S.; T. H. Pulsford, A.S.; W. Worrell, D.C.; M. S. Larham, Steward; Joseph Runn, P.Z.; John Read, P.Z.; John Rexworthy, Thomas Jones, R. A. Field, A. Burrell, &c. and visitors, Comps. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; William Ough, P.G.D.C.; S. Poynter, 902; S. R. Rogers, P.S. Hermes Chapter; and A. G. Bragg, 857. The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, Comp. John Read, P.Z., proceeded to instal the newly elected Principals, and respectively inducted Comp. Davison into the chair of Z., Comp. H. Smith as H.; and Comp. C. Hammerton as J. The perfection with which this difficult and important duty was performed by Comp. Read, called forth expressions of well deserved eulogy. The officers of the chapter were then invested as follows, viz.:—Comps. James Stevens, P.Z. and Z. 771, Scribe E., (re-invested for the fifth time); H. C. Levander, P.Z., as Treas. (re-invested for the fourth time); George Waterall, as N.; T. H. Pulsford, P.S.; W. Worrell, Senior A.S.; M. S. Larham, Junior A.S.; John Rexworthy, D.C.; and R. R. Field, Steward. On the proposition of the Scribe E., the chapter, in consideration of the services rendered by their Janitor for many years past, and of his increasing infirmities, voted him a retiring pension of two-thirds of his salary. Propositions were then taken for the ensuing convocation, and the chapter was then closed. A pleasant supper followed labour, and the companions separated at an early hour.

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Scotland.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER IN GLASGOW.

The members of the Lodge St. Andrew, No. 465, although the youngest in the City of Glasgow, and located in the extreme north, have shown that they are not deficient in Masonic light. They have purchased spacious premises, and converted them into a hall with all the necessary accompaniments.

There is nothing pretentious in its outward appearance, but for the beauty and completeness of its internal arrangements, it will vie with any in the city. Finding they had succeeded so well in the Craft, the brethren determined to apply for a Royal Arch Charter, and on the 9th inst., M.E. Comp. F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent for Lanarkshire, proceeded with his office-bearers to consecrate the chapter and instal its officers.

The Provincial Grand Chapter, having been opened in the spacious room adjoining the hall, entered in the following order, G. B. Adams, P.G. 3rd Soj.; G. Thallon, Z. 119, Acting P.G. 2nd. S.; J. Balfour, P.G. 1st. Soj.; T. Halket, Z. 113, P.G. Bible-Bearer; J. Singleton, Z. 87, Acting P.G. Scribe N.; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Scribe E.; J. Crabb, Z. 50, Acting D.P.G.S.; G. W. Wheeler, Acting P.G.S.B.; F. A. Barrow, P.G.Z.; J. Duthie, Z. 67, Acting P.G.H.; T. D. Humphries, Ph. D., M.E.Z. 69, Acting P.G.J. Comp. Banks presided at the harmonium, doing full justice to the solemn music appropriate to the ceremony, the whole of which was rendered in a very impressive manner by the Provincial Grand Superintendent and the companions he had chosen to assist him on this the second occasion of his performing this beautiful rite.

After the chapter had been duly consecrated, and the P.G. Scribe E. had read the charter constituting them as the St. Rollax Chapter, No. 144, on the Roll of Grand Chapter of Scotland, the following companions were installed as the first officers of the chapter:—Comps. David Bell, M.E.Z.; James Dunbar, H.; James McLeish, J. Comp. Tweed was also installed as J. of 73, each receiving the degree appropriate to their office. The other officers were then installed, Comps. D. Reid, Scribe E.; J. Hughes, N.; H. McCallum, 1st. Soj.; A. McLeod, 2nd Soj.

Comp. Bell briefly thanked the companions for selecting him for that important position, and also the P.G.S. and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter for their kindness in coming to consecrate the chapter and instal himself and officers, and as they were all new to their respective offices and there was a deal of work to be done, he would take it as a great favour if the D.P.G.S., Comp. Crabb, would occupy the chair and choose his officers from those of the P.G.C. present, so that he might have a good lesson, and be thus enabled to work better in the future. This having been acceded to, the P.G.C. was closed, and a Mark Lodge was opened. Comp. Crabb, as M.M.; J. Halket, S.W.; G. W. Wheeler, J.W., when the following fourteen gentlemen were advanced to that degree.

A Holy Royal Arch Chapter was afterwards opened, Comp. Crabb, Z.; Duthie, H.; Humphries, J.; G. W. Wheeler, 1st Soj.; J. Balfour, 2nd Soj.; Dr. S. J. Sinclair, 3rd Soj.; when twelve gentlemen received the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degree. Notwithstanding an unusually large number of candidates, the whole of the ceremonies were performed in a way that reflected the highest credit upon Comp. Crabb and his assistants. The M.E.Z. having thanked the officers, then by the wish of the chapter requested the whole of them to accept of honorary membership, and requested the Provincial Grand Superintendent to administer the oath of affiliation to the following companions, J. Crabb, Z. of 50; J. Duthie, Z. 67; T. D. Humphries, Z. of 69; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; J. Tweed, 73; Joseph Singleton, Z. 87; Thos. Halket, Z. of 113; G. Thallon, Z. of 119; and J. O. Park, Z. of 122; these nine Companions were duly entered as honorary members of St. Rollax, No. 114. This large amount of labour having been most satisfactorily performed, the companions adjourned for refreshment, the new chapter having,

with the greatest liberality provided a banquet for the P.G.C. and all the Principals of the province. At the table were sitting, besides those already named, Comps. A. Smith of 50; J. Tibberd, J. 73; R. Bell, T. 73, and M.E.C., K.T.; J. Wallace, Z. 79; J. O. Park, Z. 122; J. McMillan, P.M. No. 3 bis; and A. McKay, D.M. 73, and about twenty other companions. The chair was occupied by D. Bell, the Z., who was supported right and left by F. A. Barrow, P.G.Z.; A. McTaggart, P.G.S.E.; J. Crabb, P.G.S.N., and T. Halket, P.G.T. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been given, and welcomed with that enthusiasm that they always receive from Masons, he gave "The Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire," saying that, though his own experience of it was limited to his meeting them to-day, yet, from what he had seen of the kindness and urbanity of one and all, from the Grand Superintendent and each of his officers, he was sure that he should be able to speak in yet higher terms of them when he had had a longer official experience amongst them.

The M.E.P.G.S., F. A. Barrow, assured the new M.E.Z. that it had afforded him great pleasure to instal him as the first First Principal of the new chapter. He was sure, from the character that Comp. Bell had obtained in Craft Masonry, that he would also do credit to the Arch; and as he and his office bearers were new to their duties, he could promise, on the part of the P.G.C., that any of its members would come forward and "lend them a hand," to assist in rendering the beautiful ceremonies of the Order in such a way as to impress the candidates with proper views of its solemnity. He then proposed, "Prosperity to the Chapter St. Rollax, 144."

Comp. Bell, M.E.Z., replied, stating—The new Chapter had been started, not in any spirit of rivalry with the others, but to supply a want long felt by brethren residing at the north end of the city, and in Cowlass and Sprinbrure, so far from any existing chapter. He regretted that he had not previously, for that very reason, been able to direct so much attention to the degree as he ought, for the more he looked into it, the more beauties he discovered in it; and with the assistance of his officers, he was determined that at the next official visit from P.G.C., they would strive, at any rate, though the youngest, not to be the least in number, or the lowest in proficiency in the province. To aid him in this, he must have also the help of all the newly-initiated companions, and he hoped that also of the working brethren whom he had been honoured by receiving as affiliated companions that day. (Cheers.)

"The Officers who assisted in the consecration and installation," was then proposed.

Comp. Crabb replied, assuring them it had been a source of pleasure to them all to assist in these ceremonies, and though their worthy First Principal had been pleased to highly eulogise his working, yet without the assistance of Comps. Halket and Wheeler in the ritual, and Comp. Banks in the musical department, the ceremonies could not have been so efficiently rendered. Owing to the length of the five different ceremonies, he had been obliged to considerably curtail the lecture, but these brethren had promised to come up again, and he trusted at the next meeting of their chapter to supply to their candidates what had necessarily been omitted.

The Chairman then gave "Masonic Press" Bro. Basset, on behalf of the *Masonic News*, and Comp. Wheeler, for the *Freemason*, replied in suitable terms. Comp. Wheeler, proposed the "Visiting Companions." He considered it an honour to belong to St. Rollax. Few Chapters, could boast of having initiated 14 gentlemen at their first meeting, and they were also honoured by the presence of the elite of Arch Masonry in the Province.

Comp. A. McMillan, P.M. of 31, replied, regretting that like their M.E.Z. he had devoted so much time to the interests of Craft Masonry, that he had only recently been embodied in o the Arch, but he was determined also to make himself proficient in that degree.

The Chairman then gave "The newly initiated Companions." Comp. A. Robotham replied. Comp. J. O. Park, Z. 122, proposed "The Offi-

cers of 144." Comp. A. Read, the new Scribe E., said he was no speaker, but as Scribe he would try to write for the benefit of the Chapter. "Masons, their Wives and Bairns," was given by the Croupier, followed by the final toast from the chair. Comps. Bank, Fraser, Crabb, Smith, and Barker, by their excellent singing, enhanced the pleasure of this very memorable evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow met on Thursday, the 24th of April, at St. Mark's Hall Buchanan-street. Bro. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, Prov.G.M. presided, and was supported by F. A. Barrow, D.Prov.G.M.; J. Bair, S.Prov.G.M.; G. Mc. Donald, R.W.M. 73, acting S.W.; Miller, J.W.; A. Mc Taggart, Prov.G Sec; J. Walker, Prov.G.T.; J. Halket, Prov.G.S.D.; G. Thallon, Prov.G.J.D.; J. Balfour, Prov.G.D.C; J. Bain, Prov.G.B.B.; William Phillips, Prov. G.I.G.; J. J. Pollick, Prov.G.O.G.; and a large number of the brethren.

The Treasurer's account and Auditors' report having been read, the Prov.G.M. rose and congratulated the lodge on their financial position, and also the high moral standing they were taking. They had not quite finished the annual inspection of the whole of the lodges in the province. The reports of their numerical and working power was therefore deferred till the next quarterly communication, yet he felt quite justified, from the facts that had come to his knowledge, in stating that Masonry in Glasgow was pursuing an upward and onward course.

The circular of Bro. Douglass, R.W.M., of Lodge 48, a copy of which appeared in the *Freemason* of April the 19th, on the subject of proxies, was then read and discussed. All present agreed with the general purport of the same, but that proxies might be retained for the more distant parts.

The Treasurer of the Provincial Benevolent Fund, Bro. G. Sinclair, R.W.M. of No. 27, presented his report, which was unanimously approved of, and the lodge was duly closed.

LODGE ST. CLAIR (No. 362), held an emergency meeting at 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, April 22nd, the R.W.M., Bro. G. Thallon, presiding, Bro. Clerk, S.W.; Bro. Stevenson, J.W.; Bro. J. W. Dobbie, P.M., acting as S.D. Among the visitors were Bros. Russell, of San Francisco, J. Lusk, 362, and G. Wheeler, 73. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and two gentlemen initiated. The S.W. then, at the request of the R.W.M., passed to the degree of F.C. Capt. Wm. Robinson, and Jas. Cottrier, Bro. G. W. Wheeler, acting as S.W. As these two brethren were leaving the Clyde with their vessels next week, the R.W.M., after opening a lodge of Master Masons, raised these two brethren to that sublime degree. Though the attendance was not large, owing to its being an emergency meeting, yet the work was performed in a highly satisfactory manner, both by the Master and the S.W., it being the first time Bro. Clerk had publicly worked the second degree. Refreshment followed labour, the health of "The New Laid Stones" having been proposed, also a successful voyage to the two new Master Masons. Bro. Wheeler proposed the health of "Bro. Thallon, the R.W.M.," who briefly responded, and gave "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Banks, Russell, and Wheeler.

GLASGOW.—St. Mungo Encampment met at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 21st inst. The encampment was opened in due form by R. Bell, the M.N.C., assisted by the following Knights:—M. Clarachan, C.C.; G. W. Wheeler, Sec.; Acting as Prelate; J. O. Park, Warden; T. Perkins; Marshal; and W. Nolan, 1st A.D.C. The ballot was taken for three gentlemen, Messrs. Alexander Cummerson, David Douglas, and Reddie Currie. These companions were then admitted as Esquires, and afterwards with Comp. Joseph Johnston, were created Knights of the Temple, and entrusted with the peculiar secrets of this exalted degree. The Secretary read a communication he had received from one of the Knights of this Encampment, who had been present at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of

Wales, recommending another effort to be made to effect a union with the K.T.'s of England and Ireland. A motion to that effect was moved by Sir Knts. Noland and Sinclair, but in consequence of the late hour at which the ceremonies had concluded the further consideration of it was proposed till the next meeting. All those present appeared to think some sacrifice should be made, if necessary, in order to effect so desirable a union.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD MASONIC BOOKS.

I have been informed that the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" possesses a catalogue of valuable books. Would it be possible for me to see the "catalogue," or copy of it? It is purely as a matter of literary interest that I make the enquiry and request. Any information or copy sent to Bro. Kenning's care, 198, Fleet-street, I shall duly receive.

I am truly obliged to the Editor of the *Boston Freemasons' Monthly Magazine* for his courteous and fraternal reference to my request with respect to the April number, 1863. I also have to thank Bro. Jacob Ribton for a second copy of the same monthly, as well as for his interesting transcript and letter, which I will privately acknowledge.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

THE ST. CLAIR CHARTERS AND BRO. D. MURRAY LYON.

In reference to these charters some words have passed between Bros. D. Murray Lyon and C. I. Paton, in the pages of the *Freemason*, with which I do not intend to interfere. But when speaking personally of Bro. Lyon, Bro. Paton observes: "When Bro. D.M. Lyon makes any real contribution to our knowledge of Masonic antiquities, I shall be prompt to acknowledge it, and to give him all due credit for it; but I am not aware of anything of this kind which he has yet done," I cannot refrain from expressing my admiration at the charming simplicity displayed in this honest confession of Masonic ignorance.

Bro. D. M. Lyon, is a Scotsman, so also is Bro. Paton, and as to the latter we have only to look at the advertising columns of the *Freemason*, to read the claims he puts forth as a Masonic Historian, yet with it all he tells us as above that he is quite ignorant of anything that Bro. Lyon, has done. However other brethren are not so ignorant of Bro. Lyon, for when we open the "History of Freemasonry" second edition, by that eminent Masonic Historian, Bro. J. G. Findel, we find that the brother selected by our German friend to revise his work is just this same Bro. Lyon, of whom we are speaking. We find also in the body of the work that many "real contributions to our knowledge of Masonic antiquities" are selections from the writings of Bro. Lyon. Lastly, I find that although Bro. Paton's residence, &c., is in or near Edinburgh, and Bro. Lyon's is at Ayr, yet somehow it is to the latter that the brethren of the lodge of Edinburgh Mary's Chapel go when they wish to lay before the public the valuable information contained in their old records. It would seem, therefore, that notwithstanding Bro. Paton's ignorance or short-sightedness on the subject others have been taking note of and appreciating the labours of Bro. Lyon, and I have no doubt but that when the result of his labours in connection with the Mary's Chapel records are laid before us, which I trust will be soon, we shall see him taking his place in the front rank of Masonic Historians.—W. P. BUCHAN.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Premature Decay:—When from free living, excessive indulgence, or the enervating effects of hot climates, the nervous system becomes shaken, the muscles flabby, the heart's action irregular, and the bodily powers generally debilitated, Holloway's remedies may be used with the certainty of their producing relief.—For dyspepsia, liver complaints, sick headache, and loss of appetite, this ointment should be very well rubbed twice a day, over the pit of the stomach and right side, whilst Holloway's Pills are being taken, in such doses as can conveniently be borne. This treatment will always restore strength and energy. Nervousness, flushes, and fainting fits, may all be prevented by a timely recourse to and diligent use of these remedies.—ADVT.

ROYAL VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.

Bro. E. Samuelson, the Worshipful the Mayor of Liverpool, was honoured with a visit, on Friday last, from his Majesty the King of the Belgians, King Leopold II., with a view of inspecting the docks and making himself personally acquainted with the manner in which the business of the port is carried on. There was not so extensive an exhibition of flags in various parts of the town as would have taken place if the entry had not been semi-private, but several flags, including the Royal Standard at the Town Hall, floated gaily in the breeze. The vessels also in many of the docks and in the river were gaily dressed, and an unusual number of persons thronged the streets, the weather being extremely fine. His Majesty arrived at Lime-street at one o'clock, and was received by a guard of honour of volunteers, who doubtless remembered the kindly welcome given in Belgium to their brethren in arms at the Tir National. The King's progress from the station to the Town Hall was one continued ovation. Immediately on alighting from the carriage, a gratifying illustration was given of the interest which his Majesty has always taken in the volunteer movement of England. Instead of entering the Town Hall and joining the circle of guests invited to meet him, His Majesty, attended by Viscount Torrington, and the gentlemen of his suite, walked along the centre of Castle-street and carefully inspected the uniform and accoutrements of the various volunteer detachments, and entered into conversation with the volunteer officers and also with Colonel Jones, the commanding officer of the forces in the northern district, and with Colonel Molyneux, of the 7th Dragoon Guards. This incident, unimportant as it might be deemed by many, immediately raised the Sovereign in the estimation of the crowd, who cheered again and again, and the attention thus shown to the volunteers by his Majesty was duly appreciated. On entering the Town Hall, his Worship the Mayor was introduced to His Majesty, who expressed the great satisfaction he had derived from the enthusiastic manner in which he had been received by the inhabitants of Liverpool. After a short delay the King was escorted by the Mayor, dressed in his robes, and wearing his chain of office, to the reception room, where about 60 of the leading gentlemen connected with the commercial, mercantile, and corporate interests of the town awaited his arrival. A sumptuous luncheon was subsequently served, about 70 specially invited guests being present to meet his Majesty. Bro. Samuelson, the Mayor, proposed, "The Health of the Royal Visitor," who responded in fitting terms.

Before leaving the room, the King was asked to appear upon the balcony overlooking the Exchange flags, when such a sight presented itself as the King of the Belgians will not easily forget. Every inch of standing room in the capacious area was occupied by a compact living mass of men and boys, whilst the windows and upper portions of the corridors were equally crowded with ladies. The moment his Majesty appeared upon the balcony he was received with repeated hurrahs, accompanied by waving of hats and handkerchiefs, which continued for some time. His Majesty was sensibly moved by this outburst of popular enthusiasm, which he acknowledged by removing his hat and bowing again and again to the people. After the Mayor had explained the purpose to which the Exchange building was appropriated, his Majesty gave a parting salute, and retired into the Town-hall.

The King subsequently visited the "lions" about the docks, and examined one or two of the principal ships lying in port. On Saturday he visited the Sailors' Home and Birkenhead side of the Mersey, and started for London in the afternoon.

Rumour states that the proprietors of that unique paper, *The Bazaar*, are again about to try their fortune with a new cheap weekly journal, which is to be called "The Country, a Journal of Rural Pursuits," and is to embrace in its scheme all sports in which gentleman engage, natural science, horticulture, agriculture, and other subjects referring to country life.

Masonic Tidings.

At the last meeting of the United Pilgrims Lodge of Freemasons, 507, held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, a portrait in oil of the late Worshipful Master, Charles Milner Haddock, who died in April, 1872, was presented to the lodge, each of the brethren having subscribed towards the expense. Bro. Haddock was worthily and justly esteemed for his many endearing qualities, and from his long connection with the "Pilgrims," during which he had eminently distinguished himself, his sudden death was very severely felt. The brethren being desirous of possessing some memento of their deceased Master, instructed Mr. Tear, of the Clapham-road, to paint the portrait in question from a photograph which was fortunately in existence. The result has been a very faithful and striking likeness. The occasion was also taken advantage of to present the Secretary, Bro. John Thomas, P.M., P.Z., P.G.D.C.G.C., with his portrait, also by the same artist, as a mark of the very high esteem in which he is held by his brother Pilgrims. Bro. John Thomas has been connected with the lodge 507, for upwards of 20 years, and is not only one of the oldest, but one of the hardest-working Masons in South London. His long and honourable career as a Mason has been marked by the most zealous desire to promote the interests of the Craft, and the presentation to him of his portrait by the lodge, in which he so long been an ornament, was but a very slight mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the Craft generally throughout South London.

A movement is on foot to establish a Royal Arch Chapter in Upper Norwood, in connection with the Crystal Palace Lodge.

It is believed that Earl de Grey, the eldest son of the Marquess of Ripon, will come forward at the next election as a Liberal candidate for the representation of Hull.

VISIT OF THE AMERICAN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO GLASGOW.—Sir Knight Bell, M.N.C., of St. Mungo Encampment, having read a communication from our transatlantic Fraters that were about to set out on their promised pilgrimage to England and tour through Europe, and would arrive in Glasgow on the 27th of June, a meeting of the most influential Masons in Glasgow was held in the Kilwinning Hall, Bro. R. Bell in the chair, when it was determined to give our American visitors a hearty reception; and in order that it might be as large as possible it was determined to meet them as Craft Masons, and engage the City Hall, the largest building available for that purpose, the entertainment to take the form of a conversazione. A Committee consisting of the 1st Principals of the Chapter and the Masters of all the lodges in the province, with the addition of the Commander, Secretary, and two others. From the unanimity of the meeting and the fact that the demonstration is to be under the immediate patronage of the P.G.L., we augur for it a complete success.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE will be held in the Town Hall, at Louth, under the auspices of the Lindsey Lodge, No. 712, on Thursday, 29th inst. A banquet will be provided at the Corn Exchange. Tickets may be obtained of Bro. J. G. Tupholme, Secretary of the Lindsey Lodge; or of W. Bro. Wm. Griffin P.Prov.G.D. of C.

It is stated that Sir Henry Rawlinson, formerly Minister at Teheran, will meet the Shah of Persia on his arrival in London, as Envoy-Extraordinary on the part of the Queen.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The most successful, hitherto, of all the festivals of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was celebrated on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, when the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, Lord Skelmerdale, a Past Grand Warden of England, took the chair. The result which was obtained, we presume was not expected, for a reference to two or three of our previous

numbers, wherein some speeches of the Secretary are faithfully reported, trod rather lightly on the ground of what would be the total of the Stewards' lists. He referred in those speeches to the magnificent subscription to the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution, and while informing the brethren that upwards of £14,000 in the aggregate had been collected at the festivals of those two institutions, merely expressed his hope and confidence that the Craft would liberally support the favourite institution, of which he had recently taken the duties. We presume that, when he spoke, either modesty restrained him from anticipating a great collection for the Girl's School, or by keeping down the ardour of his fellow Craftsmen, he intended to take them by surprise. But whether or not either of these were his motives, it cannot be denied that the general body of Freemasons were not prepared for such an announcement as he made when he concluded his reading of the Stewards' lists, that they amounted in the whole to £7,448, with several lists yet to come in. Of the exertions made to obtain such an amount we cannot speak too highly. We care not at all for the different Masonic qualities of any brethren. We sink all differences when we are engaged in the one great work of charity, and however widely our notions may differ on points which are only of minor detail, we unite as a band of brethren when the poor and distressed are out in the cold appealing for aid. Masonry is increasing now with unprecedented rapidity and we congratulate all the Institutions on their great success, and viewing the daughters of the distressed Freemasons as the most helpless of all the objects of the brethren's bounty, we hail with immense satisfaction the glorious success which attended the Girls' Festival of Wednesday last.

About 250 brethren sat down to banquet, among whom we noticed:—Bros. the Rev. A. B. Fraser, Samuel Tomkins, John Hervey, H. Browne, John B. Monckton, D. Erasmus Wilson, Major W. Platt, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Dr. Barringer, R. J. Spiers, of Oxford, Raynham W. Stewart, Peter Matthews, Hyde Pullen, John Read, Rev. D. Shaboe, Thomas Fenn, Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Sir Gilbert Campbell, H. Bridges, A. J. D. Filer, F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School; James Terry, Sec. Benevolent Institution; W. Paas, J. A. Rucker, Dudley Rolls, W. Gumbleton, P.G.D., W. Winn, Lieut.-Col. Peters, George Kenning, J. J. Wilson, H. Keeble, W. West Smith, Lieut.-Col. Peters, George Theobald, H. Thompson, H. M. Levy, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, F. Harman, F. Walters, Thomas W. White, W. Kench, Joseph Last, W. Smeed, Thomas Cubitt, G.P., and J. T. Moss.

A large number of ladies also attended, who were regaled at separate banquets, presided over by Bros. Thomas William White, and George Kenning.

The different banquets were excellently supplied by Bro. Francatelli, and Bro. Goodchild was very assiduous in his attention to the duties of Toast Master.

The fiction of the removal of the cloth having been observed, the labours of the chairman commenced, and it is but fair to say that these were discharged in a way which showed that they were no fiction at all.

In giving the first toast, the chairman said: Brethren I rise to propose the first toast of the evening, that toast which is always well received in every assembly of Englishmen, and never better than among assemblies of our own body, "The Health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen," the Patroness of our Order. (Cheers.)

The toast was followed by the National Anthem.

The Chairman: Brethren I hope you will excuse me if I seem to hurry the toasts a little but I fancy that there are fairer scenes for us in a neighbouring room, and perhaps a better amusement for you than listening to dry speeches; therefore, I will get on with the toasts, and the next I have to propose is that of "The Health of the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master and Patron of this Institution." I need not dilate on the merits of H.R.H. as a Mason, for I am sure that many of you were in this room not a very long time ago, and heard the Prince of Wales declare how much he was

devoted to the Craft, and how much he intended to uphold the tenets of the Order. I give you also "The Health of the Princess of Wales, Patroness of this Institution."

The toast having been drunk, The chairman said: Brethren the next toast I have the honour to propose to you, is that of "The Health of our Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon," (hear hear). I think I need say no more than to ask you to drink his health. His own acts speak for themselves, and you know what a worthy Grand Master he is, I give you his health.

The Chairman: Brethren, before I propose the next toast on the list I cannot resist expressing my deep regret that there is one toast that we have to omit this evening, the toast that usually I believe appears after that I gave last. It has pleased the Great Architect to take our late Grand Master to himself, and I am sure that no brother Freemason ever went to his grave more deservedly honoured than he was. The next toast I have to give you is "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." The Earl of Carnarvon asked me especially to say that he had every intention of being here this evening, but unfortunately a banquet which sometimes calls many a public man away from other affairs prevents him from being here—I mean a political banquet. I give you "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Past and Present."

Capt. Platt, Junior Grand Warden, replied. He said, Most Provincial Grand Master, and Brethren, your good wishes for the health of the Deputy Grand Master and the Past and Present Grand Officers deserve and demand their unqualified and hearty thanks. As far as regards the present Grand Officers of the year, so short is the duration of their official existence, that it behoves them to "bear their blushing honours" with becoming humility and meekness. "Drest in a little brief authority," they "strut and fret their hour upon" the Masonic "stage," and perchance are heard no more." We are not every biennial! We are only annual. The period of our reign being so limited, it would be most inconsistent with this ephemeral existence and an idle waste of time to dwell any longer or to launch any more words or language, or I may say "Platt"—itudes, or be

"Like Mr. Trower,
Who would take half an hour,
To say, nobody knew what;
Or like the famed Dr. Fell,
Who spoke very well,
And sat down fatigued and hot."

Again, brethren, I beg in the name of the Grand Officers, Past and Present, to offer our sincere and hearty thanks for this compliment and recognition.

The Rev. A. B. Fraser: Brethren, an hour ago, I thought Masonry had nothing left in store for me, but I find I was mistaken. I have been entrusted with the privilege of proposing to you the health of that distinguished Mason who honours us by presiding over us this evening. No words of mine can by any possibility be necessary to commend the toast to you. I will, therefore, simply call upon you to honour it as enthusiastically as it always should be. I give you "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, the Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire."

The Chairman: Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the kind and warm way in which you have received my name, and I thank the brother who proposed it, for the kind way in which he did it. There are a good many of my Lancashire brethren about the room, and I am sure they will feel flattered by it. It has given me great satisfaction indeed to be present on this occasion as Chairman. I have long wished to be connected more intimately than I have hitherto been with the Masonic Charities. This is an opening, and I hope I shall be able to follow it up. It is rather a bold thing for me to say with two Secretaries in front of me to take down my words; but I am sure I mean what I say. All I hope is, that any future chairman may not find himself in the same position as I am—a Chairman unfitted to speak well or persuasively, or to bring forward all that can be said. But for my-

self, if I can but induce you to subscribe liberally I do not care about anything else. I thank you most heartily.

The Chairman: Brethren, I now rise to propose the toast of the evening, viz., "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." I need hardly ask you to drink that toast heartily. You would not be here if you were not ready to do so. I can assure you, that last Friday, when I had the honour of being present at the annual prize-giving-away at the School, it made me proud to think that I should be here to-day as Chairman of the festival. (Hear, hear.) I can assure you I never was more gratified in my life, or more struck with the completeness and the thorough efficiency of the School, the healthy look of the children, and the evidently good discipline and good teaching that prevailed in that School. (Hear, hear.) I am sure that our warmest thanks are due to those who more immediately interest themselves in that institution—the Committee the Secretary, and, more especially, I may say the Governess. (Hear, hear.) Long may she continue the Governess of that Institution, for it will be very hard to replace her. Brethren, there has been a very great addition to that building lately, viz., the infirmary, a very useful building, and a most necessary one in the event of an epidemic, which I hope we may be long spared from having. That infirmary—I can bear testimony, having been all over it—is a most perfect building. Why do I mention this? Simply because when we see Committees exerting themselves we ought to support them by coming forward more and more liberally every day. I am told, that when the school was originally founded there were few lodges in the country, and we were only able to provide for a small number of girls. In the year 1851 there were 470 lodges in the country, and there was accommodation for 40 girls in the School. Now that there are upwards of 1,400 lodges, what is the deduction we ought to draw? I leave it to the mathematical gentlemen among us to answer it, but I think we ought to quadruple the number, if not more. There are 112 girls in the Institution now, and I believe there are eight vacancies to be filled up, making 120 in all. I should like to see that Institution with double the number, and I do not see why it should not be done, I am told, but I will not trespass on the Treasurer's province, or the Secretary's, that we have been receiving a gigantic list to-day. I am glad to hear it. I wish, and I repeat what I said last Friday, that we could take that school down to the provinces in order to show the brethren their work in providing such a school. have no doubt if we could do so, we should get subscriptions enough to build ten schools. And as to the education, brethren, people may ask what is the result? A very high standard of education is looked for now. I am happy to say it is given in that school. We have only to look at the Oxford and Cambridge middle class examinations and we shall see that all the Girls have had honourable mention, many have passed with distinction, and not one had not come out well. There is another thing that I ought to mention, as a reason for additional subscriptions. Unfortunately we are in the days of expensive living and still more expensive fuel—perhaps I ought not to say much about that, as I come from a fuel county—but unfortunately it is so—all the more reason, I say, for those that are in the fuel-producing counties to subscribe more liberally. I say that it needs your subscriptions and hope it will have them. I give you "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," and "The Health of the Treasurer, Bro. Tomkins," with my hearty good wishes for its thorough prosperity.

Bro. Tomkins replied, and Bro. Little, the Secretary, read the subscription lists, which amounted to £7448.

[The Report will be concluded in our next.]

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Answers to Correspondents.

ELIZA B., and C. SMITH.—Declined with thanks.
ERRATA.—In the letter of Bro. Herbert Bury Hodges, page 314, middle column, lines 50 to 68 should come between lines 32 and 33 in the same column. In the review of Bro. Sheriff's Poem, Page 291, Column 3, line 11, for "blessing" read "blest aid."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths

DEATHS.

ADCOCK.—March 23rd, at Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, Bro. C. T. Adcock, of "Good Hope Lodge," No. 363.

PRINGLE.—On the 7th of March, at Donaghue's, Westland, New Zealand, Bro. Thomas Pringle, native of Cockburnspath, Haddingtonshire, Scotland, aged 42 years.

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Week ending May 24.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1873.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England was held on the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. The Marquess of Ripon, Z.; and the Earl of Carnarvon, H., were not present, and the Grand Principals were there fore represented by the following companions—Lord de Tabley, N., as M.E.Z.;

Comps. F. Pattison, as H.; and Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., as J.; John Hervey, S.E.; W. Pulteney Scott, as N.; Murton, as P.S.; John Savage, as 1st A.; Benj. Head, as 2nd A.; were also present, besides many other companions, among whom we observed:— Lord de Tabley, Z.; F. Pattison, H.; Æ. J. McIntyre, J.; John Hervey, G.S.E.; Pulteney Scott, N.; C. Murton, P.S.; John Savage, 1st A.; H. Browse, 2nd A.; J. P. Dumas, Sword Bearer; Lord Balfour of Burleigh; Horace Lloyd, Q.C.; E. Snell, Griffiths Smith, H. G. Buss, James Brett, N. Bradford, J. Whichcord, John Boyd, James Stevens, George Kenning, R. Wentworth Little, E. Harris, John Read, T. J. Sabine, A. J. D. Filer, F. Adlard, Richard Spencer, A. A. Pendlebury, Joshua Nunn, W. Ough, Joseph Smith, Benjamin Head, H. Muggerridge, Hyde Pullen, and C. B. Payne.

Grand Chapter having been regularly opened, Comp. Hervey read the regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business, and also the minutes of the February convocation.

The installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Grand Officers being the next business, Lord de Tabley rose and said—Companions, I have the honour to stand here, unworthily representing our Excellent Grand Z. There can be no doubt that, holding the high office which he does as the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, we hail him also with hearty congratulations as our own Grand First Principal. The Earl of Carnarvon, I am sure, is equally acceptable to the Grand Chapter of England. Holding as he does the post of Deputy Grand Master, he is, *virtute officii*, our Second Grand Principal. Upon the request of our Grand Z., I have, although feeling unworthy of the honour, accepted the appointment of Third Grand Principal. (Cheers.) Comp. John Hervey, our excellent companion, *virtute officii*, as G.S., is G.S.E. of Grand Chapter. As N. I have to nominate, in the name of the Grand Z., Lord Balfour of Burleigh, as P.S., Comp. Horace Lloyd, Q.C.; as 1st Assistant S., Comp. William Platt; as 2nd Assistant S., Comp. James Glasher; as Treasurer, Comp. Samuel Tomkins; as Registrar, Comp. Melutere, Q.C.; as Sword Bearer, Comp. Richard Havers; as Standard Bearer, Comp. E. J. Furner; as D.C., Comp. John Whichcord; and as Janitor, Comp. C.B. Payne.

The whole of these appointments were loudly cheered.

Lord De Tabley then said: Companions, before proceeding to the order of business of this Supreme Grand Chapter, I feel it my duty, unworthily holding the position which I do, to call the attention of Grand Chapter—if it was necessary, indeed that attention should be so called—to the melancholy news that has been published to the world in the papers of to-day. The news of death of Lord Zetland has caused a pang, I am sure, in every Masonic breast through the length and breadth of this country. Equally in Grand Lodge and in Grand Chapter are his Masonic and other virtues known; still more known are they to those private friends of his who enjoyed the privileges

and advantages of his friendship. There is not one of those friends who has not felt the deepest pain at the announcement made to-day; there is not one of his Masonic brethren, or any one with whom he has been personally brought into contact, who cannot remember some of his kind acts, of his fraternal regard, some joy derived from his benignant presence. We all feel that a great light in Masonry has ceased, has gone out. We have the consolation of knowing that he always led a highly honourable life, and although lately his strength has been declining so much that he felt it his duty to retire from Masonry, still his latter years have been a period of comparative ease; and we are pleased to know that he has been spared much pain in the last days of his life, and that without a lengthened trial of bodily suffering he was called to the Supreme Grand Chapter above, where I have no doubt he will reap the reward of his deeds of charity and mercy which he so liberally dispensed here. I think it would be very unworthy of this Grand Chapter of England, meeting now in the evening of the day on which we received the melancholy tidings if we did not record on our minutes the great grief with which it has afflicted us, and with which we are sure it will afflict everyone. We, therefore propose that some record of our grief should be placed on our minutes. I do not know in what form it should be done, whether as an address to the present Lord Zetland, or whether a testimonial to the late Lord Zetland's virtues, but in some way or other I think we ought certainly not to allow his merits as our P.G.Z. to pass unnoticed, and I think it would be best done by an address to the present Earl, expressing the regret we feel at the late Earl's death, and the grateful remembrance in which we shall always hold his memory.

Comp. McIntyre, acting J., thought this last was the proper course to take.

Grand Chapter then resolved that a record of its grief at the loss Masonry had sustained by the death of Lord Zetland should be entered on the minutes.

Comp. W. Pulteney Scott moved, and Comp. Joseph Smith seconded, that the following report of the Committee of Grand Composes be taken as read, and recorded on the minutes, which motion was carried.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF GRAND COMPOSES OF ROYAL ARCH LODGE, No. 1, ST. MARK'S LANE, LONDON.

The Committee of Grand Composes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th inst. to the 15th of April 1873, both inclusive, and find the same as follows:—

To Balance	...	£572	3	4
To Subsequent	...	354	3	11
		£926	7	3
By Disbursements being the				
Quarter	...	£162	10	2
Purchase of £300 Consols at				
92½ and Commission	...	277	2	6
Balance	...	486	14	7
		£926	7	3

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer. Grand Chapter then granted Charters for new chapters, in accordance with the prayers of the following Petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Robert Margrave, as Z.; William Swinney as H.; and Aaron Stone as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales', Lodge, No. 671, Llanelly, to be called "The St. Elliw Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Llanelly, in the County of Carmarthen.

2nd. From Comps. Henry Walrond as Z.; John Walter, Keyworth as H.; George N. Burden, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Benevolent Lodge, No. 303, Teignmouth, to be called "The Benevolent Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Teignmouth, in the County of Devon.

3rd. From Comps. James Mackey Cunningham as Z.; William Robert Wood as H.; Charles Horsley as J.; and seventeen others for a chapter to be attached to the Yarborough Lodge, No. 811, Brighton, to be called "The Yarborough Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, in the County of Sussex.

4th. From Comps. James Weaver as Z.; William Hurlstone as H.; William John Hargrave Jones as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, to be called "The Whittington Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

The Committee also reported that they had received a memorial from "The Moira Chapter," No. 92, meeting at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street, in the City of London, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original being irrecoverably lost, and having every reason to believe the truth of the allegation set forth in the memorial, recommended that the prayer thereof should be granted.

Comp. Scott moved, and Comp. Joshua Nunn seconded, the granting of the Charter.

Comp. Snell said he should like to know how it was the original Charter had been lost, for it was an extraordinary thing for a London Chapter to lose its charter.

Comp. Scott replied that he knew the fact as stated in the memorial which was before Grand Scribe.

Comp. Snell observed that the late Comp. G. W. K. Potter, was long the Scribe of the Moira Chapter, and he should like to know whether he had lost the charter.

Comp. Scott said that search had been made among the deceased's papers for it, but it had not been found.

Lord De Tabley remarked that he should presume the Committee of General Purposes had made full enquiries into the accuracy of the petition, and had satisfied themselves that no exception was to be taken to it.

Comp. Scott said they had, and they so stated in their report, which he had just read.

Comp. John Savage also remarked that the Committee were satisfied so far as they could be satisfied. There was always a great difficulty in proving a negative, but they had every reason to believe that the charter had been lost and could not be found.

Comp. H. Browse said that lost or not, there could be no harm done by granting a charter of confirmation. If the old charter were to be found Grand Chapter could recal the charter of

confirmation, but if the chapter had two charters so much the better for it.

Comp. H. J. P. Dumas, thought that there might be some indication on the new charter that it was a duplicate.

Comp. H. Browse: Oh! yes; it says it is only a charter of confirmation.

The motion was then carried.

Comp. Scott said the next paragraph in the report of the Committee was their recommendation, which stood over from last convocation in consequence of his inability to attend. The recommendation arose in consequence of certain irregularities which had occurred in distant provinces, certain District Grand Superintendents having, pending the granting of petitions for chapters in their provinces granted, dispensations to the petitioners to work the chapters as though they were chapters in esse. That was a manifest breach of the regulations of Grand Chapter. The District Grand Superintendents had no power to grant such dispensations. The Grand Principals themselves could not do so, and therefore the Committee, seeing that it was a very irregular proceeding, reported the facts to Grand Chapter last November.

The Committee were then desired by Grand Chapter to frame a rule or regulation to meet the difficulty, and in consequence they recommended that in the Book of Regulations for the Order of Royal Arch Masons, in page 15, under the head "Of Private Chapters" paragraph 3, the following Rule be substituted for the existing one, viz:—

In a province or district for which a Superintendent is appointed, the petition must first be transmitted to him for his recommendation or opinion, but such Superintendent shall have no power to authorize the temporary working of any Chapter, pending the transmission of such petition to England, the consideration thereof, and report thereon by the General Committee, and grant of a Charter in consequence by the Grand Chapter. We would therefore move this as a resolution by Grand Chapter.

Comp. James Brett seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Comp. John Hervey then read the concluding paragraph of the committee's report, which was in the following terms:—

"After E. Companion Scott had left the chair, it was resolved:—That the best thanks of the Committee be tendered to the President, Comp. William Pulteney Scott, for the very great attention he has at all times paid to the business of Royal Arch Masonry, for the time he has devoted to the interests of the Order, and for the urbanity and kindness he has evinced to his colleagues while presiding over the meetings of the committee."

Comp. John Savage said he had much pleasure in moving this as a motion of Grand Chapter. The committee were unanimous in their conclusion that such an acknowledgment of the services of Comp. Scott, should be placed on the report of the committee to Grand Chapter.

Comp. Joshua Nunn seconded the motion.

Comp. Browse said that every member of the committee having witnessed the business-like way in which the courtesy, and consideration, with which, at all times, Comp. Scott brought before

them the matters which they had to take under their care, felt that not only their thanks, but the thanks of Grand Chapter were due to him. He therefore supported the motion, and felt great pleasure in doing so.

A companion observed that it was exceedingly gratifying to him, as a member of the same Chapter as Comp. Scott, in which he was highly respected, to see such a compliment passed on him.

Lord De Tabley: Sir, I understand the motion by which the thanks of the committee were given to Comp. Scott already has been received by Grand Chapter, and is recorded on our minutes; but I believe the present motion is that this Grand Chapter should also mark its sense of obligation to Comp. Scott for the way in which he has discharged his duties in the chair of President in which he was placed. That will be the motion, will it not?

Comp. John Savage: Yes, my lord, the confirmation of the recommendation by the committee.

Lord De Tabley: As such, I have very great pleasure in putting it to the Grand Chapter. I am quite sure it will be received with the unanimity it deserves. It will be an encouragement to the companions to emulate the example of our Comp. Scott. Therefore, I put the motion to Grand Chapter.

The motion was carried unanimously and with cheers.

Lord de Tabley: Comp. Scott, I have much pleasure in announcing to you that this Grand Chapter has unanimously passed a vote of thanks to you for your able services as President of the Committee of General Purposes.

Comp. W. Pulteney Scott: Most Excellent and Companions, I am greatly surprised at receiving this signal mark of your favour. It is a matter of great gratification to me, still I feel I have done nothing more than my duty—(cheers)—but I thank you heartily for your kindness.

The appointment of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year was next taken, when Comps. W. Pulteney Scott, Benj. Head and John Savage, were nominated by the Grand Z., and Comps. H. C. Levander, Joseph Smith, F. Adlard, James Brett, H. Browse, and Joshua Nunn, were elected by Grand Chapter.

Comp. James Stevens asked whether private chapters should not be directed to go in mourning for the Earl of Zetland.

Lord de Tabley said this must rest on the decision of the Marquess of Ripon, and whatever that might be, he was sure it would meet with the approval of Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

RECEDOS, GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.—The ceremony of presentation will take place on Thursday, June 5, 1873. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne, will hold a Provincial Grand Lodge at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester, at twelve o'clock. The Masonic procession will be formed at the Chapter Room and in the North Cloister, at half-past two o'clock. The Recedos will be unveiled and presented by the Provincial Grand Master. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. R. Davy, Past Grand Chaplain of England and Provincial Grand Chaplain. After the service, the Freemasons will return, in procession, to the Chapter Room in seniority, headed by the Provincial Grand Master.

FUNERAL OF THE EARL OF ZETLAND.

The funeral of Lord Zetland took place on Tuesday, at the old church of Marske-by-the-Sea. In accordance with the wishes of the late Earl, there was as little display as was consistent with the character of the ceremony. There had been a desire on the part of public bodies, including the Masonic brethren and the Corporation of Richmond, to attend officially to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased nobleman; but the request for leave to take part in that prominent manner had not been acceded to. Notwithstanding this, however, there was a large gathering at the funeral.

The remains of Lord Zetland were enclosed in a triple coffin, the outer one bearing the following inscription:—"Thomas Dundas, second Earl of Zetland, K.G., born 5th February, 1795; died 6th May, 1873."

About half-past eight o'clock, a.m., the funeral procession formed in front of Aske Hall. Among the mourners were:—Lady Harriet Lane, only surviving sister of the deceased; the present Lord Zetland; Miss Barclay; Mr. W. H. Williamson; the present Countess of Zetland; Mr. J. C. Dundas; Mrs. J. C. Dundas; Mr. Foljambe; Mr. Dixon, the late Earl's agent in Scotland; and Mr. Forster, his agent in London.

The cortège, which was half a mile in length, proceeded slowly up Aske Bank, down Timberhill, and so on to the station. The streets on the route were densely lined with people. Closing of the shops and cessation from business were universal in the borough, and the bells of the parish and Trinity churches were tolled. No time was lost at the station in removing the coffin from the hearse to the private carriage waiting on the line to receive it.

The North-Eastern Railway authorities had offered facilities to all who wished to accompany the train, and a large number of tradesmen availed themselves of the opportunity. Shortly after ten o'clock the train moved from the station.

At Marske the funeral procession was joined by a number of other mourners, among them Mr. Dodds, M.P. for Stockton, and Mr. G. Leemen, M.P. for York. Reaching the church at twelve o'clock, the cortège was met by the Rev. Mr. Robson, the rector, and conducted into the church.

The mourners having entered the pews set apart for them, the service was commenced, the rector officiating.

After having witnessed the last melancholy ceremony, the company proceeded to Marske Hall, an ancient residence, occasionally occupied by Mr. H. W. Yeoman, a near relative of the Zetland family, where they partook of luncheon.

Most of the mourners, including the new Lord and Countess of Zetland, then returned to Richmond, where they arrived at five o'clock. Hatchments were erected immediately after the funeral at each residence of the deceased earl, exhibiting the insignia of the Order of the Garter, with St. George and the Dragon, and the Order of the Thistle, with St. Andrew's Cross.

THE LATE M.W. PAST GRAND MASTER.

The following circulars have been issued by the Grand Secretary:—

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND
The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c., &c., &c., M.W. Grand Master.

W. Master, your attendance, together with your Wardens and Past Masters, is particularly desired at an Especial Grand Lodge, to be holden at this place on Wednesday, the 21st day of May instant, at eleven for twelve o'clock at noon punctually, to consider and resolve upon an address of condolence on the much regretted death of the Rt. Hon. Thomas Dundas, Earl of Zetland, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master, and to arrange for the presentation of the same to his lordship's family.

By Command of the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., M.W. Grand Master.

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

Freemason's Hall, London, W.C.,

14th May, 1873.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c., &c., &c., M.W. Grand Master.

In consequence of the much lamented death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master, an event which has filled the breast of every Mason with the most poignant grief, it is ordered that the Grand Lodge and all subordinate lodges be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of six months from this date.

The mourning to be worn by brethren individually to be as follows:—Grand Officers, Present and Past—Three rosettes of black crape on the badges, and one at the point of the chain or collar just above the jewel.

Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons—Three black crape rosettes on badge.

Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices—Two black crape rosettes at the lower part of the badge.

White gloves.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

Freemasons' Hall, London W.C.,

14th May, 1873.

Original Correspondence.

THE COLOGNE CHARTER.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to "a question for our Dutch brethren," in your number of April 19th, 1873, I beg to state:—

1st. The original of the Constitution of the Amsterdam Vrendendal's Lodge has never been found; neither the list of members of that Lodge from 1519 to 1610. Most probably they never existed at all. There is only made mention of them in the minutes of that Lodge of 1637 (period of its pretended re-opening), as extant at that time.

2nd. The original of the Cologne Charter is lost: it disappeared as mysteriously as it had come to light; and its actual existence is, at all events, unknown to the Dutch brethren.

3rd. Copies of the fac simile of the Charter (but not of the Vrendendahl's minutes) have really been sent to all the Dutch lodges, in whose archives they are to be seen. There is also a inserted a copy in the "Annales de la Maçonnerie des Pays Bas," Brussels, 1822, J. iv.

I venture to direct the "Masonic Student" for further notice, to the "Allgemeines Handbuck der Freimaurerei," Leipsic, 1865, ii.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

T. P. VAILLANT,

W.M. of Lodge Union Royale, The Hague.

THE QUESTION OF HEREDITARY GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to endorse the statements on the question of Hereditary Grand Mastership made by my friend, Bro. William James Hughan, and my other associates in the "German Masonic Union," in their communications to the *Masonic News*. Bro. J. S. B., who appears to be wedded to the fables of the Order, states that the fact of the Hereditary Grand Mastership of Masons having been vested in the St. Clairs of Rosslyn, can be proved from certain records in possession of the Grand Lodge. This is incorrect. I have examined every ancient Masonic M.S. preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and neither from that nor any other source can I find proof that there ever was an office such as that referred to.

D. MURRAY LYON.

Ayr, March 7, 1873.

THE GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother.

Not I alone, but all good Masons will thank you for one feature, at any rate, in your last week's "Editorial" on this subject, and let me at once say, that so far from being one of the disappointed, if such there be, I have attained all the Craft honours I could possibly expect, and

more than I deserve. Far be it from me to suggest that the way to the dais is through the breeches-pocket; but if it were true that those alone should be honoured who have done well for the Craft, can any brother be said to have done thoroughly well for the Craft, be he townsman or countryman, whose name is not in the donation lists of those great institutions which of themselves justify Freemasonry.

Yours faithfully, and fraternally,
A PAST GRAND OFFICER.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to your remarks in your leader as to Lord Burleigh's qualifications for the office of Senior Grand Warden of England, I beg to inform you that his Lordship was admitted to the order in Oxford, that he has held and discharged the duties of the office of Provincial Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, and has been Master of the Apollo Lodge, of Oxford, and is at present its I.P.M. Lord Burleigh is also a member of the Lodge "Alpha," of London, of which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is Master. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and has held high office in his chapter, and he is a thorough master of the blue and red rituals.

In the Grand Lodge of Scotland Lord Burleigh holds the rank of a Provincial Grand Master, being Proxy Provincial Grand Master for Western India.

He is a nobleman of excellent capacity, and an ardent member of the order.

Speaking with some knowledge of circumstances, I think it not unlikely that, at a comparatively early period his lordship will receive the highest honour which the Grand Lodge of Scotland can confer on any one of its members.

The remarks you kindly make on Bro. Platt are in every respect applicable to Lord Burleigh.

Yours fraternally.

S.G.D.

THE LATE EARL OF ZETLAND.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your excellent article on Lord Zetland, you omitted to notice that his Lordship was, in 1870, made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in recognition of his services as G.M. of England. This honour had hitherto been conferred only on crowned heads.

In August, 1870, Lord Zetland was admitted a member of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1, and at that meeting, which his Lordship attended, the Earl of Dalhousie—the then Grand Master of Scotland—placed the badge of honorary membership of Grand Lodge upon his Lordship's breast.

Yours fraternally,

W.M.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with dismay the remarks of Bro. Binckes, reported in your last; and I hasten to ask whether what he has stated be dry probability, or merely a clever blister "applied as before." If the latter, he has my best wishes for as handsome a response at his next festival as the Craft usually accords him. If, however, the House Committee or other governing body have so mismanaged the very proper process of extension of age from fifteen to sixteen as to probably stop all election of fresh boys for a twelvemonth, then I say that those who are responsible are deserving of the severest reprobation. The same extension was not long since carried out by one of the great London Asylums, and having been prepared for, or so to speak discounted, beforehand, caused none of those heart-breaking disappointments that must needs accompany the chilling announcement of "No vacancies for a twelvemonth." One cannot conceive a greater damper on the energies and liberality of those who have worked and paid so freely. *Verbum satis*, (can I add *sapientius*?)

I am, yours very fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

12th May, 1873.

"WITHIN THE CENTRE."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

Will you be good enough to allow me to make the following remark with reference to the answer of Magnus Obren, in No. 216. If the centre be a point, as it undoubtedly is, and a point has no dimension, neither length, nor breadth, nor thickness, how can "within the centre" be a correct phrase.

Yours fraternally,

J.B.

BRO. DR. HODGES, BRO. H., AND BRO. HUGHAN.—RE PROVINCE OF CORNWALL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

My friend and brother, Dr. Hodges, has favoured us with his opinion respecting the points in dispute, and we thank him for his kind and fraternal communication; but as in reality no light is authoritatively shed on the subject, his letter must simply be taken as the belief of a worthy and intelligent Mason.

The Constitutions declare that the Prov. Grand Lodge "ceases to exist on the death, resignation, suspension, or removal of the Provincial Grand Master, until a brother is duly appointed or empowered to perform the functions of Provincial Grand Master by whose authority the Prov. Grand Lodge may be again established."

The points we want elucidated are (a) Is the Provincial Grand Master competent to perform any of the functions of such an office prior to installation. (b) If so, then may such a brother appoint a Deputy Provincial Grand Master by patent. (c) If not, what is a Provincial Grand Master designate permitted to do?

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE EARL OF ZETLAND, M.W., P.G.M.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kind permit me to state that in the article upon the decease of our late Illustrious Brother Lord Zetland, which appeared in *The Freemason* last week, the printer omitted to mark as a quotation a considerable portion of the article, which was written in November, 1869, when Lord Zetland first announced his intention of retiring from the Grand Mastership, and which of course alluded to the lamented decease in the present tense. I may also note that I wrote "phrases" not "praises" in the first sentence, and that one of the concluding paragraphs should have been printed thus, "full of honours—burdened—so to speak—with good wishes, and with the gratifying testimony of a good conscience, the venerable Earl has gone to his rest, &c."

Yours fraternally,
THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

Reviews.

Supplement to Reminiscences of Worcester Lodge, etc., by C. C. Whitney Griffiths, Worcester, 1872. The Historian of Worcester Freemasonry, Bro. Griffiths, has done well to complete his capital account of the origin and progress of the Craft in that ancient city, by the issue of the present supplement, with its carefully prepared rolls of members of the Worcester Lodge, and other Masonic Institutions with which it has been allied (revised to December, 1872). Few better than ourselves can appreciate such a work, as we know practically the labour involved in the preparation of lists of members extending back more than century, and can only express a hope that the brethren in Worcester have already expressed their appreciation of so much zeal and ability being manifested on their behalf. The book however has a value far beyond the walls of their city, and hence we regret to see it has been "privately printed," because its usefulness has thereby been confined to a limited circle.

Masonic Mirror. (San Francisco). A neatly printed monthly, and carefully edited by Bro. A. W. Bishop and his two assistants. Under the

title "A Rare Old Book" Bro. Bishop alludes to a book lately presented to him of the year 1766, printed it is said at Jerusalem, but being in German, we must take this statement to be apocryphal; but the value of the work consists in the fact that one of the degrees, out of the many mentioned, viz., "The Noatracite or Prussian Knight," claims to have been founded by Frederick the Great. Is this any information of use to the Supreme Grand Council, we wonder? Of late the Frederick the Great story has been doubted, but here is a book in 1766 which accepts it!

Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal (New Haven, Conn., U.S.A.) The wonder to us is, how so many magazines pay in the United States? They may be counted almost by dozens! This magazine is unique, however, in its combining music with things Masonic, and so we can quite imagine its circulation will be more extensive than ordinarily falls to the share of exclusively Masonic publications. Several pages of music, and a number also devoted to Freemasonry, should certainly find a patronising public.

Boletim, Brazil. (2nd year, No. 1., Jan.) We notice a short appreciative sketch of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., in this indispensable magazine for the Craft in Brazil, and also an account of the Installation of the Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., as Grand Master. The editor is our learned Bro. Dr. A. F. do Armaval.

Masonic Record of Western India. This magazine is published monthly at Bombay, "under authority," and we are sorry to hear it receives so meagre a support from Masons in that Presidency. The number for March completes the ninth volume, and Bro. Bease, the accomplished editor, in mentioning this fact, informs his readers that "he had little hopes a few months ago of being able to continue the publication . . . but a few well-wishers in different parts of India came to our aid." Take heart again Bro. Bease, do not despair, and seek to bring the journal more before the Fraternity, by appointing trusty agents over the country. Add to its value also by writing more about the History of the Craft, and devote less space to meetings, which as a rule only interest the correspondents, and a few of their friends. Quote from "exchanges" freely, and you are bound to succeed.

Boletim Oficial Dei Oriente de Espana (Madrid). According to the summary on the fly sheet of this *petite* publication, we find there are ninety-one lodges under the Grand Orient of Spain, twenty-four of which are located in the city of Madrid.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town-hall, Rochdale, on Wednesday, the 7th of May, the proceedings being made unusually attractive by the opening and consecration of the magnificent church dedicated to St. Edmund, which has been erected at Falinge, Rochdale, at a cost of £20,000, by the Right Worshipful Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire, and Past Deputy Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire.

At ten o'clock in the morning the Craft Lodge, St. Chads, No. 1129, was opened in the Town-hall, by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. E. W. Gilbert, Vicar of St. Edmund's, assisted by his officers; and after the Lodge had been opened in the three degrees, the R.W. Prov. G.M. (Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie), and his officers entered, and the Lodge was opened in due form.

Amongst those present, in addition to the R.W. Prov. G.M., were Bros. A. H. Royds, R.W. Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, P. Dep. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire; W. R. Callender, Dep. Prov. G.M.; George Mellor, Prov. S.G.W.; John Gibb Smith, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. H. Robinson and Rev. Dr. Cranswick, Prov. G. Chaplains; Samuel Cheetham, Prov. G. Treas.; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Sec.; G. B. Brockbank, Prov. G.S.D.; James Holmes, Prov. J.G.D.; George F. East, Prov. G. Director

of Ceremonies; James Pollitt, Aest. Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; William Barlow, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Thomas Law, Prov. G. Org.; Marshall Taylor, Prov. G. Pursuivant, and a numerous assemblage of Past Provincial Grand Officers, including Bros. J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G.W.; R. Hopwood Hutchinson, P. Prov. G.W.; Rev. J. B. Philips, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. P. C. Nicholson, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. J. Littler, P. Prov. G. Chap.; John Barker, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Charles Tiplady, P. Prov. G. Treas.; J. Handley, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Chas. Heywood, P. Prov. G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P. Prov. G.D.; Isaac W. Petty, P. Prov. G.D.; J. S. Veevers, P. Prov. G.D.; John William Maclure, P. Prov. G.D.; Richard Radcliffe, P. Prov. G.D.; also E. A. N. Royds, Dep. Prov. G.M., Worcestershire; C. J. Vigne, P. Prov. G.M., Somersetshire; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Worcester-shire; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and others.

The roll of lodges was called over, and representatives from the whole of the seventy-seven lodges in the Province were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The Prov. G. Treasurer presented his accounts for the past year, which were adopted and confirmed.

The election of Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year then took place, and on the proposition of the R.W. Bro. A. H. Royds, seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. B. Phillips, Past Prov. G. Chaplain; Bro. Edmund Grundy Heape, P.M. St. Chads, 1129, was elected to that office.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Bros. W. Romaine Callender, Dep. Prov. G. Master; Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds, Prov. S.G. Warden; Rev. J. M. Cranswick, Rev. E. W. Gilbert, G. Chaplains; Edmund Grundy Heape (elected) G. Treasurer; Joshua A. Elliott, G. Registrar; John Tunnah, G. Secretary; Thos. Joseph Lancashire, S.G. Deacon; Herod Turner, J.G. Deacon; Thomas Entwisle, G. Sup. of Works; Jas. Pollitt, G. Dir. of Ceremonies; Robert Whittaker, Assistant Director of Ceremonies; James Holroyd, G. Sword Bearer; Ralph Collingwood, G. Organist; Thomas Hargreaves, G. Pursuivant; R. J. Duckworth, Assistant Pursuivant; Alfred B. Roberts, John Higgin, James Blacka, Charles Grindrod, William Schofield, James Taylor, Prov. G. Steward; William Dawson, Grand Tyler.

On the proposition of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, seconded by Bro. Rev. E. W. Gilbert, Prov. G. Chaplain, a vote of condolence was passed to the R.W. Bro. A. H. Royds and his family on their recent bereavement.

A grant of ten guineas was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Fund.

The business being concluded, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The ceremony of the consecration of the church was fixed to take place at two o'clock in the afternoon, previous to which time the brethren had assembled at the Town-hall, representatives being present from every lodge in East Lancashire—a rather unusual circumstance. A procession was formed in front of the Town-hall, under the direction of the Prov. Grand Director of Cers., and headed by the bands of the local volunteer corps, marched to the church, the route being by Yorkshire-street, Cheetham-street, and Spotland-road. Great interest was manifested in the proceedings. Flags and banners were displayed in great profusion throughout the town, and the streets through which the procession passed was thronged with people, and a large crowd assembled in the immediate vicinity of the church. The Masonic brethren entered the church by the west door, preceded by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers, and there was a crowded congregation. The church is an exceedingly handsome and massive building. There are 470 sittings, one-half of which are free and unappropriated. On the southern side of the chancel there is a private chapel, which is secured to Mr. Royds, his heirs, and assigns, for ever. In the church there is a brass plate,

with the following inscription: "This church was erected for the worship of God, the good of his fellow men, and in memory of his father and mother, by Albert Hudson Royds, of Falinge, 1873."

The Bishop of Manchester, who was accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Anson and Mr. Burder, was met by at the western entrance by Mr. Royds, who presented the petition to his lordship asking him to consecrate the church. His lordship replied that he had very great pleasure in complying with the request. He then entered the church and the consecration service was proceeded with. Evening prayers were said by the Rev. E. W. Gilbert, vicar of Falinge; the first lesson was read by the Rev. Canon Rains, of Milnrow; and the second by the Venerable Archdeacon Anson. The Bishop preached the sermon, after which a collection was made in aid of the Rochdale Infirmary. At the conclusion of the ceremony the procession was reformed, and the brethren returned to the Town-hall, where a grand banquet was held in the evening. About 400 gentlemen sat down to dinner. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master (Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie) presided, and was supported by the Bishop of Manchester, the Very Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. Romaine Callender), and the principal officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

After dinner the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received with great enthusiasm. He next proposed "The Health of the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, Most Worshipful Grand Master," which was received with the usual Masonic honours.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Callender) proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master," which was warmly responded to.

Bro. R. H. Hutchinson proposed "Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master," which was received with great cheering.

The Prov. Grand Master, in responding, said he should always look upon that day with great pride. It was a day associated with many peculiar circumstances. They came to Rochdale that day to honour one who had honoured the Masonic brethren on many occasions by his words and actions, his duties and kindly feeling, and by his Masonic and manly bearing—(cheers)—one who had done a great act; and he (the Grand Master) was happy to say that in that act, while he first of all enumerated the great principle of benevolence to mankind, he also introduced the principles of Freemasonry, true charity and brotherly love—(cheers)—and having come to pay him that respect, he was certain they all sympathised with Bro. Royds, and he felt deeply the affliction which had marked the day and which deprived them of his presence amongst them, (hear, hear). In conclusion he begged to propose the health of one whom they all loved, a man whose like it would be difficult to find, for the kindness of his feeling, the nobleness of his heart, and the generosity of his disposition—(cheers)—"the Worshipful Provincial Deputy Grand Master of this province, William Romaine Callender," (loud cheers).

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Romaine Callender) in rising to respond was received with great cheering. After thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, he said they stood in a most unfortunate position—a position not held by any other body of persons. From the time the Passover was first instituted, divine wisdom anticipated the inquiry of the wandering heathen, and furnished a simple and satisfactory solution of the nature of the great Jewish festival, and from that time forth there never had been a body of men associated together for public or private purposes, men honourable, loyal, and true, who had not the means, if they chose, of explaining their sentiments in public, to appeal to that public for sympathy, and for confidence. But with them it was not so. They were forbidden to solicit adhesions (hear, hear). They were not allowed to explain their mysteries. They were compelled to be subject to the derision, or the contempt, or the scepticism of the

outside world, although everyone amongst them knew that there was no part of their ritual, ceremony, or dress which was not based upon principles the most valuable, and contained lessons the most instructive. (Cheers.) He should not presume to occupy their time that evening, if he were allowed, to lift the veil of secrecy which shrouded their secret ceremonies; but, perhaps, he might be allowed to take the opportunity, in which strangers came amongst them, to indicate two or three of those principles by which Masons ought to be recognised. (Hear, hear.) They had been told in the able discourse to which they had listened that afternoon that the worship of Christianity was distinguished from that of the Chinese and Mexican by certain distinguished and well-known forms, which he would not say were found in every place of worship, but which were found if that place of worship was well cared for; and so there were distinctive marks by which the Mason, if he understood the principles of his order, could not fail to be recognised among men. (Hear, hear.) By common consent they considered that the most important of their duties were those of religion—religion which recognised the power of divine mercy and love, which believed in a future state, which inculcated humility and holiness, which sought to subjugate evil passions, and prompted them, by divine aid, to seek for eternal life. (Cheers.) But they knew that religion was often characterised by dissension and animosity. The history of the Christian Church itself was only too well signalled in bygone times by bigotry and intolerance, while their system was widespread and comprehensive, and embraced men of every sect, and was founded on the dual principle of love to God and love to men—(cheers)—which the great author of the Christian faith declared to be the sum and substance of the decalogue. (Cheers.) Next to religion he apprehended that most men would say that politic duties were most important. With politics in their baser sense—the strife of party, the contention of faction, the intrigues of cliques—they had nothing whatever to do. (Cheers.) Although as freemen, exercising their opinions in a free state, they had the right to form their opinions, and to act upon them, political discussion was not only prohibited, but, he ventured to say, unknown in their lodges. (Cheers.) And however high political animosity might be, he ventured to say that it had never disturbed a Masonic friendship or injured their Masonic ritual. (Cheers.) But in the higher sense, their Masonry was intensely political. Every one who came amongst them was taught to be a peaceable subject in the country in which he might reside, to pay due attention to the laws of the state in which he might live, to remember the allegiance due to the Sovereign of his native land, and, if the inspired writings be true, to serve God and honour the king were the whole duty of man, then they said that Masonry was very synonymous with the apostolic injunction. (Cheers.) This was a commercial country. Nearly everyone there lived by trade. All of them were affected by its progress, and there was no one who was not proud of that good feeling and that reputation which accompanied the name of the British merchant in every part of the world. (Cheers.) But he would ask, what better principles could there be to act upon than those which told every Mason that he should so act that he could always meet on the level and part on the square. (Cheers.) Their private duties were not forgotten. They were reminded, in the most solemn way it was possible to imagine, of that natural equality and mutual dependence which ushered them into this mortal life; they were taught to walk humbly before God, not turning to the right hand or to the left, and that all their movements ought to be guided by prudence, chastened by temperance, supported by fortitude, and guided by justice. (Cheers.) So completely were its precepts interwoven with every feeling of the human heart, that those who knew it best strove to persuade by its beauty and religion. Hundreds of years ago the Christian chivalry of Europe went forth to conquer a small spot of Eastern land, venerated alike by few, Mahomedan, and Christian as the abode of God's

ancient people. They as Masons had the same duty to perform, though their mission had a wider and nobler and more important scope. They sought to rescue from heathen domination, from the laws of tyranny and sin, a small part of the heritage which God gave to men. It was their duty, not by force of arms and wordy strife, but by the more persuasive eloquence of precept and example, to win back that world of love and happiness which their first parents forfeited, and by obedience to the divine law, to recall that glorious time foretold by the Hebrew seer and sung by the Latin poet, that day of universal happiness when the songs of the angels of Bethlehem should be echoed from every heart, and when the Gospel might be not only believed but practically and implicitly obeyed. (Loud cheers.)

The Prov. Grand Master next proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese."

The Bishop of Manchester, in rising to respond, was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering. He was afraid he would not be allowed to call them "brethren"—(laughter)—and he must therefore address them as "gentlemen." (Laughter.) He rose with very great satisfaction to return thanks to them for the very kind and flattering way in which they had received the health of himself and the clergy in general. Indeed, he was more than flattered; he was profoundly affected by the kind and cordial reception they had been pleased to give him. He could only attribute that reception to the fact which Mr. Callender mentioned in his speech—that attachment to religious principle was among their first and fundamental principles of doctrine, and that perhaps they recognised respect to a minister of religion as in a certain sense an expression of those religious principles. (Cheers.) For himself he could unfeignedly say that he wished he could feel himself to be worthy of the only too flattering praise which the Provincial Grand Master, in the fulness of his heart, had been pleased to bestow upon him. He had listened with great pleasure to the eloquent and luminous exposition of the principles of Masonry, so far as they might be indicated to the outer world, which fell from Mr. Callender. He might say that his respect for Masonry had increased in consequence of what he had heard. (Loud cheers.) He said his respect for Masonry, because it seemed to him that every Mason ought, if he was true to the principles of his Craft, be a good Christian, a good citizen, and a good man. (Cheers.) He did not know whether these were entirely convertible terms, and whether every good Christian, every good citizen, and every good man was a Mason; but it was at any rate a satisfaction to know that every Mason ought to unite those three qualities in themselves. (Cheers.) He was now and then favoured by some rather troublesome correspondents, who asked him a great number of petty ecclesiastical questions, which they would find better answered in some Church dictionary. For instance he had been asked why the clergy at certain times during the service turned to the east. He could not do better than refer the correspondent to their Master of Ceremonies, who had been asking them all night to turn their "attention to the east." (Laughter and cheers.) Further he noticed from the titles of the various officers that they must have been at one time an ecclesiastical guild, if not a guild consisting of clergymen. They used the well-known and familiar ecclesiastical titles quite in an ecclesiastical sense, for while in the Church we had the Most Rev. the Archbishop of York, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Manchester—(cheers)—and the Very Rev. the Dean of Manchester, he saw that they had the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, and the Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers and laughter.) These matters were very interesting to him as an outside spectator of the mysteries of Masonry. But putting all playfulness apart, he really thought that Masonry had a number of charities in this country, which were admirably organised and well administered. (Cheers.) They had a real answer to give to the outside world—that any distressed Mason could always go to his fraternity and get relief and be helped from his difficulty. (Cheers.) All he could say was,

that that was an object which justified their existence as a Craft, and if they practised those principles which had been so eloquently enunciated by Mr. Callender—the more Masons they had in Lancashire and in the country the better. (Cheers.) In conclusion, his lordship proposed the health of Albert Hudson Royds, the founder of St. Edmund's Church, Falinge, and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire. (Cheers.) He was sure that Mr. Royds was distressed at not being able to be amongst them that evening, but, under the circumstances, it was impossible that he could be there. He was sure, however, that it would gratify Mr. Royds to be told that his health was received with the warmth and cordiality which it deserved, and to know that his munificent gift to his native town was appreciated by his brother Masons. (Cheers.)

The toast was received with due Masonic honours. Several other toasts followed.

Obituary.

BRO. C. T. ADCOCK.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Bro. C. T. Adcock, of Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, which sad event took place, at his residence at Port Elizabeth, on Sunday, March 23rd.

Bro. Adcock was the fifth son of Mr. Christopher Adcock, one of the British settlers of 1820, was born and brought up in the colony, and had ever since resided there. He was a member of the Good Hope Lodge, No. 863, in which he held office. He was a kind and loving husband and parent, and a good Mason.

His funeral was numerously attended by his sorrowing relatives and friends, amongst whom were a large number of Freemasons, who thus paid their last tribute of respect to his memory.

BRO. W. L. CROSBY.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., the remains of Bro. W. L. Crosby, P.M. of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 155, took place at Smithdown-lane Cemetery, Liverpool, in presence of a large company. Bro. Crosby was for many years treasurer and manager of the Liverpool United Gas Light Company, and in that capacity faithfully fulfilled the duties of his office. Besides the friends of the deceased, there were also present several of the leading gentlemen connected with the company, and the following officers of the 86th L.R.V. (or Press Guard), of which the deceased was a captain:—Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, and Captains Newman, Mawdsley, and Whitney. The arrangements connected with the funeral were conducted by Messrs. Woolright and Co., of Bold-street. The service was admirably read by the Rev. W. Leveson.

BRO. G. H. FRENCH.

On Sunday evening, the 4th inst., after a short illness, Bro. George Henry French, for some time engaged as *maitre de ballet* at the Theatre Royal, Liverpool, passed away at the age of 53. Bro. French was formerly known all over the country by his association with Mr. Harvey in "The Nerves;" and latterly he had distinguished himself by his exceedingly clever and artistic management of the ballet arrangements at the Royal. He last appeared in a capital ballet called "The Electric Spark," and the burlesque of "The Corsican Brothers," on Monday, the 28th ult., and was seized with sudden illness on the following day, and died at his residence in Brownlow-street, on Sunday evening, the immediate cause of death being erysipelas in the head. Bro. French was not only a clever artiste, but an exceedingly able writer, both in poetry and prose. His urbanity, kindness of disposition, and honesty of character secured for him a large amount of respect, which was clearly evinced by an attendance of about 200 at his funeral on Thursday the 8th inst., at Smithdown-lane cemetery. Nearly every one connected with the Theatre Royal was present, from the proprietors to the humblest servant of the establishment, and amongst the

general company were representatives from the Alexandra Theatre, Amphitheatre, New Star Music Hall, St. James's Hall, and nearly all the other places of amusement in the town. Several brethren present threw sprigs of acacia and myrtle into the grave, and every one present showed the greatest sympathy for the memory of the deceased. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Bros. Brumby, Fox, and others, and Bro. C. Smithers, scenic artist at the "Royal," took special interest in organising the day's affecting proceedings.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 23, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, May 17th.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, Nightingale Tavern, Wood Green.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Town Hall, Hackney.
- Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, May 19th.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Arkside Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155 Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, May 20.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.

" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

" 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 704, Camden, York and Albany, Gloucester-gate, Regents-park.

" 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.

Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, May 21.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6 o'clock.

Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, at 8.

" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.

" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.

" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

" 1365, Clapton, Old Town Hall, Hackney.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, May 22.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.

" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate.

Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.

" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, May 23rd.

House Committee Boys' School at 4.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.

" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

" 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-street, St. Luke's.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30 Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c. For the Week ending Saturday, May 24, 1873.

- Monday, May 19th. Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6. Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30. Tuesday, May 20th. Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. " 1276, Warren Lodge, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6. Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7. Wednesday, May 21st. Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 7.30. " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6. " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5. Chapter 298, Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk, at 4. Thursday, May 22nd. Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6. " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6. Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7. Chapter of Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW. For the week ending Saturday, May 24, 1873.

- Monday, May 19th. Lodge 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st. St. Mungo Encampment, Knights Templar, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. Tuesday, May 20th. Lodge 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st. Wednesday, May 21st. Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick. Thursday, May 22nd. Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st. Friday, May 23rd. " 109, Sir Wm. Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

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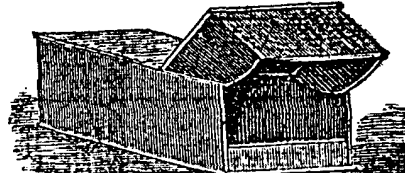
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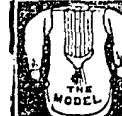
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" Jenkins... ..	675
" Heathcote	663
" Bower	645
" Walker... ..	565
" *Howell... ..	532
" *Jukes	428
" *Thornton	426
" *Miles	265
" *Stewart... ..	124

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	VOTES.
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" Tidswell	7
" Hodgson	28
" Wreyford	5
" Radmore	1

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BEDFORD LODGE (No. 157).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, the lodge was opened at one o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. James Brander. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and unanimously confirmed, apologies were received from the candidates who were unavoidably absent. Some formal business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, North Woolwich Gardens, where it was arranged to have their Summer Banquet. The proprietor, Bro. William Holland, the Immediate Past Master of the lodge, was present to receive his guests. After an agreeable turn round the gardens, which looked well and promising, the banquet was announced. The table was splendidly laid out, and a princely repast served, everything in and out of season being placed before the brethren. There were present during the evening Bros. James Brander, W.M.; J. T. Briggs, S.W.; L. J. Drew, J.W.; J. Hills, P.M., Sec.; W. Follitt, S.D.; R. A. Kelly, I.G.; S. Millis, P.M.; W. Holland, P.M.; H. Treadway, G. T. Silcock, W. R. Gill, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. H. Baylis, P.M. 9; E. Coste, P.M. 9; S. H. Barnett, W.M. 95; G. S. Ayres, P.M. 95; F. Walters, P.M. 73; T. Meekham, P.M. 619; and many others. Many ladies, wives and daughters of the members, also graced the board with their presence. After dinner was over a magnificent dessert was served, apricots, cherries, and other fruits were provided in profusion. The business of the evening was then proceeded with, and some toasts were given, but a wise discretion was used in their selection. The great event of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Wm. Holland of a massive 18-carat gold Past Masters' Jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds at the previous meeting. On its back it has the following inscription, viz.:—"Presented by the brethren of the Bedford Lodge (No. 157) to Bro. W. Holland, P.M., as a testimony of their fraternal regard and for his zeal in the interest of the lodge during the year he presided over it.—March, 1873." The W.M., in a neat speech, made the presentation, and the recipient, Bro. W. Holland, P.M., in an appropriate speech, expressed his gratitude for the handsome and costly present. The toast of "The Visitors," was responded to by Bros. Ayres and Walters, the latter brother praised the splendid reception given to them, the admirable manner in which every thing was served, and congratulated the lodge on having one of their Past Masters selected for office in Grand Lodge. He alluded to the appointment of Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.M., as the A.G. Purst., which he considered was a well deserved compliment to the lodge, and a just tribute of respect to a very worthy Mason. Bros. Coste and Baylis also made appropriate replies. Songs from brethren, all accompanied on the piano the piano by Miss Annie Mills, passed the time in an agreeable manner, Mrs. Holland also presided at the piano, and proved herself an accomplished performer.

Tea and coffee having been served, the ladies and brethren took their departure for town, all were well pleased, and expressed the gratification they felt in having spent such a happy reunion. We can with confidence recommend Bro. Holland's hotel and gardens to any lodge seeking to have a Summer Festival.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Wednesday, 14th instant, on which occasion, on account of the death of the M.W. Past Grand Master, the lodge was put into mourning. The W.M., Bro. W. Fleming, occupied the chair, and was supported by Past Masters J. Daniel Moore, P.G.S.B. England; J. L. Whimpray; Edmund Simpson, Secretary; Edward Storey; Bros. E. Airey, S.W.; Robert Gregson, J.W.; R. Jervis, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; Duff, I.G.; and a number of brethren. The W.M. moved that a resolution expressive of the regret of the brethren at the lamented death of the Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, M.W.P.G.M. of England, be entered on the minutes of the lodge, together with a thankful acknowledgement and recognition of the valuable services he had for upwards of a quarter of a century rendered to the Craft. This was seconded by Bro. Moore, and seconded unanimously. Some other business was transacted, and two candidates proposed for initiation, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The brethren assembled at the Freemason's Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., on which occasion there were present,—Bros. Clement Stretton, Prov. G.W., W.M.; A. Palmer S.W.; W. Weare, P.M., Treas.; J. M. McAllister, Sec.; C. E. Stretton, J.D.; S. Tebbut, Org.; W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M.; Rev. W. Langley, P. Prov. G.S.W.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G.S.; W. Sculthorpe, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. Halford, W.M. 1391, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. John Bramley was passed to the second degree. An interesting feature in the business of the meeting was the initiation of Mr. John Fowke Montague Rolleston, a grandson of the late Sir F. G. Fowke Bart, whose distinguished Masonic career, extending over a period of forty years, receives prominent notice in Bro. Kelly's History of this Province. The pure and unsophisticated principles of Freemasonry were inculcated by Bro. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M.; assisted by Bro. W. Sculthorpe, P.M. During the period of refreshment the musical element was admirably sustained by Bros. S. Tebbut, Org.; A. Palmer, S.W.; T. A. Wykes, and R. Taylor. The toast of the W.M. was introduced with high encomiums on his administration of lodge business, and was enthusiastically responded to by the brethren.

BANBURY.—Cherwell Lodge (No. 599).—This Lodge met at the Red Lion Hotel, on Monday evening, the 12th instant. There were present—Bros. Pemberton, P.M., who, in the absence of the W.M., occupied the chair; Bro. R. Havers, P.M., who filled the chair of the absent S.W.; Bro. Grillin, P.M., who filled the chair of the J.W., who was also absent; Bro. Looker, P.M., Secretary; Bro. Humphrey, I.G.; and Bro. Foster. The Lodge was opened, and Bro. Pemberton proposed, and Bro. Havers seconded, its adjournment until the Monday nearest the full moon in January, 1874. No opposition was shown to this, and it was carried. The lodge was then closed. This was the first lodge held since the installation of the present Master, in February last. At the next lodge, in January next, it will be its duty to elect a Master for the then ensuing year.

BRADFORD.—Harmony Lodge (No. 600).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of Bro. C. F. Unna, W.M. There was a large muster of the brethren. Bro. S. O. Bailey, P.M., P. Prov. S. of W., owing to press of private business engagements, resigned the office of Secretary, which he had filled for eleven years, with the greatest satisfaction to the brethren, and advantage to the lodge. The ceremonies of one passing and two raisings were gone through by the W.M. in that excellent and most efficient style of working which has characterised him during his year of office,

and which, coupled with his unrivalled courtesy and hospitality, has endeared him to all the brethren of his lodge, as well as to those of the province who have been favoured by his acquaintance. Bros. Wright, P.M., and Beanland, P.M., assisted in the ceremonies. Bro. C. D. Unna, W.M., alluding to the death of the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., said: "It would ill become us to meet this evening without giving expression to our feelings of extreme regret at the decease of our M.W. P.G.M., and thus evince the sentiments of esteem and regard in which he was held by us. I feel convinced that the announcement of the death of our P.G.M., must have struck a painful chord in the breast of every brother who has come in contact with him, and brought home to each the thought of the transitory nature of this worldly existence, and the evanescence of all things lovely or noble. He was indeed a noble man, noble not alone in name, but in nature, a worthy Mason, and a worthy man, one who in all the relations of life carried out those purest of Masonic principles which tend not alone to make a good Mason, but a good true gentleman. The eclat which he imparted to the proceedings in connection with the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of our St. George's Hall will be in the memory of all of you, as well as the geniality by which he won the kindly feeling of all present at the banquet on that occasion. Masonically, and in the outer world he presented to us an example of what a Mason and a man ought to be, and when we shuffle off this mortal coil, may we leave behind us as many regretful hearts, as many admirers and friends as this our brother who has gone to join the Grand Lodge above. "The lodge was ordered to be put in mourning, and after the conclusion of other business adjourned."

PONTEFRACT.—St. Oswald Lodge (No. 910).—At an emergency meeting of this lodge, a large gathering of the members assembled to meet Bro. Bentley Shaw, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and to ascertain from him the views of Grand Lodge in respect to an important application that had issued from the Castleford brethren. A memorial a short time since was forwarded to the Marquess of Ripon, M.W. Grand Master, signed by all, or nearly all, of the brethren residing at Castleford, praying for the grant of a Warrant of Constitution for a new lodge to be held at that place, and called the Prince of Wales Lodge. As the establishment of this lodge would withdraw a considerable number of members from the parent lodge, the change was not regarded with favour by the remaining members, as the tendency of the alteration would, it is presumed, create two comparatively weak lodges in place of one now enjoying a strong and vigorous existence. The Castleford brethren were very careful in disclaiming any intention on their part that their application imputed any misunderstanding or complaint as the foundation of their wishes, but that it arose simply from motives of personal inconvenience, occasioned by the distance which they resided from the lodge. Bro. Bentley Shaw, after patiently listening to the representations of all parties *pro* and *con*, promised to communicate to the Grand Master impartially what had been told him, but in the meantime it was not considered by the Grand Master expedient to grant an additional lodge at Castleford, but the subject was one which might another time be further considered and discussed. At the conclusion of lodge business, the brethren entertained Bro. Bentley Shaw D.P.G.M. of W.Y., and other friends, at dinner; at the Dragon Hotel. when between 40 and 50 of the brethren sat down to excellent dinner, supplied by Mrs. Saltmer in her best style. At the conclusion of dinner the various loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, the musical part being under the superintendance of Bro. Dr. Spark, who, as his wont, presided with great skill at the piano-forte, and introduced several appropriate pieces from the "Freemason's Liber Musicus," while several brethren favoured the company with their vocal efforts to the enjoyment and edification of all present.

LEIGH LODGE (No. 957).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when the retiring

Master, Bro. Kelso, installed, in admirable style, Bro. John Diprose in the chair. Bro. Diprose then appointed the following brethren as his officers:—C. Wootton, S.W.; Nixon, J.W.; M. Edersheim, Treasurer and W.S.; C. A. Cottebrune, Secretary; Cobham, S.D.; Arthur Wootton, J.D.; Schoeltensack, I.G.; and Woodstock, T. Afterwards the brethren sat down to banquet, at which the W.M. was supported by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; John Hervey, G.S.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Bros. W. Hilton, John Smith, Geo. Pymm, and many others. The W.M., in giving the various toasts, did so with commendable brevity, expressing nevertheless the greatest warmth and heartiness in the subject of his respective addresses. The Grand Master and the Prince of Wales he eulogised in terms of honest praise, and spoke of the great exertions they had made for the good of Masonry. The death of the Earl of Zetland he alluded to with feelings of sorrow, and desired that the toast of "The Past Grand Master" might be drunk in silence. The toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," drew from him his thanks to the many Grand Officers who had honoured him with their company, all of whom he named individually, the services each had rendered to the Craft, and the peculiar gratification it was to him to entertain them. The Rev. R. J. Simpson, responding for Lord Carnarvon and himself, congratulated the lodge on having a brother in it who could work the installation ceremony so perfectly as Bro. Kelso, and he trusted that many brethren would emulate the excellent example he had set. It was a pleasure to him to see a W.M. instal his successor, and it was a thing that ought always to be done. Eighteen years ago he attempted the same feat himself, and he should have been most happy if he had done it as well as Bro. Kelso. He then touchingly alluded to the death of Lord Zetland, who had presided for a quarter of a century over the Craft. He also took occasion to draw the attention of the brethren to the shortness of their days, and advised them to exhibit that truest sense, a preparation for their end whenever it might come. Bro. John Hervey also responded, and was followed by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, who informed the brethren of the great success of the Masonic charitable festivals this year, each of which had collected over £7,000. Bro. Cottebrune also replied. Bro. Kelso proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., in reply, said it was such an exalted position he was occupying for the first time that he felt rather nervous, but he could not allow the opportunity to pass without thanking the brethren for having placed him in that position, and without assuring them that he should do his best to deserve the confidence they had shown. He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and presented Bro. Kelso with a magnificent P.M. jewel, which he said had been most fairly earned, as Bro. Kelso had always performed his duties to the satisfaction of every one of his brethren. Bro. Kelso responded very briefly, and thanked the brethren most for their magnificent recognition of his services. The other toasts were then given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. Some lovely music was performed by Bros. Edersheim, Creswick, and other brethren, and an evening which any visitor must have been proud of was spent by the company; the greatest cordiality and hospitality was bestowed on the visitors, and the Leigh Lodge proved itself not inferior to any other on the roll of Grand Lodge of England.

WARRINGTON.—*The Gilbert Greenall Lodge* (No. 1250).—The regular meeting of this flourishing young Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, when the W.M. (Bro. Hawkins) presided, and was supported by the S.W. (Bro. Pollitt), the J.W. (Bro. Brierly), and the rest of the officers. There were also present—Bros. Woods, P.M.; Richardson, P.M.; Mossop, P.M.; Finney, P.M. (Hon. Sec.); and a goodly number of other brethren. After the ordinary routine and other business, the brethren proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The ballot was taken in the usual form, and proved in favour of Bro. Pollitt, S.W. We congratulate Bro. Pollitt on his elevation to so distinguished a position.

URTON.—*Upton Lodge* (No. 1227).—On Thursday, the 15th inst., was held a thorough business evening at this active and prosperous lodge. Present:—Bros. English, W.M.; Bratton, S.W.; Chidley, J.W.; Wayland, Treas.; Goddard, P.M. Sec.; Leveck, S.D.; Holtham, J.D.; Slee, I.G.; Pickering, P.M.; Bolton, P.M.; Mather, P.M.; Bellerby, P.M.; Posener, Cohen, Smith, Brown, Gundelfruger, Owen, Kirby, Grover, and numerous other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Stevens, P.M. and Sec. Doric; Watton, Doric; Johnstone, 1000. Mr. F. Holl was initiated; Bros. Kinnear, Isaacs, Tremlett, and Walton, passed; Bro. Witherstone raised; Bro. Bellerby resigned, and elected honorary member. A more impressive speech than that delivered by Bro. Bellerby on his being compelled by Government appointment to retire from this, his beloved lodge (of which he was the leading founder,) could scarcely be made. Excellent orations followed, by Bros. Bolton, Mather, and Owen. The proceedings terminated in the usual Masonic manner, saving that there were no festivities, owing to the recent death of the late Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of England, whose memory was recalled and great virtues affectionately extolled by Bro. English, the Worshipful Master.

RED HILL.—*Royal Albert Edward Lodge* (No. 1362).—This lodge met at the Town Hall on the 10th instant. There were present Bros. E. E. Meakin, W.M.; William Finlay, S.W.; A. Kelsey, J.W.; J. Clement, J.D.; J. Adam Acton, J.D.; William Kemp, I.G.; F. J. Besley, P.M. Secretary; Charles Joseph Smith, P.M. and W.M. 416, P.M.; J. H. Drinkwater, Organist; Henry Gee, P.M. 1003; J. Wood, P.M. 1149; R. W. Morrison, S.W. 416; with members and visitors, were present. The minutes being read and confirmed. Bro. W. B. Waterlow, J.P., having shewn efficiency in the F.C. degree, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Wheatley, P.M., as joining member, and Henry Bull as a candidate for the M. and P. of the Masonic Order, which was unanimous. Mr. Bull then passed through the ordeal, and was congratulated on being made an E.A. Other formalities being attended to, brought the meeting to a close.

Royal Arch.

BRADFORD.—*Chapter of Charity* (No. 302).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street, on Monday, the 19th inst., Comp. W. Beanland, M.E.Z., presiding. Bro. Saml. P. Firth, of the Pentalpha, 974, was exalted. The officers for the ensuing year were invested, namely, Comps. Wm. Beanland, M.E.Z.; Sugden, H.; Evans, J.; Hutchinson, N.; Broughton, S.E.; Andrews, P.S.; Farrar, Treas.; Proctor and Best, Assist. S. After business, the M.E.Z. invited all present to favour him with their presence in the refreshment-room, where they were entertained by him to a most sumptuous dinner. Comp. W. Beanland, M.E.Z., was supported by a large muster of companions, including the following distinguished visitors:—Comps. Ahrens, M.E.Z. Sincerity, 600; Dewhurst, F. C. Unna, J. Beanland, Althorpe, Mouckman, and Metcalf. The evening proved one of the most agreeable and interesting ones that this chapter has had, and the enjoyment was greatly increased by the excellent harmony volunteered by Comps. Unna, Jer, Rhodes, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Chapter* (No. 1086).—This chapter held its usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Thursday, the 24th April. There were present:—Comps. T. Chesworth, M.E.Z.; J. C. Lunt, H.; Geo. de la Perrelle, J.; Wm. Archer, P.Z., Treas.; P. Armstrong, S.E.; John Lunt, P.Z., and a large attendance of companions. The visitors were Comps. Banning H. 823; and E. T. Jones, 220. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Rev. C. R. Hyde, *L.L.D.*, and Bro. W. T. Warhurst, for exaltation, and Comp. Curtis, Chapter 220, for joining, who were duly elected. Bros. Rev. Dr. Hyde and Warhurst being present, were duly exalted of the degree of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, by Comp. Lunt, P.Z., Comp. Archer

acting as P. Soj. and Comp. Banning as S.N. The Historic, Symbolic and Mystical lectures were given by Comps. Lunt, P.Z.; J. C. Lunt, H.; and Geo. de la Perrelle, J., each lecture being given in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Raw was proposed for exaltation, Comp. Jones for joining. There being no other business, the chapter was closed, and the companions retired for refreshment.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69) held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 13th inst., Comp. T. D. Humphries, *Ph. D.*, M.A., Z., presiding, assisted by Comps. J. Crabb, Z. of 50, P.G.S.N. as H.; H. Park, Z. of 122, as J.; J. Campbell, Scribe E.; and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, acting as P.S. A Mark Lodge having been opened, Bro. Charles A. Goldsmith, *M.D.*, was regularly advanced to that degree. A lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened, when the same gentleman was initiated into its mysteries, and subsequently, with Bro. Cumming, exalted into the Holy Royal Arch. Comp. Crabb at the request of the M.E.Z., acting as 1st Principal, the Chapter was duly closed. At refreshment, Comp. Goldsmith, who is an American Mason, and has visited numerous lodges in both hemispheres, expressed himself highly gratified at the impressive manner in which all the ceremonies had been rendered, as well as the fraternal feeling exhibited by Scotch Arch Masons in coming forward so readily to assist each other in working.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Chapter Unity* (No. 73) held an emergency meeting to exalt Bro. Robert Ross, of Lodge 73, who was about to proceed to Japan. Comp. G. McDonald, M.E.Z. presided, assisted by G. W. Wheeler, H., John Donaldson acting as J. and J. Hanbrige as S.E. A Mark Lodge was opened with J. Bannerman, M.S.W. and T. Stewart Develin. The chapter having been opened in consequence of the absence of the three Sojourners, Comp. Wheeler left the chair of H., to act as 1st S., and the degree of Excellent Master, was given previous to the exaltation of Comp. Ross. Though this was only the second time of the M.E.Z. giving the whole three degrees the companions were highly pleased with his very efficient working.

THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

(Continued from page 256, Vol. 5.)
FIFTH ARTICLE.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The future constitution of the Board of General Purposes is a subject that requires very careful and dispassionate consideration.

As at present existing, the Board consists of a Past Master from each of the Dublin lodges, now numbering upwards of thirty; and of certain of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, the latter, however, being, to a certain extent, only permitted to attend and vote at the sittings.

In the proposed new laws, it is contemplated, in the first instance, to change the permissive character of Provincial representation by arranging that "One representative from each of the Provincial Grand Lodges, such representative being any one of its four principal officers," shall form an integral portion of the Board.

It is also intended to reduce the representation of the Dublin lodges by about one-half, the metropolitan contingent being, on the proposed new board, composed of fifteen Past Masters, elected, by an internal ballot, from the total number sent forward by the lodges of the "Dublin district"—one for each such lodge.

There has undoubtedly been, for some considerable time past, a feeling existing—and, I think, strengthening—among our Provincial brethren, that the members of Dublin lodges enjoyed too much preponderance in the government of the Order; and, as a fact, the entire working of the Board rested in the hands of the Dublin members, the presence of any Provincial representative being almost, if not quite, an unknown phenomenon. At the same time, it should be borne in mind that Dublin, being "the seat of government," naturally monopolise

a large portion of the executive power of the Order; and that the attendance of those Provincial Grand Officers, who were entitled to a seat at the Board, could hardly be expected, when the loss of time, and the expenses involved in a monthly visit to the metropolis are taken into account.

The problem we have to solve is, how to secure an adequate and actual representative of the provinces at the Dublin Board, without impairing the power, or weakening its efficiency.

It seems to me that the solution is a very simple one. In the first place, let the Provincial Representatives be, not "Provincial Grand Officers" who are usually appointed because of their social standing and position, as much as, or more than, because of their Masonic zeal and ability, but brethren elected by the Provincial members, either from those brethren subscribing to lodges in their district, or from brethren resident in Dublin, as may seem most fit and desirable.

By those means a full representation of the provinces can always be relied on. If a Province selects a brother resident in the country, to represent it, it can easily elect one whose time is sufficiently at his own disposal to enable him to attend regularly to his duties, and the expenses attendant on his monthly visits to Dublin can of course be borne by the district he represents. If on the other hand, they choose to nominate a resident in Dublin, and there are few Provinces which do not possess several Dublin residents who were once members of provincial lodges, the question is very much simplified as to the time required, and entirely disposed of as regards the expense. I would not of course wish to be understood as limiting the power of nominating a resident in Dublin as Provincial Representative to those who are, or have been, members of provincial lodges. Any brother eligible to represent a Dublin lodge should be eligible to represent a province, should a province think fit to appoint him to that office.

It would be necessary to reduce the numbers of the Dublin Members of the Board if the above arrangement were adopted, in about the proportion suggested in the new laws. By doing so there would be no danger of its being unwieldy in numbers, as the total would be less than as at present constituted, and the proportion of Dublin and Provincial Representatives would be very nearly balanced.

I would however be inclined to suggest that the mode of appointing the Dublin members should be somewhat different from that proposed.

A better plan, I submit would be, to require each Dublin Lodge to send forward to Grand Lodge the names of two P.M.'s and from the total number so sent, let Grand Lodge elect by ballot, fifteen members to serve on the Board. The election could be so arranged as to time, as to enable the nominees of the Provincial Lodges to be selected from the unelected brethren, if such should in any case be found desirable.

By this means the Board of General Purposes might be made a more truly representative body, and the Order at large would probably have more confidence in its operations that would be attained by the plan proposed by the new laws.

It must not be forgotten that the rulings of the Board must, in essential matters, be confirmed by Grand Lodge before they can take effect.

The powers of the Board are increased in some respects by the proposed new laws, but as there is the right of appeal from their decision within a certain time, this will most likely be found an improvement in the administration.

THE CHARITIES OF THE ORDER.

The official Charities of the Order are the Fund administered by the Committee of Charity and Inspection, the Female Orphan School, and the Male Orphan School.

The latter institution does not figure in the proposed new laws; but this is clearly attributable to its very recent formation, and the omission will, of course, be rectified in completing the new code of laws.

The Committee of Charity and Inspection consists of the Grand Officers and the Masters for the time being of the Dublin lodges. Their duty is twofold. They form a board of inspection, by which all the candidates passed by the

subordinates Dublin lodges (Grand Master's Lodge excepted) must be approved of prior to initiation; and they also administer certain funds provided for charitable purposes.

The meetings of the Board are held twice in each month, the first on the day succeeding the meeting of Grand Lodge, and the second a fortnight later. This last meeting is for the purpose of approving candidates only, and the attendance is usually not "plethoric." At the first monthly meeting the charity funds are distributed, by usually a large board, the members subsequently dining together.

It has been considered by some members of the Order that the dinner of this board could be dispensed with; but, on reflection, it will be found that such a change would be most injudicious. In the first place, no advantage would accrue to the Charity Fund, as the Masters' dinners are nearly paid for by special half-yearly dues exacted from the lodges for that particular purpose. Those monthly dinners are, moreover, useful in bringing together, in a social manner, brethren who might otherwise form but slight acquaintances; and no charge of extravagance can well be brought against them, as, while they are "full and plenty" in their providing, they are free from that costly profusion that swells the price of our "installation" banquets to absurd proportions; and they set an example of "refreshment meetings," that might well be imitated by the individual lodges.

The fund at the disposal of the Charity Board is an exceedingly meagre one. For a long series of years past it has been limited to eight pounds monthly; and when the number of applications—in nearly every instance deserving ones—are taken into consideration, it will be seen that the funds available are miserably inadequate. There is, at present, an endeavour to "strengthen the hands" of the committee, by obtaining subscriptions from the various lodges, in addition to the grant from Grand Lodge; and several of the subordinate lodges have intimated their willingness to contribute annually sums, that in the aggregate, would swell the fund to a more commensurate amount. The new laws seek to impose on the various lodges in Ireland a capitation tax of one shilling annually for each subscribing member, to be especially applied to the Charity Fund.

I am sorry to know that our Provincial brethren intend to oppose this trifling impost, I believe on the ground that they object to give to a body located in Dublin the administration of funds levied generally on the Order. It should, however, be borne in mind that very few of the applications are from Dublin brethren or their dependants, and that full consideration is given to each case, no matter from what quarter the application comes, a principle most properly extended under the proposed new law by enabling the board to relieve applicants holding under Foreign Grand Lodges. The existing rule rendering eligible for relief only those claiming under the Irish constitution.

Practically the effect of the existing system is, that when a case is favourably considered by the board of charity, the sum granted is so small as to be of little real permanent use. The largest grant in their power to make, is a sum of five pounds to any individual at any one time. A larger grant, in the rare instance where it is recommended, must be made directly from the Grand Lodge funds, on a regular notice of motion to that effect. When a case does arise that calls for the exercise of their relieving power to the full extent, the sum left from the monthly grant, viz., three pounds, is quite insufficient to meet the other calls on their consideration, which must be either dismissed, held over, or relieved by grants, which if the subject was not so painful, would be absolutely ludicrous in their attenuation. Another injurious effect of their inability to cope with the urgency of cases presented is, that a grant from the board of charity being recognised as a proof of the deserving nature of the application, those who have received but a small and most inadequate measure of relief are induced to try and increase that measure by an appeal to the individual lodges, who usually respond very fairly to really worthy cases, and thus in some instances, unfortunately a systematic "begging" for relief is initiated and en-

couraged, the result being, as can be well understood, most demoralising and injurious to the funds and interests of the Order. There is no doubt that there is room for considerable improvement in the administration of such portion of the funds of the order as are devoted to charitable purposes, and I believe our brethren in other parts of the world are far in advance of us in the system, by which they test the genuineness of all applications, and the worthiness of all applicants, and, having ascertained that worth, by the promptitude and liberality with which those claims are met. Niggardliness is not our national feeling, and I am sure if our machinery worked equally well, we would not be behind any other branch of the great Masonic family in "relieving the distresses, soothing the afflictions, and in all things doing unto others as we would they should do to us."

Meanwhile, let us do the best we can with what we have, and not let petty local jealousies stand in the way of making our means of usefulness in some degree proportioned to the wealth and position of the Order to which we have the honour to belong.

I had intended going, at some length, into the working of our Schools, but the subject suggests so many points for consideration that I prefer merely touching on it here, possibly reserving for a future opportunity more detailed expression of opinion on various points incidentally involved. In a general way, both Institutions are admirably managed, and the time is, I think, rapidly approaching when our Boys' School will be placed on the same footing as its older companion, the Girls' School, by having a "local habitation" as well as name. While however we have reason to rejoice at the success of both Institutions, so far, I do not think we ought to be very jubilant over them till we can proclaim to friends and foes alike, that the ballot for admission of candidates no longer exists, that every deserving case obtains admission as a right, a result that would be easily attainable if they received that general support they so much deserve, a result that the numbers, intelligence, respectability, and wealth of our ancient Order justify us in expecting.

JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH,
P.M. Commercial Lodge, 245, Dublin.

Original Correspondence.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me, through the medium of your excellent paper, to express my full concurrence with the opinions of my friend, Bro. Hughan, and Bro. "H. H." Knight Templarism, if not Masonic, is simply something with which, we, as Masons, have nothing to do, and we should uphold our dignity as Masons best, by now repudiating all connection with a society which has first usurped a chivalrous title, and to support that, made use of Freemasonry as a bolster. I cannot help thinking that the best interest of our order will be served by cutting off all such excrescences as the quasi-Masonic Chivalric Orders. I am convinced the best friends of Masonry will agree that they are quite unnecessary, and frequently most injurious to legitimate Craft Masonry. I believe with Bro. Hughan that many Freemasons will, now the Masonic prefix is most properly abandoned, rather leave the ranks than act a lie by claiming to be the lineal descendants of the original Knights Templar. An immense amount of research has been given, and a great deal of unnecessary and useless erudition wasted in the endeavour to establish such a claim. I cannot agree with "Devoniensis" (May 10th) who thinks that all the Crusader Knights were Freemasons. Indeed it is most fervently to be hoped that they were not, and in fact they behaved in numerous instances, so disgracefully and un-Masonically, one to the other, as to prove they were not all Masons. Bro. "Devoniensis" believes himself a lineal descendant of the ancient Knights Templar, and would not disconnect the modern order from Masonry, because, the R. A. is to a certain extent a guarantee of the eligibility for the candidate. I take that it may in a measure be a guarantee for his respectability.

Bro. "Devoniensis" would like in addition some social qualification, and I would suggest that the Order carried out one of the main principles of the ancient Order, and be all sworn to celibacy. I wonder what one of the old Templars would think of some of the present encampments, could he awake and visit one, and find it composed principally of men, who though excellent Masons, were carrying on (I trust successfully) the business of apothecaries, tailors, shoemakers, lawyers, and in fact a mixture of all trades and professions! He would, I doubt not, retire with very unmixt feelings.

Our esteemed brother, who signs himself a "Masonic Student" is justly proud of his position as a simple Craftsman; like him, I accept, *ex mio corde*, the universality of Freemasonry, and cannot see my way clear to accept, either Masonically or historically, what are technically called the "high grades," especially after reading the concluding portions of Bro. Yarker's "Speculative Masonry." Bro. Yarker, who can put after his name a string of high-sounding titles in every degree up to the 33rd, tells us that there is an immense amount of learning developed in the higher degrees, but that their advantages is a vexed question, and which, if Freemasonry could be conducted on its old principles, would be useless, as the whole of the learning which they are designed to convey is latent in the three degrees of Craft Masonry. The modern Knights Templar have, vulgarly speaking, not a leg to stand upon. They cannot possibly be a chivalric body, and they are not Masonic. I would, therefore, give them the homely advice frequently given in my county, to "let the old hare sit;" and I trust the Masonic prefix never will, in any possible form, be revived.

With regard to the complaint of Bro. "H. H.," that in the province to which he has the honour to belong, no restriction is placed on the wearing of badges of unrecognised degrees in some lodges in that province, he must know that the remedy is in his own hands. Now, of course, the Knight Templar badges cannot be worn; having relinquished their Masonry in Knight Templarism, they have not even the shadow of the claim they latterly perhaps imagined themselves to have. I would advise Bro. "H. H.," on every occasion of such an openly acknowledged contempt for the Book of Constitutions, to ask the W.M. of the lodge in which it occurs to direct the attention of the brethren of the lodge to pages 19, 68, and 115 of the the Book of Constitutions. Should the W.M. refuse to perform the duty he has sworn to on his installation, our Bro. would be remiss in his duty to the Craft did he not complain in writing to the Provincial Grand Master of his District.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,
HERBERT B. HODGES, P.M., P.Z.,
P. Prov. S.G.W. Herts.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of "Devoniensis," in reply to my queries on this subject, is such a curious medley of inaccuracies and irrelevancies, that I have waited to see if some more logical correspondent would vouchsafe a reply which should be plain, and free from assumptions and unproved assertions. Any attempt to discuss the aforesaid assumptions, or to dissect the illogicalities of the letter in question, would only lead me away from the real point at issue; and I respectfully decline to yield to the temptation.

The question I have asked is a very plain one, and only needs an answer of yes or no. I have asked it bona fide, and have signed my name to it. It may be politic, but it is not fraternal to withhold a straightforward answer.

Let me briefly restate the point at issue. I ask, are the two expressions "a Masonic Body," and "a Body composed of Masons" absolutely convertible, or equivalent terms?

Of course the old, but inaccurate reply is ready, that "The rose by any other name, will smell as sweet." But in this case, I think that the change of title is not the mere giving of a new name to the rose, leaving its original scent unaltered, but it also involves a great change of principle. Instead of a body of which Masonry was the vital essence, we have a body to which

Masonry is a secondary appendage. We were all obligated to the former body. Do our obligations necessarily pass on to the new body?

The "Rosicrucian Society of England" lays down the following fundamental definition. "The Society of Brethren of the Rosy Cross is totally independent, being established on its own basis, and, as a body, is not otherwise connected with the Masonic Order, than by having its members selected from that fraternity." This position is straightforward, and intelligible. If the present rulers of the Order of the Temple intend to adopt a similar standpoint, let them tell us so in an equally straightforward manner; and then we can all elect for ourselves whether we will transfer our allegiance to the new body, which claims to be what we don't believe that it really is, or ever can become.

I am Sir, and Brother fraternally yours,
P. H. NEWNHAM.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Being very much astonished to hear at the last meeting of N. G. Priory that Lord Eliot had resigned the Order of the Temple, I thought I would ask whether you or any of the readers of your journal know why one of the triumphant Triumvirate should have resigned at what may be called the very commencement of their headlong career? Surely we are going to have no first consul trick played over again.

Yours fraternally,
A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to a letter about the recently appointed Grand Officers, signed "S.G.D.," in the *Freemason* of this date, I beg to correct one or two rather grave errors which it contains.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh is not, and never was, the W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford, although he is a member of it, and was its Senior Deacon in the year 1869-70.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh is the I.P.M. of the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, of Oxford, a lodge which is not a University Lodge, whose chair is at present occupied by the Senior Grand Chaplain, the Rev. A. Bruce Frazer; whilst the chair of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, is occupied by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., who has appointed as his Deputy Bro. Reginald Bird, Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Oxfordshire, and I.P.M. of the Lodge.

In your leader of the previous week, there was an error which I may as well also point out, and it is this: Lord Burleigh's name is not unknown on the subscription lists of the Masonic charities, for two years ago he served the office of Steward for the Benevolent Institution.

Yours fraternally,

A LOVER OF TRUTH, AND A MEMBER
OF THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY AND
CHURCHILL LODGES.

Oxford, May 17, 1873.

NEW ZEALAND.

The annual installation meeting of the Pacific Lodge of Hokitika (No. 1229) was held at the Masonic Hall, Revell-street, Westland, on Tuesday, the 11th February. A very large assemblage of brethren took place to do honour to the occasion. The lodge-room was most tastefully and elegantly fitted up with flags, Masonic banners, devices, evergreens and flowers. The R.W.D.G. Master, Bro. John Lazar, presided and performed the duty of installation in the beautiful and impressive manner for which he is noted both far and near, assisted by Bro. John Bevan, P.M. 1229, and Bro. H. Guthell, P.M. 1241. There were also present on the dais Bros. J. R. Hudson, W.M. 1229; Edward Hardcastle, W.M. Lodge Westland Kilwinning, 437, S.C. Bro. J. R. Hudson, W.M., having been re-elected, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. Patrick Crawford, S.W.; J. Branwell, J.W.; C. Linneman, Treas., (re-elected); F. Eisfelder, Sec.; Robt. Ferguson, S.D.; C. Hill, J.D.; J. R. Powell, I.G.; and G. Epping, Tyler, (re-elected.) The R.W.D.G.

Master having duly invested each of the officers, paid a very high compliment to the brethren for great state of efficiency in which he found the members, all able to perform the duties of their respective offices in such a manner as to reflect the highest possible credit on their preceptors, and referred to the important financial condition of the lodge, which he considered as second to none throughout the Colony of New Zealand. He further congratulated the brethren, for the very beautiful manner in which they had extended relief, and supported the charitable Institutions of the district, and expressed his admiration of the true Masonic zeal which seemed to actuate every brother of the lodge.

The Auditors' report, accompanied by the Treasurer's balance sheet, shewing a balance in favour of the lodge amounting to £484 19s. 4d. was then submitted, and adopted. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the R.W.D.G. Master for his kindness in presiding, and the many favours he was always so willing to bestow on the lodge. The R.W.D.G.M., thanked the brethren in most feeling terms for the compliment, and trusted that they would all be permitted, with the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., to enjoy such sincere friendships. Bro. Thos. H. Garland, M.D., was then duly proposed as a candidate for initiation, also Bro. J. E. Cuddeford, P.M., and Bro. W. Ramsay, as joining members. The lodge was then duly closed, according to ancient custom; but just before retiring Bro. Bevan, P.M., addressed the brethren as follows: "Now that the duties of this evening are concluded, and we are again about to mix with the world; let us not forget that there is much which might occupy the thoughts of Masons generally, much that might encourage them in their good works, much that might enliven the dull routine of daily life by inspiring within us the desire to become more acquainted with its manifold blessings, by striving to behold with an unclouded vision its vast though approachable beauties, its concord of good works, its elaborate design by sowing in our hearts the little seed of its greatness, there encouraging it to germinate and bring forth its luxuriance in good time; so that our knowledge thus acquired may in truth become wisdom, our practice strength, and our admiration beauty, the three great pillars which support our stately structure, and which adorn its ancient name—Freemasonry, which has stood the test of ages, and withal is so complete, being as it is reared on the solid foundation of all that is good and holy on this (pointing to the Bible)—the great rock, the Masonry of God. Therefore, brethren, let us be faithful, and adopt it in sincerity, its genial teachings will bring many happy surroundings, it will illuminate many of the dark recesses of our frail nature, it will pilot the good Mason over many treacherous rocks and shoals, and be assured it will prepare him for a better future through his trust in God the G.A.O.T.U., the brethren then adjourned to Bro. Osborne's Café de Paris, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, at which about fifty sat down. Bro. John R. Hudson, W.M., presided, a most enjoyable evening being spent; many excellent speeches were made and songs sung, every brother seeming to unite in the one great object of being happy; and so was brought to a close (after the Tyler's toast) another of those truly Masonic reunions which tend to cement the warm friendship of years and grace the grand teachings of our noble Institution.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT: Neuralgic and Rheumatic Disorders are perpetually recurring during the changeable temperatures of spring. All aches and pains in the nerves, muscles and bones, which often compel the man of business to neglect his usual avocations, may be speedily subdued by this powerful Ointment. It should be well rubbed into the part affected. The action of the Ointment is expedited by previous fomentations with warm water. The Ointment is then as easily made to pass into the human frame, as salt is made to pass into meat and none need apprehend any injurious after effects from it, for its cures are worked without the aid of a particle of Mercury or any other noxious substance.—It never does harm.—ADVT.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits;

PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1872.

A FRATERNAL REVIEW, BY BROTHER WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

The extraordinary "Proceedings" of 1871, published by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, put all customary issues in the shade! Accordingly the present compilation suffers in common with its predecessors in that respect, and though a valuable and interesting account of the progress of Freemasonry in the Commonwealth above noted, it is nevertheless of a much inferior character to the grand volume of 800 pages, which appeared during the past year, and which unquestionably, is the finest work of its kind ever issued in any country.

The first quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on 13th March, 1872, when M.W. Bro. S. D. Nickerson, G.M., occupied the throne. On looking over the attendance, it is pleasant to notice the goodly array of Past Grand Masters, and other influential Past Grand Officers, who supported the Grand Master on the dais. This happy characteristic of Massachusetts Freemasonry is the outgrowth of Masonic zeal cherished in this State, and hence all are interested in whatever concerns the welfare of the Craft.

The Grand Master presented an epitome of his official acts since his installation in December. On 13th February, he dedicated the new Masonic Halls in the City of Lowell, and reported that they are very convenient, well arranged and elegantly furnished. The services were attended by about 500 brethren, and were followed by an Historical Address by the Masonic Orator, Bro. Gardner, P.G.M. In the evening an elegant and bountiful collation was provided by the ladies, and the whole building was crowded with a delighted and delightful company. On the 21st of the same month, the G.M. constituted Phœnician Lodge of Lawrence, and installed its officers. On the last day of February, the new Masonic Hall of Corinthian Lodge was dedicated by M.W. Bro. Nickerson. An address by Bro. W. H. Wheildon, and a collation after the ceremonies, afforded very grateful food for both mind and body.

A stated communication of "Winslow Lewis Lodge" was held on the 8th March, on which occasion the members, the Grand Master, and many visiting brethren bade an affectionate farewell to P.G.M. Dr. Lewis, who was to sail on the following day on his fourteenth voyage to Europe.

A copy of the "Constitutions of the Freemasons," published by Bro. R. Spencer, London, was accepted by the G.M. (on behalf of the Grand Lodge) from that well-known Masonic Bibliographer, and duly ordered to be acknowledged.

More stringent regulations were introduced respecting the visits of brethren to lodges, and certainly according to the evidence then and there submitted, extra precautionary measures are loudly called for, and to prevent the admission of impostors, the safeguards must be multiplied. The attention of Masters of lodges was also called to the importance of the appointment of competent brethren upon committees of examination, which should rarely, if ever, be conducted elsewhere than in the Masonic apartments, and always with the utmost dignity and thoroughness. Two new lodges sought warrants in lieu of dispensations, when a committee was appointed to consider their applications, who having examined the records submitted, and the by-laws, and also discovering that the dues had been paid to the G.L., unanimously recommended the charters to be issued.

The second quarterly communication was held on June 12th; the Grand Master presided, and a large number of brethren were also in attendance. Much of the time was occupied in considering a question affecting the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, which was finally amicably settled. We omit all reference to this purely private matter, but cannot forbear expressing our appreciation of the excellent spirit in which each party made known their statement of the case, and while there was no lack of argument,

and of the keenest criticism, the whole was softened and permeated by the soul-stirring "bond of fellowship."

The Grand Lodge, we think very wisely, refused to countenance a scheme suggested by a few brethren whereby the families of deceased members should receive some fixed sum of money from every contributing brother to a lodge in that jurisdiction.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to new Grand Lodges in Utah, British Columbia, and Brazil, together with a cordial and fraternal God-speed in their Masonic relations, as an integral portion of our great brotherhood.

The third quarterly communication, held on Sept. 11th, was also presided over by the Grand Master in person. The record of the special Grand Lodge, held at Attleborough on June 14th, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Grace Church, was duly read and approved.

The committee on Grand Master Gardner's Annual Report of Dec. 13th 1871, made known the result of their deliberations, and explained the delay. Their report was most carefully prepared, and according to the expectation of all those who are familiar with M.W. Bro. Gardner, as a Masonic Historian, the committee expressed the entire satisfaction and appreciation of the Grand Lodge with the performance by the retiring Grand Master of his official duties, and its most hearty congratulations for the great success which has crowned his unremitting labours on its behalf. Need we say such a report was accepted by acclamation?

Another Special Grand Lodge was called, the reason for which is explained by the following inscription engraved upon a metallic plate:—"The corner-stone of the Standish Memorial, in commemoration of the character and services of Captain Myles Standish, the First Commissioned Military Officer of New England, laid on the summit of Captain's Hill, in Duxbury, under the superintendance of the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, in presence of the Standish Monument Association, by the M.W. Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Massachusetts, M.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Master, on the seventh day of October, A.D. 1872, being the two hundred and fifty-second year since the first settlement of New England by the Pilgrim Fathers."

The last Special Communication was of more than usual interest, from the fact of its being ordered for the purpose of aiding a meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, convened in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the membership of Bro. Charles W. Moore in the said lodge. The Grand Master, Dep. G.M., Grand Wardens, six Past Grand Masters, and a number of the most influential members of the Grand Lodge attended in honour of the occasion, and a most brilliant assembly it must have been. The hall was well prepared, a flood of light chasing away all darkness. Upon the altar was arranged a profusion of rare flowers. The marble bust of the venerable Bro. Moore, P.D.G.M., had been tastefully decorated for the evening with autumn leaves, flowers, open butterflies mingling with the branches of evergreens—emblem of immortality—and a bird of paradise holding above the head a wreath of immortelles. The W. Master of the lodge introduced the hero of the evening to the assembly of the brethren and their ladies. Bro. Moore subsequently delivered a lengthy and deeply interesting address, mainly descriptive of a vastly different kind of experience to the one they had then met to enjoy, and which told of bitter persecution, and of numerous changes and vicissitudes, which like milestones, dot the course of the journey, marking in regular gradation, the progress of his beloved lodge. Our brother's peroration was very fine indeed, and the rise of the Masonic Institution to a position of dignity and power, when the blast of opposition had passed away was traced by a masterly hand:—"And, if ever, in the providence of God, lashed by the storm and riven by the lightning, it shall, at length, totter to its fall, around its trunk will the ivy of filial affection, that has so long enclasped it, still fondly and firmly cling, and mantle with verdure and beauty its ruin and decay."

At the conclusion of the address, which was listened to with great interest by all present, and

will be read by thousands besides, an ode, written for the occasion by Bro. Dr. Henry G. Clark, was sung by the choir.

Subsequently the Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge were escorted to the Egyptian Hall, and invited to participate, with the members of St. Andrew's Lodge, their ladies and invited guests, in a sumptuous collation, which was duly enjoyed (we are told) after the manner of Masons.

A magnificent volume has since been issued by St. Andrew's Lodge, giving a full account of the proceedings.

The 130th anniversary of Masonry in Massachusetts was held on December 11th, when the Grand Master, members of the Grand Lodge, and representatives of a great many lodges, assembled to transact the usual business appertaining to the annual meeting.

The Grand Master, in his exhaustive and racy report, informed the brethren that he had devoted much time to the improvement of the library. By gift and exchange over three hundred numbers of Grand Lodge Proceedings had been added, and the whole of the books were now arranged upon the shelves—the States in alphabetical order, and the proceedings of each Grand Lodge chronologically, so that reference may be had to any number without difficulty or delay. The receipts for the year amounted to £26,000, and the expenditure £23,000. The present indebtedness however is about £63,000; but this drawback will soon be wiped out. Since 1867 the liabilities have been reduced by £17,000, and a few years more will witness the final extinction of the debt.

The P.G.M. Cregier of Chicago, on behalf of the Masonic Board of Relief of that city (formed to provide assistance for destitute Masons through the conflagration) returned over £300 to the G.L. of Massachusetts, being that amount more than was required, and sums in like proportions were returned to other jurisdictions. This sum was retained to be distributed by the "Committee on Charity," for the calls for aid in Boston were expected to be more than usually numerous and pressing, in consequence of the great fire, which for a time paralysed their fine city.

The "Freemasons' Monthly Magazine," which has been edited by Bro. C. W. Moore, of Boston, for thirty-one years, having shown signs of languishing, the Grand Master called upon the Craft to sustain it more thoroughly, and we are glad to see that his kind allusion to an old friend has been followed by renewed exertions on its behalf, and an increased patronage.

The number of subscribing brethren in Massachusetts was reported to be 23,125.

On December 12th a Grand Lodge of Instruction was organised, and the work and lectures of the three degrees were exemplified by the three Grand Lecturers, in turn, the other offices being filled by competent brethren.

A stated communication was held on December 27th for the installation of the Grand Officers, when the Grand Master, Bro. Nickerson, was installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year by P.G.M. Gardner, and congratulated upon the remarkable unanimity manifested in his re-election to the high and responsible office he had so well filled and honoured during the past year. The remaining ceremonies were conducted in a most impressive manner. The voting for the Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. John McClellan, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Charles H. Titus, was unanimous, there not having been an adverse vote. We in England, and the brethren in Massachusetts can mutually congratulate one another on having two most excellent Grand Officers in the persons of our Treasurers and Secretaries. We must not omit to mention that Bro. Rev. C. H. Titus, the Grand Secretary, has done his work well as the editor of the "Proceedings," and is evidently the right brother to hold that responsible and most arduous office in the State of Massachusetts.

Among many beautiful dresses which have been worn at grand festivities this season, few could compare with one in which the Marchioness of Bute appeared at the state concert at Buckingham Palace, which was designed and made expressly for her by Mr. Augustus Ahlborn, of Quadrant House, Regent-street. Garlands of wild flowers charmingly grouped were embroidered on black silk tulle, the effect of which was exceedingly good; while the whole costume was exceedingly appropriate to this month of flowers.—*Sunday Times*.

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TUNBRIDGE.—On the 22nd of April, at Alkham, near Dover, England, Bro. Edward Tunbridge, of Port Elizabeth, aged 57.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

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ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Mr. J. L. Toole in Popular Pieces.

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. Miscellaneous Dramatic Performances.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Sefton Parry. "The Happy Land."

THEATRE ROYAL Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frece. Burlesque of "The Colleen Bawn," the Fakir of Agi, and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artistes and Programme.

NEW STAR MUSIC HALL, Williamson-square.—Manager, Bro. Saunders. Opera and Special Attractions.

ROTUNDA THEATRE and MUSIC HALL.—Proprietor, Mr. D. Grannell. English Opera and Miscellaneous Entertainments.

ROYAL CIRQUE.—William Brown-st.—Equestrian and other Performances.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1873.

ESPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

An especial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at high noon, to record the feelings of grief which Masons feel on the lamented death of the late Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M., presided, and was supported by the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M.; J. Fawcett, P.G.M. Durham; R. J. Bayshaw, P.G.M. Essex.

Grand Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities,

Grand Secretary said he had received letters apologising for unavoidable absence from Lord Tenterden, and others. He then read the summons calling the Grand Lodge together.

Thereupon, the Grand Master said: Brethren, you have now heard read the summons which explains the reason of our being specially called together on this occasion, and, brethren, I cannot doubt that in directing this especial Grand Lodge to be summoned, I rightly interpreted the feelings of the Craft at large; for knowing well, as I do, the very high estimation in which our late brother, Lord Zetland, was held, and the affectionate regard which was entertained for him throughout the length and breadth of the country, I feel confident that I did not mistake the sentiments of the Craft, when I felt it my duty to call together this especial Grand Lodge for the purpose of giving expression to the feelings of every truly Masonic heart, and placing upon the records of this Grand Lodge our deep sense of the loss which we have all sustained by the death of our Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. Brethren, I need not remind you of the services which Lord Zetland rendered, during his long Masonic career, to the Craft in this country. You will all remember how, for five-and-twenty years, he occupied this throne, and with what zeal, with what impartiality, with what high and honourable feelings he discharged the important functions of Grand Master of English Freemasons. I have, upon so many occasions, since Lord Zetland resigned the office of Grand Master, marked, both in this Grand Lodge, and other assemblages of the Craft, the feelings which you have entertained towards him, and your grateful recollection of his long career as Grand Master, to render it possible for me to doubt for one moment that there is not a brother in this Lodge who is not filled, upon this occasion, with feelings of sincere grief for the great loss which the Craft has just sustained, and who does not feel that that loss is one personal to every one of us; that there has been taken away from us, not only an eminent brother, but one who was, to each of us, almost a personal friend. I, who for many years had the honour—and the high honour, I shall ever esteem it—of being closely associated with Lord Zetland while he was at the head of the Craft, know well the spirit in which he laboured for the interests of Freemasonry. You all know how high and honourable was his character; you all know how utterly incapable he was of acting upon any occasion from any personal or any private motive; you know how much at heart he had the interests of the Craft at large; and it would, indeed, be surprising if, after such a career as his, we had not met together upon this melancholy occasion to associate ourselves with the many hearts—the hearts of his family, of his friends, and of his neighbours—who are now filled with grief for the great loss which we have sustained. Lord Zetland, indeed, lived to a ripe old age, to enjoy the honours which were showered, and justly showered upon him by his Sovereign, his countrymen, and his brethren of the Craft, and I know well that of all those honours there was none which in heart he appreciated more highly than those

which were the result of the confidence which for a quarter of a century the brethren of this Grand Lodge were pleased to repose in him. Brethren, it needs no further words from me, I am confident, to secure your unanimous support to the proposal which I am about to make, that we should, by a formal resolution, place upon the records of this Grand Lodge those sentiments of grief for the great loss which we have sustained, and of affectionate recollection of the past services of our noble brother, which animate, I am confident the heart of every man in this lodge, and of every true Mason throughout the country. Brethren, with respect to the form of the resolution which I am about to submit, it has been prepared in accordance with previous precedents, which upon the principles of our ancient fraternity we are always so desirous of following, and on the whole it has appeared to me that it would be, under the circumstances of this case, more in accordance with propriety if I were to ask you now to agree to a formal resolution to be entered upon the records of this Grand Lodge, and instead of asking you to vote an address to the present Earl of Zetland, I were to suggest to you that you should submit to me the duty of communicating to his Lordship the resolution which I trust you will unanimously agree to. Brethren, this resolution, as I have said, in the first place records formally the death of Lord Zetland, in the manner consistent with the precedent which was followed in the case of his late Royal Highness, the Duke of Sussex, and then it proceeds, very briefly and very heartily, to record the feelings with which this Grand Lodge had heard of that melancholy circumstance. His Lordship then read the resolution.

The Earl of Carnarvon:—Most Worshipful Grand Master I have to express to your Lordship my very sincere and hearty thanks for allowing me the great privilege and honour, as I conceive it, of seconding the resolution which you have just now put to the Grand Lodge. I can add very few words indeed to the tribute which your Lordship has so feelingly and eloquently offered to the memory of Lord Zetland. Indeed, it is a case wherein it is hardly necessary; for he lives still in the recollection of almost all whom I see in this Grand Lodge, and feelings are often in these cases better than words. Yet this much I would venture to say, that in the case of those whom the Craft in England elect to rule over them, they look at least for two great conditions—they look for the Masonic qualifications, those attributes and virtues which this Order especially lays stress upon, and which it becomes all of us to know, and they look also to the moral qualities of the man; they look to a high character, they look to integrity, to an unblemished reputation in every estate, and in every condition and phase of social life. And I think these two conditions were most completely fulfilled in the case of our late Grand Master, Lord Zetland. I would add yet another to which your Lordship also alluded, and that is the personal feeling of affection and respect which he who occupies that throne ought also to inspire. On occasions like these, tributes to the memory of those that are gone sometimes seem to have the cold formality of funeral orations; but this is not the case in the present instance. I am satisfied that the

feeling here is genuine, and deep-seated. In this great and stately hall in which he was so familiar a person, in which for so many years he played a leading and conspicuous part, he lives, as I have said in the recollection of those who are here present. As I stand speaking, the very tones of his voice, the form of the man, seem to come back to me; and I can remember this, that whatever may have been the differences in Grand Lodge, at any time, he always maintained that high character, that consideration for the feelings of others, that carriage and demeanour which emphatically belonged to him as a great English gentleman, (hear, hear). My Lord, there are, as we all know, great landmarks in the Craft, landmarks which have outlived all the change of time and successive generations, and stand up above the flood of circumstances untouched and unimpaired. When any individual is long connected with the Craft, so associated with the recollections of all who form the Craft as Lord Zetland was, when such an individual passes away we almost are tempted to feel that a landmark also has disappeared: But it is not so; and that I think is the great moral to be drawn on such occasions as this. It is not so. The Order to which we belong and of which we are so justly proud, may be said, like the constitution of this country, to be happy in this, that though it prizes, though it boasts of many great characters, still it is in a certain sense independent of them. The institution lives though the individual may die; and the individual does die, but at the same time in dying he leaves behind him a monument which fortifies and which sheds lustre upon the Order, which is a monument to which others point in future days, the monument of a high character, unstained, unblemished even by the faintest breath or shadow of reproach; and such I venture to say was the monument which Lord Zetland has left behind him. My Lord, I venture to second the motion which you have proposed.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously, and Grand Lodge was formally closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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Bro. Samuel Tomkins' reply to the toast of the evening, proposed by Lord Skelmersdale, was as follows:—My Lord and brethren, I thank you heartily for the kindness with which this toast has been proposed, and the enthusiasm with which it has been received. No brother could have argued the case and put the points of this noble charity better before you than our noble Chairman has done; and I do not doubt that when you hear the report of the Secretary, you will be all pleased as I am to find how the great Masonic body, have responded to the imperative claims of this Institution. It is a very great satisfaction that in these days, when Masonry is spreading through the community, our charities maintain so good a position, and no charity a better position than the oldest. It is important that every brother should have strongly impressed upon his mind the duty of exerting himself to keep up the amount of the subscriptions and donations, for we ought never to forget that while Masonry is increasing so rapidly and extensively as it is, the number of our brethren whose children may come upon us for assistance is increasing in equal proportion. Our excellent chairman has set an example which cannot be too carefully followed, of short speeches, and I will not detain you longer from hearing the report of the Secre-

tary, which will be more pleasing to you than my speaking. I thank you heartily, for every officer of the institution, for the kind appreciation you have expressed of their services.

Bro. Little then read the list of subscriptions, giving the number of the lodge subscribing and the total amount subscribed by each lodge as follows:—

LODGE.	£	s.	d.
2 Antiquity, London...	134	0	0
4 Koyal Somerset House and Inverness ...	37	16	0
5 St. George's and Corner Stone, London ...	55	0	0
7 Royal York of Perseverance	24	3	0
8 British, London ...	11	0	6
10 Westminster and Keystone	51	5	0
14 Tuscan, London ...	11	11	0
18 Old Dundee, London ...	37	16	0
21 Emulation, London ...	175	0	0
22 Neptune, London ...	57	15	0
25 Robert Burns, London ...	66	2	0
26 Castle of Harmony, London	24	3	0
28 Old King's Arms, London	67	4	0
29 St. Alban's, London ...	22	1	0
33 Britannic, London...	41	9	6
33 " " " " ...	10	10	0
34 Mount Moriah, London ...	42	0	0
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton...	5	5	0
37 " " " " ...	10	10	0
37 " " " " ...	18	18	0
58 Felicity, London ...	18	18	0
59 Royal Naval, London ...	52	7	0
65 Prosperity, London...	57	15	0
66 Grenadiers' ...	106	1	0
79 Pythagorean, Greenwich ...	47	5	0
81 Doric, Woodbridge ...	27	6	0
91 Regularity, London ...	116	0	0
108 London, London ...	21	0	0
113 Unanimity, Preston ...	84	0	0
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham	183	13	6
149 St. George's, Greenwich ...	57	15	0
141 Faith, London ...	12	12	0
145 Prudent Brethren, London...	50	8	0
145 " " " " ...	50	1	0
147 Justice, Deptford ...	21	0	0
154 Unanimity, Wakefield ...	10	10	0
154 " " " " ...	10	10	0
157 Bedford, London ...	191	2	0
165 Honour & Generosity, London	40	0	0
169 Temperance, Deptford ..	52	10	0
172 Old Concord, London ...	106	0	0
173 Phoenix, London ...	97	18	0
181 Universal, London...	42	0	0
183 Unity, London ...	28	18	0
183 " " " " ...	23	2	0
192 Lion and Lamb, London ...	47	15	0
197 Jerusalem, London ...	245	0	0
128 Percy, London ...	57	4	0
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover	21	0	0
201 Jordan, London ...	30	9	0
205 Israel, London ...	23	2	0
227 Ionic, London ...	39	19	0
241 Merchant's, Liverpool ...	201	0	0
263 Bank of England, London	92	0	0
275 Harmony, Huddersfield ...	10	10	0
280 Worcester, Worcester ...	35	0	0
281 Fortitude, Lancaster ...	30	3	0
292 Sincerity, Liverpool ...	114	9	0
298 Harmony, Rochdale ...	10	10	0
302 Hope, Bradford ...	10	10	0
302 " " " " ...	10	10	0
302 " " " " ...	10	10	0
304 Philanthropic, Leeds ...	11	11	0
321 Unity, Cheshire ...	36	15	0
337 Candour, Upper Mill, Yorkshire ...	22	1	0
380 Integrity, Morley ...	21	0	0
382 Royal Union, Uxbridge ...	52	10	0
382 " " " " ...	10	10	0
435 Salisbury, London ...	141	3	0
468 Light, Birmingham ...	35	14	0
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead ...	15	15	0
521 Truth, Huddersfield ...	10	10	0
538 La Tolerance, London ...	10	10	0
569 Fitzroy, London ...	90	6	0
586 Elias de Dereham, Salisbury	38	17	0
610 Colton, Bristol ...	41	0	0
657 Canonbury, London ...	128	2	0
678 Earl Ellsmere, Tamworth ...	10	15	0
715 Panmure, London ...	64	1	0
778 Bard of Avon, London ...	143	5	0
778 " " " " ...	78	18	0

LODGE.	£	s.	d.
782 Hope and Perseverance, London ...	39	18	0
811 Yarborough, Brighton ...	23	2	0
813 New Concord, Hoxton ...	57	15	0
822 Victoria Rifles, London ...	17	6	6
840 Scientific, Wolverton ...	31	10	0
862 Whittington, London ...	81	15	6
862 " " " " ...	103	10	0
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow ...	21	0	0
869 Gresham, Waltham Cross	64	11	6
871 Royal Oak, Deptford ...	31	18	0
871 " " " " ...	31	10	0
907 Royal Albert, London ...	30	7	0
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham ...	33	12	0
946 Strawberry Hill, Twickenham	169	1	0
975 Rose of Denmark, Barnes	57	16	6
1000 Priory, Southend ...	10	10	0
1008 Royal St. Edmund's, Bury	74	10	0
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield ...	10	16	0
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton	18	18	0
1056 Victoria, London ...	163	8	9
1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry ...	13	13	0
1227 Upton, Upton, Essex ...	32	11	0
1228 Beacontree, Leytonstone ...	37	16	0
1275 Star, New Cross ...	35	0	0
1288 Finsbury Park, Holloway...	15	15	0
1293 Burdett, Hampton Court ...	115	0	0
1293 " " " " ...	261	19	6
1326 Lebanon, Hampton ...	364	6	0
1326 " " " " ...	21	0	0
1326 " " " " ...	21	0	0
1335 Lindsay, Wigan ...	52	10	0
1357 Cope, Cheshire ...	147	0	0
1397 Anerley, Anerley ...	6	6	0
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks ...	26	5	0
1415 Campbell, Bushey Park ...	73	18	0
1423 Era, Hampton ...	76	13	0
1423 " " " " ...	52	12	0
Province of Berks and Bucks ...	157	0	0
" " " " " " ...	10	0	0
Red Cross of Constantine ...	141	0	0
" " " " " " ...	42	0	0
Grand Lodge of Mark Masters ...	102	2	0
" " " " " " ...	21	0	0
Mount Lebanon Chapter, London...	59	17	0
Total ...	£7,440	0	0

Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D. :—The Chairman has entrusted the next toast to my hands. It does not require much to be said in its favour. It is the toast of the "Vice Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and Committees of the Institution." These brethren, you are quite aware, fulfil the condition that our Right Worshipful Brother Chairman, thought was in the highest degree, the privilege of brethren united with our body this evening, that of contributing to charities. Charity, as we all know is the highest and most distinguishing attribute of our Order. These brethren having attained the distinguished position of Vice-Patrons, and Vice Presidents of the Institution have fulfilled the conditions the Chairman has imposed us, to support this noble charity. No words of mine are requisite to commend the toast to your notice, and I have the honour to couple with it the name of the most distinguished Vice Patron of the Institution, our Bro. Wm. Winn. (Cheers.) I hope there are many among us this night that are prepared to emulate our Bro. Winn in the noble deeds he has performed for all our Institutions. I give you with all cordiality the toast of "The Patrons, Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, and Committees of the Institution, and the Health of our Bro. Winn." (Applause.)

Bro. W. Winn :—Lord Skelmersdale and Brethren, I scarcely know how it is my name has been connected with this toast, but as a true and faithful Mason I must do my best to give a response to it which I hope will meet with your acceptance. There are I dare say a thousand and two reasons why every brother should be a Vice-Patron of our Masonic Institution; but it is not my intention to night to trouble you with the thousand reasons, but simply to give you two; the one is, to the bachelor Masons here, and the other is to the married ones. If there is a Mason here who is not married, I say at once, go down to our Institution, see our dear girls, and then if he sees the training that they go through, if he sees the discipline, the education and the moral treatment they undergo under the guidance of the governess, the matron and the

teachers of our Institution, he will do his utmost if he is a Freemason, not to leave the school without making himself a Vice-Patron. If he be a married man, by all means let him take his wife with him, then he will have this encouragement. Lady Skelmersdale said to his Lordship on Friday last, when she visited the school with him that she was proud to be the wife of a Freemason. Depend on it, brethren, if you do take your wives there you will have no more Caudle lectures when you get home, no endeavouring to know what the secrets are. Your wife will see for herself; she will see 120 dear girls educated and trained, and that is the true secret of Freemasonry. It is my honour to night to return thanks for the Vice-Patrons. Unfortunately we are but few, but if you would take my advice and go down to see that school, on the next anniversary festival, I feel persuaded every man present at that festival will rise to his feet as a Vice-President to respond when this toast is proposed. (Cheers.) I thank you from my heart for the honour you have done me, and I hope on the next occasion I may see not a few only, but very many rise to their feet to respond to this toast.

The Chairman:—The next toast I have to give you is "The other Masonic Charities and success to them, viz., The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." I do not think I need detain you with any remarks beyond saying that I think the observations I made in giving the toast of the evening apply equally well to those other charities. I have not had the pleasure of seeing the Boys' School; that I hope to see; nor have I seen the Asylum at Croydon; but I have no doubt they are equally well conducted with the Girls' School. I give you therefore "Success to those Institutions," and call upon Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, to respond.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B. Herts:—My Lord and brethren, in rising to respond to the toast of "The other Masonic Charities," I can assure you I do it with vast pleasure, because certainly it is one which must commend itself to the heart and affection of every true Freemason. But, my Lord, there is one thing more especially I would wish to do, and that is to thank the brethren of the Craft for the very large amount of support which during the past year they have extended to the three festivals that have taken place, positively unprecedented in the annals of Masonry. We have had the honour of receiving a sum of nearly £22,000 in one year for the three charities, and I venture to say, my Lord, that in no charitable societies has so large an amount been contributed as for Masonic Institutions generally. Well, my Lord, of course we have received a very large amount, but that simply teaches the Committees of our Institutions that the larger amounts received by them the larger are their responsibilities. I am pleased to inform you that they are rising to a sense of their responsibilities. The Boys' School have added ten more to the number they receive, and the Committee of the Girls' School intend to increase their number by the addition of eight; while with respect to the Benevolent Institution, not only have they made an addition to their number, but they have done what is of very great benefit to the recipients of your bounty, they have made an increase in the amount which the beneficiaries are to receive. I can only hope that as the past has gone on so successfully, as the present is so prosperous a career, the future will be no less so. Those brethren who have not contributed I trust will bethink themselves, during the recess, of the responsibilities imposed on them as Masons, and will in the next year rival the success already obtained by the three institutions. As Masonry is increasing in numbers, so there must be a proportionate increase in the recipients of our charity. I hope and trust we may never have reason to refuse the deserving distressed Masons or their widows assistance from a lack of funds. Let me call upon you, brethren, in the discharge of your Masonic duties, to give the executive the power to do all they possibly can, and rely upon it, so far as they can discharge their duties, nothing will be wanting on their part to render back to you every demand that can be made. In your lodges, and in your provinces, impress

upon the brethren the duty they owe to the Craft; increase the activity of the energetic brethren and stir up the stagnant to the responsibilities devolving upon them as Masons.

The Chairman—I am afraid though I am not very lengthy in my speeches you will get tired of hearing me; but this is a toast I could not depute to anyone else viz., "The Health of the Stewards of the Day." I am sure after hearing the Secretary read the Stewards' lists we must all feel how much we owe to the Stewards for the success of that subscription list. We have a long list of Stewards for this festival, and by their aid you must confess the subscription list is a glorious one. I believe it has never been beaten, and as a slight return to the Stewards, I beg you will drink their health.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D.; Right Worshipful Sir and brethren, I regret extremely the absence of our chairman Col. Burdett this evening, which is caused by a horseback accident, the duty of responding to this toast falls upon me. I shall take a leaf of his lordship's book, and be exceedingly brief, and shall simply thank you very much for your kind recognition of our services.

Bro. W. Platt, G.J.W.—Brethren, by the command of our noble Chairman I am entrusted with the last, but certainly not the least important toast, "The Health of the Ladies," whose presence on this auspicious occasion has shed a lustre and imparted a charm and grace to all around us. Who is there among us who has not experienced their gentle influence? In the hour of sickness their hand tenderly supports the drooping head; in the hour of adversity they smooth the brow of care and bind up the broken heart. Whether as mother, wife, daughter, or sister, they are upon all occasions our ministering angels. I am proud to be their humble representative, and invite you to drink their health; but before doing so, I would give you the estimate which a Northern poet had of them.

"Auld nature swears the lovely dears
Her noblest work she classes, O;
Her 'prentice han' she tried on man,
And then she made the lasses, O.

To this toast I shall call on Bro. Rucker to respond.

Bro. J. A. Rucker: It is traditionally reported that when the late Lord Brougham was placed in a somewhat similar position to myself, he expressed a difficulty to understand whether it was in consequence of his youth, his beauty, or his innocence. Whether that question was ever solved or not I do not know, and without a better solution I shall rest myself upon my own innocence, and the innocence of the ladies. I will elevate myself to their level, and address my response to you in the first person plural, instead of the first person singular. But before doing so, I think I should be wanting in my duty to you, and in my duty to a lady who is not here present to-night, if I did not express our thanks for the great honour Lady Skelmersdale did to this Institution by being present at the School last Friday. I do not know whether Lady Skelmersdale will be angry with his lordship for mentioning it, but we are exceedingly indebted to her, and pleased and delighted by the expression she made use of upon that occasion. Brethren, you have thanked us for our attendance. On the contrary, we feel it is our duty to thank you individually for giving us the opportunity of being here, and and we thank especially the Ladies' Stewards for the attention they have paid us; we thank you for the music you have given us, and we particularly thank you for the honour you have done us in drinking our health.

The brethren then joined the ladies in the Temple, where a grand concert was given, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Organist. The artistes were Madame Florence Lancia, Miss Emily Muir, Miss Lucy Franklein, Bro. George Perren, Bro. Thomas Baxter, Bro. Carter, Bro. J. G. Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Bro. Caravoglia, Mdlle. Vittoria de Bona, and Bro. Lehmeier.

The banquet was well supplied by Bro. C. E. Francatelli, and Bro. Goodchild was toast-master.

INTERESTING MASONIC PRESENTATIONS IN LIVERPOOL.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, 14th ult., two presentations of a deeply interesting character were made to brethren who have done good service to the lodge. Being an occasion of more than ordinary interest, there was a good muster of the brethren of No. 1094, along with several influential visitors. The first presentation was made to Bro. Joseph Wood, who, for seven years, since the consecration of the Lodge, has fulfilled the duties of Honorary Treasurer in a manner at once satisfactory to every brother, and calculated to promote the highest and best interests of the Lodge. The second was made to Bro. Richard Danson, the I.P.M. of the Temple Lodge, who, both as a brother of the Order, and also as the architect of the Masonic Hall, in Liverpool, now in course of erection, has fairly and fully earned the compliment paid to him on this occasion. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. R. R. Martin, W.M., the officers and brethren present being Bros. R. Danson, I.P.M.; J. Kellett Smith, P.M.; Thos. Gibson, S.W.; R. Washington, J.W.; J. Wood, Treas.; Thos. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Jeffery, S.D.; R. C. Yelland, J.D.; A. Jarvis, S.; P. Ball, Tyler; Dr. J. Speir; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; T. S. Williams, H. Hocpool, T. Birch, — Lovatt, J. Drew, W. Dixon, C. Leighton, H. Jones, E. Chater, E. Howell, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; C. H. Hill, 1276; J. Ellis, 186; T. Jackson, 1264; J. Hargraves, 203; S. J. King, 960, and others.

After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting duly confirmed, one candidate was initiated, and five passed to the degree of F.C. in a highly effective manner by the W.M. and I.P.M. Danson. Calling Bro. Wood to the front, Bro. Martin, W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented him with a very handsome gold snuff box and a chaste jewel of a highly attractive character. In doing so, the W.M. alluded, in a feeling manner, to the valuable services which Bro. Wood had rendered to the Lodge in his capacity of Hon. Treasurer during the seven years he had held that office, and expressed the great satisfaction and pleasure it gave him in being honoured in making the presentation to a much respected officer. The box, which is exceeding massive and elaborately chased, bore the following inscription, which was surrounded by the symbolic keys and square, and compasses.—"Presented by the Members of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, to Bro. Joseph Wood, Treasurer, 14th May, 1873." The jewel, which is intended for a watch appendage, is made of 18 carat gold, and is remarkably striking in its design, combining, in an artistic manner, the square and compasses, and Treasurer's key, while at the top is a pure diamond set in the centre of the mystic "G," the whole being richly chased. The jewel bore the same inscription at the back as the snuff box.

Bro. Wood, in acknowledging the gifts, said: Worshipful Master, Brother Officers, and Brethren, I have not sufficient language at my command to thank you, in the way I should desire, for the honour which you have conferred upon me to-night. For the seven years during which you have honoured me with your confidence as your Treasurer, I have endeavoured, to the best of my ability, to do my duty. At the same time, I have received that perfect confidence and good feeling from every member of the lodge, which have always made it a pleasure rather than the performance of a duty. For the handsome present you have been pleased to make me this evening, I thank you sincerely, and I assure you it is one which will be treasured by me so long as I shall be spared. The general kindly bearing and confidence of the brethren have always made my work pleasant, and I have some little pride in saying I have never missed a single night when duty required my attendance at your lodge. W.M. and brethren, I again thank you sincerely for the handsome present you made me.

The W.M. afterwards presented Bro. Danson with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so

spoke in eloquent terms of his many excellent qualities.

Bro. Danson briefly thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness, spoke of his being connected with the lodge since its beginning, assured everyone that he had, to the best of his ability, endeavoured to perform his duty in whatever position he was placed, and would strive in the future to make any amends for past shortcomings.

During the evening, on the motion of Bro. P.M. Marsh, seconded by Bro. R. Washington, J.W., the lodge unanimously agreed to the recommendation that Bro. Danson should be made a Life Governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, the necessary amount being furnished from the "charity-box," which has already done good work in this respect on many previous occasions.

The brethren, after business, sat down to an excellent banquet.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MARK LODGE AT ROCK FERRY.

That this degree is making good progress in Cheshire cannot be doubted, for little more than a month has elapsed since the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cheshire and North Wales was established, under the rule of Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., the present W.M., of the Joppa Mark Lodge, No. 11, Birkenhead, and on Monday, the 12th inst., a new Mark Lodge was consecrated at the Rock Ferry Hotel, the first new one under Bro. Egerton's jurisdiction, and bearing his name.

The Egerton Lodge, No. 165, was formed by those who some four years ago inaugurated the Craft Lodge at Rock Ferry, now thriving so well, and there can be little doubt that the new Mark Lodge will be equally successful.

It was a matter of great regret that owing to a very important engagement, the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, who had been appointed by the M.W.G.M.M. to perform the ceremonies, was unable to be present, but a very able substitute was there in the person of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, R.W.P.G.M.M. of Lancashire. He was supported by the following Provincial Officers of Cheshire and North Wales: Bros. Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.G. Chaplain; Wm. Bulley, P.J.G.W.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; Thos. Platt, P.G. Treas.; Jos. Sillitoe, P.G.S.O.; Capt. Watson, P.G.J.O.; E. Friend, P.G.D.C.; Geo. Higgins, P.G.S.B.; J. S. Mort, P.G.P.; Thos. Kent, J. Heap, G. H. Wilson, P. Grand Stewards; and John Worthington, P.G. Tyler.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.M.O., Lancashire; Tysilio Johnson and J. M. Radcliffe, of the Joppa Lodge, No. 11.

The Mark Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. F. K. Stevenson, P.M. 11, P.G.S.D., and Bro. Callender and Officers admitted, and greeted with the usual honours.

Bro. Callender then proceeded to consecrate and constitute the Egerton Lodge of Mark Masons, according to ancient form, after which he installed Bro. Friend in the chair, who received the customary salutes.

The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, Bro. S. Spratly, M.D., being unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Holtoway, Tyler. Bros. F. K. Stevenson, S.W.; R. H. Moore, J.W.; Lilley Ellis, Sec.; Spratly, Treas.; G. H. Wilson, M.O.; F. L. Bolton, S.O.; Alex. Low, J.O.; J. W. Paton, M.D., S.D.; Stanton, J.D.; Sanderson, I.G.; Holtoway, Tyler.

Bro. Tysilio Johnson was elected an honorary member. A cordial vote of thanks was then recorded on the minutes to the R.W. Bro. Callender, for his extreme kindness in coming at great inconvenience to perform the ceremonies, also to the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, for his present of a handsome bible.

Several brethren were proposed for advancement, and the P.G.M.M. and officers then withdrew. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together. Bro. Friend, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. Callender, and the other Provincial officers and brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after a most harmonious meeting.

Red Cross of Constantine.

CONSECRATION OF A RED CROSS CONCLAVE AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

The interesting and imposing ceremonies of inaugurating, dedicating, and installing the officers of a new conclave of the Imperial Ecclesiastical, and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Rome, and K.H.S., under the title of Saxa Rubra Conclave, No. 69, were performed on Tuesday evening last, in the elegant rooms of Dr. Witt Clinton Commandery, No. 27, Brooklyn, under the auspices and by the authority of Sir Albert G. Goodall, 33°, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the State.

After the ceremonies of inaugurating and dedicating the conclave, the following officers and members were installed and constituted in ample form, with full power to do and perform all proper and lawful acts thereunto belonging:—E. Sir Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder of the State Conclave, First Sovereign; Charles Aikman, First Viceroy; J. Anson Foster, G. W. Gritman, John Z. Johnson, Erskine H. Dickey, Robert P. Lethbridge, Charles H. Peck, James D. Kingsland, Caleb A. Eairy, and Joseph L. Edwards.

The charter, authorizing the establishment of this conclave, emanates from the Grand Imperial Council at London, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, Grand Sovereign.

This ancient and chivalric Order of Constantine having for many years enjoyed the patronage and protection of the most distinguished members of the Masonic body, the Grand Mastership having been held for many years, and up to the time of his death, by the Duke of Sussex. None but Knights Templar are admitted to membership in this country.—*New York Dispatch*.

MANCHESTER.—*County Palatine Conclave* (No. 50).—The meeting of this conclave took place on Saturday, the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The chair of C. was occupied by Ill. Sir Knt. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.S., in the absence of Ill. Sir Knt. W. Romaine Callender, M.P.S., who was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present. E. Sir Knt. Hargreaves discharged the duties of V.E. Among the other Sir Knts. present were Thomas Entwistle, P.S.; J. B. Robinson, Liverpool Conclave, and others. Bros. J. M. Beaton, and John Duffield, having been approved of, were received as Knights of Rome, and afterwards dubbed Knights of the Red Cross. Sir Knt. Hargreaves was then elected as M.P.S., for the ensuing year, and Sir Knt. Duffield as V.E. A college of Viceroys was then opened, and Sir Knt. Duffield was placed in the chair of E. by Sir Knt. Matier. The duties of High Prelate were most efficiently discharged by Sir Knt. Entwistle. All Viceroys having retired, a Senate of Sovereigns was then formed, and Sir Knt. Hargreaves was installed in the supreme chair with the accustomed solemnities, and saluted with the mystic number. On the conclave being resumed in the first grade, Sir Knt. Matier presented the warrant to the M.P.S. It was then resolved the installation fee should be raised to two guineas, and the subscription to one guinea. Several apologies were then read, and propositions made, after which the conclave was closed with the usual ceremony. The Knights Companions afterwards partook of the cup of cheerfulness, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to. We have every reason to believe that this conclave will be worked in a most efficient manner, and that with the assistance and support of the Past Sovereigns, the M.P.S. may look forward to a most prosperous term of office.

Masonic Tidings.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Gabb's, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on the first Wednesday in June, by Bro. Austin, W.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, and other brethren. Business to commence at 7 p.m. precisely. Brethren of other lodges are respectfully invited.

Bro. T. W. Boord has been introduced to the Conservative electors of Greenwich as a candidate in that interest for the representation of the borough.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ST. CLAIR CHARTERS.

In a communication which appeared in the *Freemason* of June 8, 1872, Bro. Chalmers Izett Paton gave copies of the St. Clair Charters, which he alleged to be "from Hay's MSS. in the Advocates' Library." On March 29, 1873, I published through the same medium a note on the subject, which is here reproduced to enable the reader to judge whether its tone is either unmasonic or unbecoming, as Bro. Paton alleges:— "These copies, minus the copyist's or printers' errors which they contain, appeared to me at the time to be a literal transcript of the copies from the originals made by myself for the 'History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel),' and published in the *Freemason* of August 27, 1870. I have since examined the Hay MS., and I am confirmed in that opinion. The document given by Bro. Paton is not a copy made from the Hay MS. It differs considerably from it in orthography, in abbreviations, and in the arrangement and rendering of some of the signatures, and is simply a copy of my transcript of the originals published two years ago. I had previously, through the *Freemason* informed Bro. Paton of the existence of the original Charters—a fact of which he was ignorant. If Bro. Paton was unable to decipher the original Hay MSS., he should not have palmed off my transcription of the original charters as copies of them, nor should he have appropriated my work in any case without the courtesy of acknowledgment."

Bro. Paton has published in the *Freemason* of April 26, a rambling statement in which after indulging his taste for personalities, he in the most ungraceful manner pleads guilty to the charge of having published my transcripts of the original charters as *bona fide* copies of these documents from the Hay MS. He says, "I preferred to send printed copies rather than take the trouble of transcribing them, and I do not hesitate to say I cut them out of the *Freemason*, instead of cutting them as I might have done, out of a valuable book." In other words he deliberately presented to the Craft copies of the originals, representing them to be transcripts of the St. Clair Charters from the Hay MSS.

It will be readily admitted that it is of importance to the history of Freemasonry that copies of ancient documents should be honest transcripts of what they purport to be; and it is therefore less upon personal grounds than from a regard to historical accuracy, that I impeach Bro. Paton for deliberately publishing as a copy of a particular document, what is in reality the transcript of another and different document.

Bro. Paton denies my statement that he was ignorant of the existence of the original charter till I informed him of the fact through the *Freemason*. His ignorance in this respect was communicated by himself in the *Freemason* of July 30th, 1870, where he says:—"I frankly admit that I was not aware that the originals of these charters were known to be in existence, and I would feel greatly obliged to Bro. D. M. Lyon or any one else for any information where they are to be found, as I would be glad to take the first possible opportunity of examining them. The copies made by the industrious Father Hay, and now to be found in one of the volumes of MSS. in the Advocates' Library, alone seem to have been known to the historians of Freemasonry, and other writers on the subject to the present time." The information asked by Bro. Paton I gave through the *Freemason* of August 27th, 1870. And now, in 1873, Bro. Paton, forgetful of what he himself had written, and to wriggle out a difficulty in which he had placed himself, declares that copies of the originals had been published many years ago—first in Hay's 'Genealogies,' and also in Laurie's 'History of Freemasonry'—and that he himself had seen the originals long before I had heard of them. I forbear from characterising conduct like this.

Will Bro. Paton have the goodness to give the name of the person who borrowed the original charters from Professor Aytoun, and state whether it was before or after he himself became a mason that he saw them in the hands of the alleged borrower. Bro. Paton's statement that

the St. Clair Charters in possession of the Grand Lodge are "merely drafts," is a specimen, of the way in which he does not scruple to deal with historical documents to suit his own purposes. It is not usual for the autographs of parties, and attestations by notaries public, to be admitted to "mere drafts."

It is a curious and somewhat inexplicable fact that whereas the Hay copies of the St. Clair Charters are, like the originals, without date, the copies of the second charter which are given in Laurie's 'History of Freemasonry,' published in 1804, and Father Hay's 'Genealogies of the Saintclairs of Rosslyn,' published in 1835, bears the date "Ed., 1630." This and other facts in connection with the Hay MSS., I have referred to in my History of the Lodge of Edinburgh.

D. MURRAY LYON.

P.S.—Since the above was written, I have received a communication from James Maidment, Esq., advocate, Edinburgh, the learned editor of the "Genealogies of the St. Clairs," in which he states his impression that he copied the date from Laurie's 'History.' That seems to fix on Laurie the onus of interpolating a date into the second charter.

D. M. L.

[Having inserted Bro. Lyon's answer to the explanation offered by Bro. Paton, (which was a reply to the statements made by the former brother respecting the "St. Clair Charters" sent by Bro. Paton, as copies from the originals, we must now close the correspondence. We cannot afford our numerous subscribers the necessary space to express their opinions of the worth of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, and of his devotion to Freemasonry, for the sufficient reason that their communication would occupy the whole of our columns for one week. We all know that Bro. Lyon's fame as a Masonic Historian is world wide.—ED. F. M.)]

SOUTH LONDON MASONIC HALL.

For a long time Freemasons in South London have very justly complained that they had no regular place in which to hold their meetings, but were forced to resort to public-houses—a course attended with many serious disadvantages. The brethren have at last made decided efforts to obtain a hall exclusively for Masonic purposes. When the scheme was first mooted, now little better than 12 months ago, owing to some mistake made as to the amount of capital necessary to be subscribed, but little support was given; but this defect having been remedied, the affair has been brought to a successful issue, and a company formed, with a capital of £3,000, in 600 shares of £5 each.

The object of the company is to provide a building specially adapted to the requirements of Masonic lodges, chapters, and conclaves, held in the South Metropolitan district, and in connection with this building there will be a large hall for the general use of the public, when it is not engaged for Masonic purposes. A most favourable site has been secured for the erection of the building. It is situated in the Camberwell New-road, between the Post-Office and County Court, close to the station of the London Chatham, and Dover Railway Company, and to the tramways from Brixton, Vauxhall, Westminster, Blackfriars, Peckham, and Greenwich. The site possesses a frontage of about 70 feet, with a depth of 150 feet, and it has been secured for a term of 99 years, at a very low ground-rent. The plans have been prepared by a well-known architect and member of the Craft, and embrace every improvement and convenience that long experience could suggest.

The front of the building in the Camberwell New-road will be of red brick, faced with stone dressings. The large hall will be approached by a corridor leading from the vestibule. It will be 54ft. by 37ft. by 26ft., and at one end will have a raised platform, and at the back of this a small room, 15ft. 6in. by 10ft. Here there will be every accommodation for dressing, &c., so that the hall will be eminently adapted for amateur dramatic performances, and similar entertainments.

The size of the lodge-room is to be 28ft. by 22ft. by 13ft. It will be fitted in the most approved Masonic style, and in strict accordance

with the rules of the craft, every attention being given to that detail which characterises a well-appointed lodge-room. In communication with this will be a reading-room, 18ft. 9in. by 13ft. by 13ft., fitted with a small library, and well supplied with papers and magazines. On the opposite side of the building the dining-room is to be situated. In size it will be 32ft. by 18ft. 9in. by 13ft., plainly but comfortably fitted. In connection with it will be a board-room, 18ft. 9in. by 11ft. by 10ft., for the transaction of Masonic business. The basement storey is to contain the most modern and perfect cooking appliances, as well a range of wine cellars and larders. The whole building will have excellent lavatory and water-closet accommodation, and in connection with the lodge-room there will be a well-fitted retiring and an ante-room.

Although the chief object of the company is to promote the good of Freemasonry, the directors seem not to have lost sight of the important fact that it is necessary to study the shareholders from a commercial point of view, so that their investments may give a fair return. Estimates have therefore been carefully prepared, and it is found that the annual expenditure for ground rent, taxes, gas, coals, and sundries, will amount to about £200; the estimated annual receipts from lodges, chapters, lodges of instruction, conclaves, &c., including rent of wine cellars, about £220; and from rental of hall for concerts, public meetings, &c., about £300.

The hall will be capable of accommodating about 700 persons, and the cost, including the spacious Masonic rooms, furnishing, &c., is estimated at from £2,500 to £3,000, so that if the expectations as to receipts are realised—and there is every reason to believe they will be—the concern should pay 10 per cent. interest on the capital. This may fairly be taken as the minimum, for a good hall for theatrical and other purposes is so much needed in South London, that public lettings alone should return a very handsome per centage. A more favourable site could scarcely have been selected, being as it is in the heart of the southern district, and easily accessible from all parts. In erecting the building great attention is to be given to drainage and ventilation, while every room will be well lighted and amply supplied with water.

Among the directors of the company are Bros. E. Worthington, P.M., P.Z., of Loughborough Park (chairman), and John Thomas, P.M., P.Z., of Denmark-street, Camberwell (deputy chairman); M. S. Larham, York-street, Walworth; E. Pinder, M.D., Wilby Lodge, Camberwell; North Ritherdon, Wellington-road, West Hackney; James Adley Reeves, Gresham Park, Brixton; Wm. Ramsey, Farringdon-street; George Kenning, Upper Sydenham. The bankers are the London and County Bank, and the solicitor, Bro. Percival A. Nairne, P.M., P.Z., of Grove Hill, Camberwell.

The offices of the company are 47, Leipzig-road, Camberwell. From the very large amount of support the movement is receiving from the craft, it may safely be predicted that the Surrey Masonic Hall will soon become a flourishing South London Institution.—*South London Press.*

"THE INITIATE'S WELCOME."

BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., P.Z.

Welcome brother! Well we greet thee!
Partaker of our mystic lore,
The gate of knowledge ope's before thee,
And, oh, how plentiful the store.

Linger not upon the threshold,
For nothing there canst thou acquire,
But onward press, nor pause a moment;
Let Truth and Virtue thee inspire.

The mystic pillars stand before thee,
The triad—Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty,—
To lure thee onward in the path
Of self-devoted duty.

To God we'll give our hearts and lives,
To man ungrudging aid;
And rise to that Grand Lodge above,
Where He who all things made
Lives and reigns for ever!

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS PRINGLE.

With sincere regret for the death of a good man, much esteemed and respected of all other men, we record the decease of Mr. Thomas Pringle, at Donoghue's, in the Ross District, New Zealand, on the 7th March. He was one of the early business men located in Hokitika, where he carried on trade for some time before he removed to the Totara. In Hokitika he was ever ready to assist in any movement for the good of his fellow men, and, being a Freemason, he took an active interest in the formation of a Masonic Lodge here in the early days. He was one of the founders of the Pacific Lodge, and remained a member to the last. More lately, when a Royal Arch Chapter was formed in Hokitika he became a Companion. His funeral was therefore conducted with Masonic ceremonial. The body was removed from Donoghue's in funeral procession early in the morning, and being brought to the Masonic Hall was placed there for the usual exhortations at the death of a brother. The lodge having been opened in due form, the brethren were called off to assist in the ceremony for which they had assembled. The funeral cortege was headed by a band playing the "Dead March in Saul." The members of the Pacific Lodge (of which the deceased was a member) followed, the Entered Apprentices first, then the Fellow Crafts, and then the Master Masons. The Kilwinning Lodge joined with the Pacific Lodge, and the officers of the two lodges followed after the members. These were succeeded by the officers of the District Grand Lodge, the Royal Arch Masons, and the three Principals of the Chapter; Comp. Lazar, D.G.M., and Past Z., acting as Chief Principal. The hearse followed with four brothers as pallbearers, then the chief mourners, and after them the general public on foot, on horseback, and in carriages. Comp. Osborne marshalled the Masonic portion of the procession, which was one of the largest of the kind that has taken place in Hokitika. At the grave, after the church service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Kirkland, Bro. Lazar read the beautiful Masonic service most impressively. The brethren then returned in procession to the lodge. We may mention that Bro. Hudson, as W.M. of the Pacific Lodge, took a very active part in the Masonic ceremony, and was very ably assisted by his officers.

BRO. EDWARD TUNBRIDGE.

On Tuesday, April 22nd, Bro. Edward Tunbridge died at Alkham, near Dover, the residence of his father, aged 57. He had (returned for the benefit of his health) to England, from Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, after an absence of 30 years. He was a member of the Lodge of Goodwill, No. 711, to which he had subscribed 13 years. He was a good and affectionate husband and father. His death will be mourned by a large circle of relations and friends, in England and Port Elizabeth.

BRO. JOHN PRIDHAM.

The funeral of this much-esteemed and highly respected citizen of Exeter took place on Saturday morning, at the Cemetery, before a goodly number of spectators. The funeral cortege, which consisted of a hearse and three mourning coaches, left the residence of the deceased shortly after half-past nine o'clock. All along the route shutters were up and blinds drawn, as a mark of respect towards the deceased. He was a Freemason, in which Order he took high honours, and by the members of the fraternity he was highly esteemed. The following members of the Order, who wore sprigs of acacia and white gloves, attended the remains of the deceased to the grave:—Bros. S. Jones, P.P.G.S.D., 112; Brewster, P.P.G.R., P.M., 39; H. W. Hooper, P.M., 1,254; W. Easton, P.G.S.W., 39; J. Moas, W.M. elect, 1,284; Way, P.P.G.T., 39; Dand, P.G.S.B., 39; T. Gardner, P.G.S., 39; J. Tucker, P.M., 1,254; Bailey, W.M., 444; W. Hugo, W.M., 1,254; G. Heath, P.M., 371; Wills, P.M., 1,284; J. Heath, Totnes, P.M., 710; J. Northam, B.L;

371; G. H. Warren, S.W., 1,254; Paine, S.D., 1,284; E. A. Northey, Plymouth, J.W., 1,205; C. C. Kendrick, S.D.; G. Huxham, T.; B. Barbor, S.; J. Badcock, W. G. Carter, C. Langdon, 1,254; H. F. Willey, Hutchings, H. J. Yelland, T. Lascelles, J. Taylor, E. Smale, Hooper, W. Bartlett, Blacking, A. H. Wills, S. Bastard, 1,284; S. C. Halse, J. Stile, T. Chudleigh, J. Algar, H. Cross, Sturgess, H. Lake, Lang, George Jury, Long, Vicary, Bridge, 39; W. R. Commings, 54; R. Pidsley, 640; Sobey, C. Titherley, Robinson, 106; J. Hill, 164; O. Angel, 710; R. Rouse, Serena, 1,284; and Bradshaw, Leghorn Lodge. Following these were Messrs. W. J. Richards, Birkett, Sclater, Limpenny, 2; Cowen, Rowdon, N. Bennett, G. Ward, Lisle, Mitchell, Savage, Reed, Kenshole, Yeo, W. Humphreys, S. Cross, Gill, Underhill, Henley, Turner, Carthew, Barker, Melhuish, Sampson, W. Norris, Perkins, J. Huxham, F. Pollard, H. Bennett, T. Day, Dr. Coxwell, Nosworthy, Moon, Uglow, Furze, Templar, and others. Then followed the hearse and mourning coaches. In the first coach were:—Mr. Southcott, sen., Mr. Robert Southcott, Mr. G. Southcott, and Mr. Pridham, (nephew of the deceased). Second coach—Mr. W. Southcott, Mr. Richard Southcott, Mr. Henry Southcott, and Mr. Toby. Third coach—the two executors: Messrs. Harrison (Topsham), and Carr (Exeter), and Dr. Hunt. The outer coffin was made of polished oak and panelled, with plated breast-plate, which bore the following inscription:—"John Pridham. Died May 5th, aged 45." On the plate were also three Masonic emblems, and on the top of the coffin were white camellias, and the cross of a Past Eminent Commander of Knights Templar, the gift of W. R. Woodman, P.M. At the grave the Freemasons threw their sprigs of acacia on the coffin. The Rev. J. L. Galton, Rector of St. Sidwell's, conducted the ceremony in a most impressive manner. Mr. J. Kenshole, of Heavitree, was the undertaker, and carried out his arrangements very satisfactorily. Messrs. West and Pedrick supplied the mourning coaches.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

We have received the following from a correspondent:—
Bro. Rev. Robert Paul Bent, the new Grand Chaplain, was initiated in the Alfred Lodge, Oxford, No. 340, in 1849. In 1865, he was W.M. of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 102, at North Walsham, and in the same year, and in 1866 was Prov. G. Chaplain of Norfolk, preaching twice to the Provincial Grand Lodge, in 1865 at Great Yarmouth, in 1866 at East Dereham. In the latter year he served the office of Steward of the Boys' School, representing the province of Norfolk. At the present time he is best-known in the province of Norths and Hunts, where he is frequently called upon to perform the office of Installing Master. His Masonic services came under the personal observation of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, at a Prov. G. Lodge at Peterborough a few years ago; hence probably his name being placed on the list of brethren eligible for the office of Grand Chaplain. Bro. Bent has been for the last few years a subscribing member of No. 10, Westminster and Keystone. He is the son of Bro. Major John Bent, an old Peninsular officer, who is probably one of the oldest Masons in England, having completed his 91st year on the 24th ult., and who entered both the Army and the Craft at the very beginning of the present century.

ADAIR HOUSE.—This freehold mansion of the Adair family, situate in Pall Mall and St. James's-square, was, after a very spirited competition, sold by Messrs. Rushworth, Abbott, and Co. for the sum of £35,500.

SEDABENT.—The only guaranteed cure for Toothache. This extraordinary application, marvellous in its effects, gives immediate relief, without injuring the tooth, and forms a temporary stopping, is sold post free 1s. 3d. The CORALINE TOOTH PASTE, for cleansing and improving the teeth, imparts a natural redness to the gums, and gives brilliancy to the enamel. Price 1s. 6d. The ROYAL DENTIFRICE, prepared from a recipe as used by her Majesty, gives the teeth a pearl-like whiteness, and imparts a delicious fragrance to the breath. Price 1s. 6d. Sold by all chemists and perfumers and by the proprietors, MESSRS. GABRIEL, the old-established Dentists, 72, Ludgate-hill, and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London.

OUR RAILWAYS.—Captain Tyler, in his report to the Board of Trade upon the capital, the traffic, and the working expenditure of the Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the year 1871, remarks that the train mileage receipts increased to a greater extent than the expenses; and hence it may be inferred that the average amount of work done by each train was greater, or, in other words, that the traffic in each country was in that respect more economically worked in 1871 than in 1870. This economy was greatest in England and least in Ireland.

PEACE CONFERENCE IN SCOTLAND.—A conference of delegates from trades and other societies in Scotland, representing a constituency of 116,000 men, was held in Glasgow, on Monday last, in connection with the Workmen's Peace Association. Resolutions were adopted condemning war, and approving of the plan proposed by the Workmen's Peace Association, of a High Court of Nations for the settlement of all disputes between nations. A Committee, entitled the Scottish Department of the Workmen's Peace Association, was appointed. A memorial to the House of Commons in favour of Mr. Henry Richard's motion upon international arbitration was adopted.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 30, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, May 24.

Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, May 26.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
Final meeting of the Board of Stewards to settle accounts of the late Festival of the Girls' School, at 5.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155 Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, May 27.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
" 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 167, St. John's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, May 28.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
" 597, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's-road.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place Poplar.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Graft Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, May 29.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall at 4
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Arglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
Highate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, May 30.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st' Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria road, Deptford, at 8.
Burdett Couits Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30 Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom. Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
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Tuesday, May 27th.
Lodge 1393, Hainer, 22; Windermere-street, Breck-road, Everton, Liverpool, at 6.
The Temple Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
Wednesday, May 28th.
Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
" 724 Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
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Thursday, May 29th.
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Saturday, May 31st.
Chapter of Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

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Tuesday, May 27.
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.
Wednesday, May 28.
Lodge 570, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
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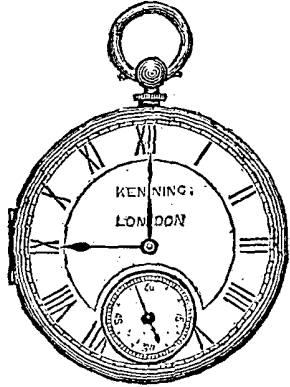
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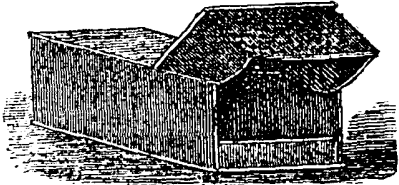


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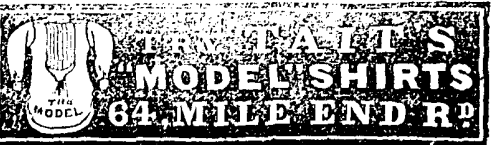
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE (No. 1)—On Monday May 19th, a jewel of exquisite design and workmanship was presented to Bro. William Sutton Gover, P.M. No. 1, P.P. of the Board of Grand Stewards and J. of St. James's Chapter, for his excellent working and zealous exertions for the elevation and improvement of the lodge. W. M. Wilkin, pointed out that [two similar jewels only had been presented by the lodge during the last 45 years. The jewel was presented to Bro. Gover, in appreciation of his unwearied endeavours to improve the working of the lodge more especially during his Mastership and Past Mastership. He trusted that Bro. Gover, would live long retaining the esteem and regard of all the brethren. Bro. Gover, said they were proud of their lodge for its antiquity and rank, and on account of the illustrious Masons who had been members of that lodge, likewise of the Grand Officers, and many eminent brethren who were members. That they all felt that the working of the lodge should be of such a character as to set an example to the Craft, that the loss of that good man and great Mason, Mr. Secretary Potter, had stimulated his own endeavours to this end in which he had been most ably assisted by the W.M., P. M. Trego, S. W. Colls, and J. W. Payne. That it was important that the ceremonies should be well performed so that the sublime and beautiful ritual might inculcate Masonic principles in the most impressive way; that Masonry was not a toy, an amusement, or a profession, but a life. The Masonic life was lived when brotherly love, relief, and truth were manifested in the every-day lives of the brethren. He felt deeply touched by this spontaneous recognition of services rendered which to him had been a pleasant labour of love, and the value of that beautiful jewel was enhanced by its indicating the high esteem of that lodge, the Mother Lodge of England, and while as a recognition of the past it was most grateful to him, as a stimulus in the future it would be most powerful. Thanking the brethren and wishing that the Grand Old Lodge might flourish for ever, he resumed his seat amid the plaudits of the brethren.

DARTFORD.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 299).—The annual meeting of this old lodge was held at Bro. Bray's, the Bull Hotel, Dartford, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when Bro. J. G. Tyler was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months by Bro. C. Andrews, the I.P. Master, the ceremony was most ably performed. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers:—Bros. R. Russell, S.W.; H. G. Thompson, J.W.; N. Martin, Treas.; Peter Harvey, Sec.; W. Tebay, S.D.; G. Kingston, J.D.; J. Davison, I.G.; J. Wells, D.C.; Glover and Wingrove, Stewards; and H. Pelton, Tyler. After the business of the lodge was over the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served in Bro. Bray's usual good style. The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., and enthusiastically received by all the brethren. The visitors present were:—Bros. J. Welsford, P.M. 805; J. W Knight, P.M. 1107, P.G.D.C.; W. Hicks, P.M. 77, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Trott, W.M. 192; J.

Mortlock, P.M. 186; J. Pottinger, P.M. 77; G. Abbott, S.W. 192; C. Ralph, W.M. 77; Rev. H. C. Wilson, 77; G. Barker, 77; J. Tytherdige, 1076; J. C. Harryman, 23; and W. Barlow, 77.

STARCROSS.—Lodge of Union (No. 444).—The brethren of the Lodge of Union (No. 444) met on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Courtenay Arms, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened in ancient form by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Bailey, assisted by Bros. Chadwick, S.W.; H. W. Hooper, P.M., J.W.; W. S. Pasmore, P.M., Treas.; W. R. Woodman, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Edmonds, J.D.; J. Woodman, I.G.; John Gould, P.M.; T. Wilson Caird, P.M.; W. J. Richards, P.M.; J. H. Pendray, Samuel Jones, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Drew, P.M.; G. Huxham, J. Grigg, B. J. Fisher (Southampton), W. F. Quicke, P.M.; H. Northcote, T. Gardner, P.M.; T. Dand, P.M. P.G.S.B.; C. Vickary, Gregory, Tyler, and several other brethren. Bro. W. Cann, the Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Devon, performed the ceremony of installation in his usual impressive and efficient manner. The late Senior Warden, Bro. J. Chadwick, having been placed in the chair, was duly proclaimed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. He then appointed his officers as follows:—W. H. Hooper, S.W.; C. H. Edmonds, J.W.; J. Woodman, S.D.; A. R. Down, J.D.; A. Gould, I.G.; J. Blanchard, Tyler. The compliment of a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. was voted to Bro. A. Baily on his vacating the chair. The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Ball, of the Courtenay Arms. The catering was all that could be wished, and nearly thirty brethren sat down thereto.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The annual festival of this flourishing and vigorous lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Monkwearmouth, on Monday, the 26th inst., having been postponed from May 12th to that date in consequence of the death of our late P.G.M., the Earl of Zetland. The chair was occupied by Bro. Jas. H. Coates (who has been recently re-installed as W.M. for a second year), supported by Bros. W. H. Crookes, P.G.S., W.M. 1389, P.M. 80; Jas. Davison, W.M. 80; J. S. Pearson, W.M. 94; R. Humphrey, W.M. 97, P.G. St.; W. Liddell, I.P.M., P.G.J.D.; R. W. Halfnight, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.P.; R. Hudson, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; John Potts, 7.P., P.M. 97, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Skelton, P.M. 97, P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; &c. After justice had been fully done to the good things provided by the host, Bro. Cawthorne, the W.M., proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, in doing which he gave a very feeling eulogium upon the Masonic merits of the late Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. Bro. W. Liddell next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in doing which he referred eloquently to the ability Bro. Coates had brought to bear upon the discharge of the many onerous and arduous duties that devolve upon the occupant of the chair of a Masonic lodge, and expressed his conviction that the same zeal and assiduity would be continued during the second year as had been displayed by the W.M. during the past year. Bro. Coates, in responding, again thanked the members of the Williamson Lodge for the very high honour they had conferred upon him in having for a second time placed him in the high, honourable, and responsible position of W.M. of the Williamson Lodge, and assured them that nothing should be wanting if possible on his part to justify the confidence they had placed in him. The large number of brethren around showed him that during the past year he had to some little extent met with their approbation, and as he appealed to them twelve months ago, so now he repeated the same appeal, and asked the Past Masters, Officers, and members of the lodge to give him the same generous support as they had hitherto done, and the visitors and members of the other lodges still to show their kind and genial sympathy by continuing to visit the Williamson Lodge as regularly as they had hitherto done. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, proposed by Bro. J. Foster, S.W., and responded to by Bro. R. W. Halfnight, "The Present and Past Officers" was next proposed by Bro. R. Hudson, P.M., and responded to by Bro. J. Foster, S.W., and R. Shadforth, J.W.

Bro. R. W. Halfnight, then claimed the attention of the brethren, and said that during the seventeen years he had been a Mason he had had no more pleasing duty to perform than that which now devolved upon him. Most if not all the brethren present were aware that within a few days of his installation into the chair of the Williamson Lodge twelve months ago the Worshipful Master took to himself a wife, and that within the twelve months he had been presented with a "Lewis." To mark this event, and also to show their high appreciation of the valuable services Bro. Coates had rendered the Craft he had pleasure in presenting him with the testimonial now before him. Bro. Halfnight then in suitable terms presented the W.M. with an elegant time piece, bearing the following inscription. "Presented to Bro. Jas. Coates, W.M., by the members of the Williamson Lodge and other Masonic friends, on the occasion of the birth of a son during his year of office, as well, and also in recognition of his valuable services rendered to Masonry." The W.M., in returning thanks for the handsome present that had been made, said he could truly say (as had often been said by himself and others) that this was one of the very special occasions when a man found it extremely difficult to find appropriate words to return thanks. Since his initiation into Masonry he had endeavoured to faithfully carry out the Masonic duties by the first of the working tools, presented to an Entered Apprentice, the twenty-four inch gauge. And as the time piece marked each of the hours as they passed by, he would be still further reminded of the morals implied by that implement of labour, and strive day by day to devote each hour to its proper objects. He thanked, them one and all heartily, and promised that he would continue to devote the same time, patience, and assiduity as hitherto, and would do everything in his power to promote the interests of his lodge and the welfare of the Craft, both of which he had thoroughly at heart. The toast of the "Visiting Brethren" was next duly honoured and responded to by Bros. J. Davison, W.M. 80; J. S. Pearson, W.M. 94; R. Humphrey, W.M. 97; Mudd, 111, (Darlington); Robson, 661 (Seaham); and W. H. Crookes, W.M. 1389. The "Masonic Charities" was also proposed by the W.M., and was responded to by Bro. R. Humphrey, W.M. of 97, who represented the Province of Durham, as Steward at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on which occasion the Williamson Lodge completed its qualification as a Vice-President of that most excellent charity. The lodge also appears for a small amount on the list at the last Girls' School Festival. At intervals the harmony of the evening was materially increased by the singing of Bros. C. H. Bastow, 97; W. H. Surtees, 97; W. H. Craven, 80; Mudd, 111; J. Potts, 94; Hepple, 80; J. Taylor, E. Beckwith, J. Cawthorne, and others.

CHIPPING NORTON.—Bowyer Lodge (No. 1036).—The festival of the Bowyer Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Chipping Norton, on Tuesday, 20th inst., and was well attended by the members, who, in consequence of the recent decease of M.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Zetland, appeared in full Masonic mourning. After the opening of the lodge and the usual preliminary business, Bro. F. A. Wheeler, who had been elected at a previous meeting of the lodge, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of the installation was impressively performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Spiers, P.G.S. The W.M. then invested his officers. After the closing of the lodge the brethren, under the presidency of the W.M., were entertained at an excellent banquet, after which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were received with full honours.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1327).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, May 21st, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. At the appointed hour, half-past three o'clock p.m., the lodge was opened by Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. John Thomas Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, who was detained in town through numerous professional engagements. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in

favour of the admission of Messrs. G. S. Streeton, G. Mayer, P. From, and F. Jensen, as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry, and members of this lodge. The heavy agenda paper of work was then commenced by the introduction of Mr. John Johnson, who was duly initiated into Freemasonry. He was followed by Mr. G. S. Streeton, who likewise was initiated into the Order. The W.M. having arrived, he took the chair, and initiated Mr. B. Mayer, who was followed by Mr. P. From. The fifth and last candidate for initiation, Mr. F. Jensen, was then introduced, and the ceremony was gone through. The W.M. then requested the veteran Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., to take the chair, who at once acceded to the request. He proceeded to interrogate the applicants for the second degree, and finding them proficient, he opened the lodge in the second degree. Bros. J. Wallis, T. S. Lewis (1309), and J. J. Colman (1309) were properly introduced and passed to the Craftsman's degree. The candidates for raising passed a successful examination, showing that they had been carefully instructed, and had profited by their studies. The lodge was opened in the third degree. Bro. J. Deeks, J. W. George, 1309, C. W. Williams, 1275 and T. Spurr, 201, being in attendance were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It is needless to remark that, with such experienced Masons in the chair, each spent more than usual care over the ceremonies, that they were most impressively given, and correctly done. The agenda paper being cleared of a portion of the work, the propriety of altering the day of meeting was moved and discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the regular meetings of the lodge should be held on the third Saturdays of May, June, July, and August; and emergencies to be held on the third Thursdays of the other months. On motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that, in addition to the names already sent for Provincial honours, Bro. John Thomas Moss be recommended for higher honours, and Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., and Sec., for rank in the Provincial Grand Lodge. It was announced that the following members of the lodge had been Stewards at the Girls' School festival, on Wednesday, May 14, viz.:—Bros. J. T. Moss, W.M.; H. A. Dubois, S.W.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; W. Hammond, P.M., S.D.; H. Gloster, H. Goodwin, H. Nell, R. Limpus, J. W. Baldwin, E. H. Thiellay, E. Hopwood, P.M., and Moore, but as all were not present, the amounts could not be given. It was ascertained that Bros. J. T. Moss, H. A. Dubois, F. Walters, and W. Hammond had each sent in a list of not less than fifty guineas. Bros. H. Green, 1275, and R. W. Williams, 1275, were, with others, proposed as joining members. The usual large number of candidates were proposed for initiation. Some additional names were given for the proposed new chapter. Other important business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed at a few minutes to eight o'clock p.m. It was arranged that the next meeting should be held on Saturday, June 21st, at half-past three o'clock p.m. There were present during the afternoon and evening—Bros. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M., W.M.; H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; W. Hammond, P.M., S.D.; E. Gilbert, J.D.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; R. G. Sprules, W. H. Livett, A. W. Dray, T. Archer, J. Deeks, W. H. Cox, J. Wallis, E. H. Thiellay, G. S. Haines, and others. Amongst the large number of visitors were Bros. J. Abrahams, P.M. 188; T. Spurr, 201; C. H. Murr, P.M. 504; W. Nicholson, S.W. 811; T. Jenkins, 384; H. Green, 1275; C. W. Williams, 1275; J. W. George, 1309; T. S. Lewis, 1309; J. J. Colman, 1309, and others. Refreshment followed labour. Some time was agreeably spent, and the brethren separated. The death of the Earl of Zetland was feelingly alluded to. Great expressions of sympathy were made for the Provincial Grand Master (who had met with an accident), which gave proof how much Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett is respected and beloved in the Province over which he rules. Strong hopes were expressed for his recovery, and if hearty good wishes could restore him to health, he would be well

indeed, for they were spontaneously given for him. The members appeared, and the lodge was placed in deep mourning, in consequence of the death of the lamented Earl of Zetland, M.W. Past Grand Master.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 1873, at the Masonic Rooms. The lodge was opened at 7.30, p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Roger Dodgson, P.G.S.B., supported by Bro. J. Dodgson, P.M. 995, S.W.; Bro. J. Mills, P.G. Steward, J.W., and others. Minutes of last regular communications were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. D. Laney, which proved unanimous in his favour, he being in attendance was, at the request of the W.M., initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. J. Dodgson. On Bro. Laney retiring, the lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Beck, a candidate for the third degree, proving his proficiency was entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the third degree, when the W.M. again assumed the chair, and rose Bro. Beck, who retired. The lodge was then closed down to the first degree, when the W.M. very feelingly alluded to the great loss the lodge was about to sustain through the removal of the Chaplain to a distant town, and proposed that a letter be forwarded to Bro. Brown, Chaplain, expressing the regret of the brethren at his removal. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were given from No. 119, by Bro. MacKelvie, and from 995, by Bro. Lockett. The lodge was finally closed about 10, o'clock by the W.M. with solemn prayer.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Campbell Lodge* (No. 1415).—The second meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 21st inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart. A large number of members and visitors attended. Several new members were elected, and five gentlemen balloted for as candidates for initiation. Among the brethren present were Bros. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M.; R. W. Little, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Boyd, P.G. Purs.; T. Cubitt, A.G. Purs.; F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School; H. Colls, G. Stwd.; W. Roebuck, E. Kimber, S.W.; D. M. Dewar, J.W. pro. tem., and many others. The W.M. invested Bros. Cubitt, Treas.; H. C. Levander, Sec.; T. Keene, S.D.; A. Colner, J.D.; E. S. Jones, Org.; W. R. Woodman, Stwd.; Col. Peters, D.C.; and F. W. Levander, I.G. On the conclusion Masonic business, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and, after a very pleasant evening, separated at an early hour.

Loyal Arch.

TORQUAY.—*St. John's Chapter* (No. 328).—This chapter held its first anniversary meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 19th inst. on which occasion Excellent Comp. Dr. H. Hopkins, Past Z. of several chapters, was installed First Principal; Comp. T. Oliver, H.; and D. Watson, J. Ex-Comp. the Rev. R. Bowden, P.Z., acted as Installing Master for the first chair, and Ex-Comp. Dr. Hopkins for the other two. Letters of regret were received from several companions at their inability to honour the occasion by their presence. Bro. Hughan, of Truro, an honorary member of the chapter, was unavoidably absent, but wrote in his usual felicitous style, congratulating the chapter on having succeeded in inducing his valued friend Dr. Hopkins to occupy the First Principal's chair, as it was impossible for the chapter to confer any additional honour, beyond those already acquired by his friends in his long Masonic career. The business of the chapter having been disposed of, Comp. Dr. Hopkins, the newly installed Z., proceeded to deliver an address to the companions, from which the following are extracts:—Companions:—It has been my custom whenever I have been placed at the head of any Masonic body, to give a short address to those by whose favour I have been appointed to so high a position, for several reasons. 1st. To acknowledge with gratitude the confidence which has been reposed in me. 2nd. To pledge myself to efforts not to disappoint the reasonable expectations which have been formed as to my competency. 3rd. To solicit the kind and hearty

indulgence and co-operation of those who have evinced their regard and confidence by accepting office under my rule. 4th. To request from all that fraternal assistance, that ready acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, that regard for the feelings and scruples of others, which is so essential to the promotion of harmony, and to efficiency in the working of our ceremonies; that desire, in cases of difference of opinion, to give others credit for the same uprightness and devotedness to the cause which we claim for ourselves; and lastly, to make some slight general allusions to the objects and principles of that branch of the Craft in connection with which we are now assembled. Companions, we have this day arrived at the termination of the first year of existence of this chapter, during which none of us can deny that we have been skilfully and efficiently ruled by our Ex-Comp. the Rev. R. Bowden, whose kind and genial manners and urbane conduct, under even trying circumstances, have won for him a high place in the estimation of brethren and companions; moreover, whose acknowledged Masonic reputation and acquirements are such as to guarantee important requisites towards prosperity. And though we have had difficulties and differences of opinion, which are necessarily inherent in all human institutions, where the passions and prejudices of fallible men prevail, even in Masonry, but where all should be smooth and tranquil, yet we may congratulate ourselves that the existence of a good spirit has led to concessions which have prevented serious disturbance. Let me entreat of you to endeavour to promote harmony, and as a chief means thereto to indulge no thoughts which may assign sinister motives to others, and to practice forbearance, not only through the second year on which we are entering, in which I am more personally interested, but also during the terms of office of my successors for many years, that nothing may occur which is not in accordance with the sublime and solemn rites peculiar to this branch of Freemasonry. Companions:—I feel that I almost owe to you an apology for assuming the first chair on this day. As most of you know I joined St. John's Chapter on the urgent solicitation of its founders, not with a view to any additional rank it could bring to that already acquired, but in deference to the desire that I should give you the benefit of such experience as I have had the opportunity of gaining during a long Masonic career. I think I may confidently say that during a quarter of a century I have never refused such an appeal for assistance, whether by taking office or by giving private instruction. At the same time I admit, that in Masonry, as in everything else, jealousies and misapprehensions of actions and motives will arise, of which I have more than once been the victim, perhaps naturally, on becoming associated with Masons and Lodges to whom I was a stranger. But I have always felt that a straightforward and honourable course would in the end lead to a vindication of my conduct and to an appreciation of such efforts as I have been capable of making, and I am happy to say that in the end all false impressions have been removed, and that whenever I revisit the scenes of my former labours, I have a most hearty welcome from all parties. To you, Masons of Torquay, my thanks are especially due. Coming amongst you as a stranger, a few years ago I have received at your hands the most uniform kindness, and your evidences of fraternal regard and appreciation will ever be cherished in my memory. I have said that I almost owe you an apology for assuming your first chair to day, because I have to some extent, at your earnest desire, violated one of the rules I have laid down for my guidance, that is never to take any Masonic office whenever one vote was hostile to me. To this determination I came early in my Masonic career, owing to my observation of the difficulties encountered by some Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters who had but a small majority, and hence had much to contend with from the formation of two parties among those under their rule. You kindly proposed a second ballot on the ground that my election had been nearly unanimous, and with an assurance that no hostile feeling towards me was intended, but rather an expression of compliment and unbounded attachment to him who is now

the Past First Principal. To this suggestion I, with some diffidence, assented, and thus my scruples were removed by perfect unanimity. I trust that at this time next year you will have no reason to regret the course which has been pursued, and that as I appear to have your confidence now, when untried so far as you are concerned, I shall by my conduct in this chair prove that I have merited a continuance of it. Allow me to say, however, that I quite agree with all of you in the great respect and regard which is entertained for my predecessor, the Rev. R. Bowden, the first occupant of the chair of Z. in St. John's Chapter, under whom had it been your pleasure, I should have most cheerfully served for another year in the second chair, or have withdrawn entirely, so as not to disturb the position and prevent the progress of its present occupant. I have to crave your indulgence for having said so much which is of a personal nature, allow me now to congratulate you who have just entered on your new offices, on the position assigned to each, as a step towards the rank which I now hold, on the attainment of which you were told at your exaltation that you would be admitted to a full participation in our mystic rites." Further let me remind you, that if in some cases there has been disappointment, it is the duty of each to yield a ready acquiescence to the decision of the majority, and to each one I beg to offer such assistance as lies in my power when it is asked for, with a view to the acquisition of the requisite knowledge of our rites and ceremonies. Allow me to appeal to such of you as, though Royal Arch Masons, have not yet been invested with any collar, not only to avoid everything which may be inimical to our harmony and prosperity, but to endeavour to learn the duties of the several offices, so that in case of their unavoidable absence I may know to whom to apply for substitutes. This course is especially desirable in a new chapter, where there can be no old officers to fall back upon, and from personal experience in my younger Masonic days, I can state that there is no surer step towards one of the official appointments on a future occasion. Our labours at each meeting conclude with the solemn and emphatic expression of a desire to promote "Glory to God in the Highest, on earth peace, good will to men." None of us can join in our rites in this branch of Masonry, as distinct from that of the Craft, without conviction that it pertains to much higher things, that it regards the Most High and his dealings with mankind in a more lofty and majestic sense; that it has a special reference to exalted mysteries, attributes and symbols, of which they could previously have formed no conception, and that, in the words of our ritual, "it leads to the exercise of pure and sublime piety, a reverence for the Eternal Jehovah, the primordial source of all its principles, the spring and fountain of all its virtues." Thus it seems almost impossible that its votaries can fail in their aspirations to promote the glory of God. Companions: Considering that comparatively few of those who become Craft Freemasons ever attempt to obtain a knowledge of the higher and sublime mysteries of the Craft, as unfolded in capitular Masonry, I am not generally in favour of a too great multiplication of Royal Arch Chapters, which causes weakness in each, and there is a difficulty in finding men who can effectively fill the higher offices, the rituals of which are not easily acquired and retained in the memory, as the meetings are held at long intervals. We have but lately entered on our career, and I have some reason to believe that within a short period, two, and perhaps three other chapters will be formed at a moderate distance from us. It is not for us to consider whether such a course is politic. I trust, however, that this will prove a motive to us to be more than ordinarily careful in the conduct of our affairs, and especially in the effectiveness of our working. Above all that it will not be productive of an injudicious rivalry, which may result in our paying regard rather to the quantity than to the quality of our members, and thus lead to a depreciation of our system by those who have a very imperfect, and perhaps no idea of our objects, aims, and principles. I have now referred to all the points

but one which I laid down at the commencement of my address, and have extended my remarks so far beyond what was my intention that I believe it will be prudent to defer to a future occasion any enlarged dissertation on the Royal Arch degree as distinct from the Craft system, which however is incomplete without it. Allow me, therefore, to wind up with a few remarks and suggestions on another subject. It may be well for us at the commencement of another year to determine what shall be the course to be pursued by us in regard to banquets. Personally I have an objection to expensive banquets in connection with Freemasonry, unless in districts where there are several lodges in a populous town or neighbourhood, and where it may therefore be wise to have different scales of expense to suit Masons in several grades. Much more do I object to the custom which prevails in some Masonic lodges and chapters, to expect the newly-appointed head to place champagne or other wines on the table, feeling that such honour ought to be bestowed on those most worthy of them on account of Masonic character and knowledge alone, without any claim of the kind I have mentioned. I have known instances where brethren have been promoted to the highest rank over the heads of others who had superior claims, without the slightest expectation of good work in the administration of our rites, or of judicious control over the proceedings, but simply in the prospect of splendid banquets and costly presents at their expense. All this I deem derogatory to Freemasonry, and injurious to our character in the eyes of the profane world. Notwithstanding the remarks I have made, in the present instance as one come accidentally, as it were, among you, and promoted to honour without passing through the lower steps in this chapter, I do not wish to disregard the occasion, but to confer some mark of regard and confidence on those from whom I must look most especially for support in the administration of the ceremonies. You may, if you like, take it as a bribe, or rather as an incentive to extra exertion. I have prepared four of my Masonic charts, all differing in the arrangement and mottoes, and yet in other respects, much upon a par; their execution has been a work of time, thought, and labour. I hope they will prove acceptable mementoes of this day's proceedings. (Dr. Hopkins here presented the charts to Comps. Oliver, Watson, Harland and Percy, giving a few appropriate remarks to each of the recipients. The charts are models of artistic skill, design and beauty.) I trust these trifling mementoes of my regard, and the lessons taught by them will be more lasting and beneficial than the frothy and evanescent effects of any wines, however rich or sparkling. And as years creep on, and I cannot but expect at no distant period to be summoned to the Grand Lodge above, they may, perhaps, occasionally remind you, after my removal from this sublunary abode, of my slender labours among you, and of the desire I had felt to advance the interests of the Masonic body by precept and example, however feebly and ineffectively. Permit me to offer you as an accompaniment to the charts, a prospectus of my little graphic productions, with a request that you will show it to your friends, whether members of our fraternity or not, as by so doing, you may perhaps, induce some of them to add a mite to the funds of our Benevolent Institution, by the purchase of some specimens of my handiwork. I have in hand an amount which, with some additions, may enable me to present another sum of five guineas to one of our charities, and thus carry on the good work of affording help to worthy but distressed Masons, either personally to themselves or to their children, a labour of love in which the Torquay brethren have shown that they take a deep interest.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—*Dykes Conclave* (No. 60).—The above conclave of Red Cross Knights of Rome and Constantine held their second assembly on Wednesday, at the rooms of Skiddaw Lodge, 1,002, Cockermouth. There was a good muster of Sir Knights from Whitehaven, Maryport,

Wigton, Keswick, &c., inclusive of a few Masons, who attended for the purpose of being installed to the degree. Soon after twelve, the M.P. Sovereign, Sir Knight R. Robinson, ascended the throne, and opened the conclave, supported by his Viceroy, Sir Knight J. Pearson. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, six brothers were installed and dubbed Sir Knight, at the conclusion of which the M.P. Sovereign invested his officers for the year as follows: Sir Knts. W. Taylor, S.G.; W. Tickle, J.G.; Rev. H. Puxley, High Prelate; H. Dodgson, M.D., Treas.; T. F. Taylor, Recorder; Crowther Morton, Prefect; John Wood, Standard Bearer; James Porter, Herald; W. Potts, Sentinel. The conclave was then closed, and subsequently a first-class banquet was provided by Sir Knt. Stephen Thwaite, at the Old Hall presided over by the Sovereign. Dykes Conclave has only been a few weeks in existence, but so highly is the degree appreciated that there are no fewer than 41 names on the roll.—*Whitehaven News.*

Scotland.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

GLASGOW.—*Saint Mungo Encampment* held their usual monthly meeting, on May 21st, at St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow. On the dais beside the M.N.C., were seated, Sir Knights Robert Bell, Capt. Sanks, 18°, P.E.C. (E.C.); G. W. Wheeler, R.; D. Butler, S.C., and I.G.; Speirs, C.G.; applications for reception having been received from J. Chalmers, M.D., and T. H. Wilson, of Chapter 113, they were admitted as pilgrims, and afterwards as Esquires of this degree, both ceremonies were very impressively rendered by the M.N.C., who was assisted by G. W. Wheeler, acting Prelate; M'Clanenan, C.C.; J. Balfour, W., and W. Nolan, as A. de C. At the request of the M.N.C., Capt. Shanks, 18°, gave a description of the visit to London, to see the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as G.M. of the United Order in England and Ireland, and also of his interview with Sir P. Colquhoun, relative to the proposed treaty with Scotland. He also detailed what took place at Edinburgh at the last meeting of the Chapter General for Scotland, when himself, and Sir Knights Bell and Wheeler, were the only members present who were in favour of union, owing as he thought to an unwillingness to reverse a previous decision, even when that decision was shown to have been arrived at from a misconception of the scope and terms of the proposed treaty. Sir Knights Bell and Wheeler also spoke of the way in which the subject had been taken up to the Chapter General, but expressed a hope that they would yet see their way to join this Federal Union of the Three National Grand Bodies. A vote of thanks was past to Captain Shanks for his lucid expression of the state of our relation to the treaty, and the determination of the encampment to bring the matter again before the authorities in Edinburgh, Sir Knights Bro. Speirs, J.O., Park, Balfour, and Nolan also spoke on the subject, all of them advocating the desirability of union with England and Ireland.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge No. 73*, was duly opened on the 22nd of May, when the ark having been unmoored, the command was taken by Bro. Balfour, F.N., assisted by G. McDonald, S.; T. Stewart, J.; G. W. Wheeler, Scribe; R. Bell, T., and J. Thay, Pilot. An application was received from Comp. G. S. McManus, who was received on board, and instructed in the duties of an Ark Mariner, he was afterwards entrusted with the secrets of this degree, and received his commission. The whole of the work was performed in Bro. Balfour's best style. There being no further work to perform, the cruise ended, and the ark was again moored in safety.

REMARKS.—The only guaranteed cure for Toothache.—This extraordinary application, marvellous in its effects, gives immediate relief, without injuring the tooth, and forms a temporary stoppage, is, 12d.; post free 1s. 3d. THE ORIGINATOR, JOHN L. ASH, for cleaning and improving the teeth, imparts a natural richness to the gums, and gives brilliancy to the enamel. Price 1s. 6d. The Royal Dispensary, prepared from a recipe as used by Her Majesty, gives the teeth a pearl-like whiteness, and imparts a delicious fragrance to the breath. Price 1s. 6d. Sold by all chemists and perfumers, and by the proprietors, Messrs. GARDNER, THE DISPENSARY, 72, Ludgate-hill, and 59, Hatfield-street, Cavendish-square, London.

Original Correspondence.

UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE, No. 507.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The report in your last issue of the proceedings at the United Pilgrim's Lodge, 507, is slightly inaccurate. The portrait of our lamented Bro. C. W. Haddock was not presented by the brethren privately, but was, at my suggestion, substituted by the lodge for a Past Master's jewel, voted to him before his death; the lodge also presented a copy of the portrait to his family.

The portrait of Bro. Thomas was not the gift of the lodge in its corporate capacity, but subscribed for some of the brethren privately, the idea originating with me. I trust you will excuse my troubling you on the subject, but as it was an opportunity given to me to pay the last tribute of respect in my power to a lamented brother, and at the same time offer a token of regard to our revered and respected Secretary, Bro. John Thomas, I am naturally anxious it should be known that both suggestions, which met with the heartiest approval of the brethren, were mine, and carried out solely by

Yours fraternally,

J. DUCKET,

W.M. United Pilgrims, 507.

BRO. D. MURRAY LYON'S "HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH."

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Owing to your taking such a lively interest in the above publication, a great number of letters from subscribers have been received inquiring when this important work is to be issued.

Will you allow me to state in the *Freemason* that the "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh" is at length printed, and is at once to be placed in the binders' hands, so its appearance may safely be depended on in June.

The cause of the delay (the strike amongst the compositors in Edinburgh) has already been made public through your columns, and I trust nothing now will occur to present its speedy issue, and its ready sale. I believe the whole edition is nearly subscribed for, and if so I beg to congratulate my friend, Bro. Lyon on such signal success.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

WITHIN THE CENTRE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

A line in reply to J. B. (in No. 219) and I will not trouble you again on this point. I am not responsible for the word be it *in*, *with*, or *within*. I look to the allegorical meaning, and should prefer the word *in*, but as to "the phrase" one word is as good as the other. I gave that one generally accepted. We know that Masons do, sometimes, use wrong words. I have often heard W.M.'s say, rise newly obligated, which is simply ridiculous. The word of course is *duly*. At some time the word has been badly pronounced, and so handed down. I myself was taught to say it, but I afterwards rejected it, and all my initiates have been *duly* raised.

MAGNUS OHREN.

P.M. 33, &c.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allowing to others what I claim for myself, namely the holding of my own opinion on Masonic or any other matters, I am still sorry to note the tone of Bro. H. B. Hodges' letter at page 339. He surely need not be so angry about the alteration of title adopted by the Order of the Temple, and particularly as he does not appear to be one of the Knights of this Order.

I believe the Knights themselves, with few exceptions, are perfectly satisfied.

I have no doubt there some who, like Bro. Hodges, can see nothing attractive in "High Degrees." It will always be the case, and proves

nothing but a want of a less prejudiced mind in approaching the subject.

I feel sure the Order of the Temple are quite willing to allow Bro. Hodges to uphold his dignity by repudiating all connection with them. If he thinks such a result will follow, and as to his advice to Freemasons to cut off all the High Degrees as excrescences, I have no doubt, when that determination is arrived at by those who may agree with Bro. H., that the present Order of the Temple will survive the shock.

The only reason Bro. H. gives is that he cannot see his way clear to become a Knight Templar, and that feeling is strengthened by reading a work of very questionable authority on the subject, inasmuch as the author had a strong bias against this degree, and he even then admits that an immense amount of learning has been developed in the Higher Degrees, but makes the excuse that the Craft is capable of as much if it could be worked on old principles—what these old principles are Bro. "H." does not explain.

As to his suggestion that the members of the Order of the Temple should be sworn to celibacy, and also his very witty allusion to tailors, shoemakers, lawyers, &c., and his homely advice to "let the old hare sit." I will leave for some Brother or K.T. more advanced in this style to reply to.

Yours fraternally,

EXCELSIOR.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to offer a few remarks in reply to your correspondents. I am sorry to see that Bro. Hodges should assert in your last issue that the Chivalric Orders are frequently most injurious to legitimate Craft Masonry, and I should like to know how he proposes to cut off all such excrescences as the "quasi Masonic Chivalric Orders." I fear he will find it rather beyond his powers.

I believe a great many Masons enter the Craft simply to qualify for the Order of the Temple, who would not otherwise join us, and the Craft gets the benefit of their initiation fees and subscriptions, at all events.

I have already shown that so far back as 1780 the prefix Masonic was not used, and I have also shown that in the articles of union between the two Grand Lodges in 1813, the position of the chivalric bodies, as such, was admitted and acknowledged.

Bro. Hodges believes with Bro. Hughan, "that many Freemasons will, now the Masonic prefix is most properly abandoned, rather leave the ranks than act a lie by claiming to be the lineal descendants of the original Knights Templar." For my own part, I do not believe any members of the Order who are worth retaining will do anything of the kind; on the contrary, I have every reason for expecting a great accession to our ranks as the results of the late legislation. So long as it is obligatory that Templars shall be Royal Arch Masons, the body is in a sense Masonic, and it is absurd to say that the mere abolition of the prefix makes us a different Order. Bro. Hughan has always been a great supporter of the Constantinian Degree, which till within the last year was known as the Imperial and Ecclesiastical Order of the Knights of the Red Cross and Constantine. In this year's "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" this degree is dubbed the Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, and I want to know whether by altering their title the body remains the same, or whether Bro. Hughan considers that is neither chivalric nor Masonic, and its members are absolved from their allegiance. If the Constantinian Knights assume their old title to-morrow, Bro. Hughan would try to be logical and recommend the members to leave its ranks rather than act a lie, and support a body, which of course by his own showing, would be neither Chivalric nor Masonic. I have every respect for Bro. Hughan, but I cannot accept his dictum, so far as the Knights Templar are concerned.

If I remember right my erudite brother utterly repudiates Bro. Yarker's assertion that there were documents in existence to show that the Grand Lodge of all England recognised the

Knights Templar degree, and afterwards had to admit that he was wrong, and I venture to think that we are all too hasty in assuming that because the proofs are not ready to hand, the Knights Templar have no claim to their title. To our opponents of the Craft I would simply retort by saying, What claim have you to the arms of the Company of Operative Masons? What proof can you give of your descent from the builders of King Solomon's Temple? You know the old proverb about glass houses? Well, don't throw stones.

In reply to "A Knight Templar," who expresses great astonishment at the resignation of Lord Eliot, I must say that—whilst I, for one, deeply regret his lordship's withdrawal from active Masonic life—I have long expected and feared that the intolerance and bigotry of some of the members of the A. P. U. C. (the Association for the Promotion of the Unity of Christendom), of which Lord Eliot is now president, would drive him from amongst us, as a body antagonistic to the Association.

I shall be surprised if our noble brother does not ultimately withdraw altogether from Masonry, after the attack which was made upon him in one of the Church organs some time since. In reply to my friend Bro. Newnham, I say that Masonry is still the vital essence of the United Orders of the Temple and the Hospital; and undoubtedly the obligations we entered into when we joined that chivalric body, we are bound by now.

EMRA HOLMES, P.M.,

P.P.G.A.D.C., & P.G. Reg. Suffolk, &c.

P.S. Permit me to add that I was greatly disappointed at not seeing an account of the late meeting of convent general—which, through indisposition, I was precluded from attending—in your columns. There are many who, like myself, look to you to keep us *au courant* with what goes on in Masonry and its associated orders and degrees.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. CHARLES ROGERS, LL.D.

Our northern brethren will be pleased to learn that a movement is in progress for presenting "a house" to Bro. Dr. Chas. Rogers, honourably known in connection with the National Wallace Monument, and other patriotic undertakings. The testimonial house is to be reared at Moore Park, near Norwood, Surrey, and the sum of £1,200 will be required for its completion. Operations are considerably advanced, both in the building and subscription, and an appeal is now being made to the Scottish lodges, and some of those in the colonies. We hope the appeal will meet with a ready response, and that all our brethren who are more especially cognisant of our brother's services will be generous and hearty in acknowledging them. The following is a copy of Bro. Lawrence's appeal.

"Sir and Brother,—The Committee on Dr. Rogers' Testimonial are most desirous that all the Scottish Masonic lodges should have an opportunity of contributing to the Testimonial Fund. As the erector of the Wallace Monument, Dr. Rogers has merited well of his Masonic brethren in Scotland, and of all who are actuated by Masonic principles. He was, the Committee are informed, restorer of the Royal Arch Chapter of Stirling, which had long fallen into abeyance. In making the present appeal I am directed specially to request, that as most of the Scottish lodges may probably contribute, and the sum required to build Dr. Rogers' house does not exceed £1,200, you will make no effort to obtain contributions on an extensive scale. The sum of one or two guineas from each of the Scottish lodges would, while testifying approval of Dr. Rogers' labours, abundantly satisfy every requirement. To you, Sir and Brother, as Secretary of the lodge, I direct the present communication, since not infrequently the R.W. Master is non-resident. An answer before Midsummer would oblige. Remittances should be sent to William Herbage, Esq., Manager City Bank, Ludgate-hill, the Treasurer, or addressed to myself personally.

"I remain Sir and Brother, your fraternally,

"JAMES LAWRENCE,

"Corresponding Secretary.

"3, Turner-terrace, Lee-road, Lee, S.E."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the University Masonic Hall, Oxford, on the 24th instant, under the auspices of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, the largest and most influential lodge in the Province. There were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge the R.W. Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, the Acting Provincial Grand Master; Bro. Reginald Bird, W. Deputy Master, No. 357, Prov. S.G.W.; the R.W. Bro. Richard Havers, Senior Grand Deacon of England; the V.W. Bro. A. J. Spiers, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and many other brethren of rank in the Province.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the accounts of the Prov. G. Treasurer were adopted amid considerable applause, as demonstrating the remarkably good financial position of the Province.

The election of Pro. G. Treasurer next took place, and Bro. Thomas Randall, P.M. 340, was unanimously re-elected to the office he has held for a great number of years, and the duties of which he has discharged with singular credit to himself, and great advantage to the Province.

The report of the charity committee was read and adopted. The number of the brethren who, during the past year, have served the office of Steward at the several festivals of the Masonic charitable institutions, was reported to be larger than in any previous year, a fact which proves that the Province of Oxfordshire, while progressing most successfully at home, has not been forgetful of the great duty which it owes to the Craft in general.

The R.W. the acting Provincial Grand Master then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. K. J. Spiers, (for the 18th time) D.P.G.M.; H. B. Samuelson, M.P., W.M. No. 599, S.G.W.; F. Wheeler, W.M. No. 1036, J.G.W.; Rev. T. Cochrane, No. 357, Senior G. Chaplain; Rev. C. F. Garratt, No. 1036, Junior G. Chaplain; Alderman T. Randall, No. 340, G. Treasurer; A. Akers, Nos. 357, and 478, G. Registrar; H. H. Riach, Nos. 357, and 478, G. Secretary; W. Park, No. 340, S.G.D.; F. Stockwell, M.D. No. 1399, J.G.D.; H. O. Wakeman, No. 478, G. Supt. of Works; F. A. Hyndman, Nos. 357, and 478, G.D. of C.; H. A. Cooper Smith, Nos. 357, and 478, A.G.D. of C.; Frank Spiers, No. 340, G. Swordbearer; W. Neville, No. 357, G. Organist; Lamb, No. 599, G. Pursuivant; Paris, No. 1399, A.G. Pursuivant; and Bro. R. T. Hodge, and others as G. Stewards.

The usual grants to the charities were made, and all business being concluded, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren present adjourned to a banquet, which had been provided in the Clarendon Hotel.

CONSECRATION OF A MARK MASTER'S LODGE AT HASTINGS.

The interesting ceremony of the opening of a new Mark Masters' Lodge, called the "East Sussex Lodge, No. 166," took place on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Swan Hotel, High-street, Hastings, the head-quarters of the Freemasons for East Sussex. Punctually at the time appointed, the R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., and Grand Secretary of the Degree, specially deputed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to perform the ceremony, entered the Lodge Room, and having appointed his Wardens, proceeded with the consecration, assisted by the V.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Richards, Past Grand Chaplain, who delivered in a most effective manner an oration, in which he alluded to the origin of the Mark Degree, pointing out the peculiar teachings of its symbolism, and briefly referring to the intimate association of the practical bearing of this Degree as illustrating its fitness to be considered as the true Fellow Craft Degree in Freemasonry. He also briefly referred to the causes of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of the Order, and explained the deep interest which was day by day being taken in it by the Master Masons of the world, as shown by the opening of Lodges in every principal centre of the habitable globe, and congratulated the Mark

Masons of Sussex in having among them so many earnest workers in all the branches of Freemasonry.

As soon as the ceremony of consecration had terminated, V.W. Bro. Dr. Cunningham, P.M. 75, P.G.J.O., then proceeded to instal in the chair of "A" the Worshipful Master Designate, Bro. Dr. Trollope, P.M. 40, P.Z. 40, P.P.G.W. of Sussex, a worthy and highly esteemed member of the Craft, whose zeal, ability and love for the Masonic charities, as displayed by him for many years past, peculiarly fitted him for the important and responsible post of first Master of this Lodge of Mark Masons. The ceremony of installation having proceeded thus far, special permission was given at this point for the introduction of candidates anxious to be advanced into this honourable degree. The W.M. was most ably assisted by W. Bro. Sabine, P.M. 22, P.G.A.D.C., who acted as Senior Deacon and Director of Ceremonies; W. Bro. Hudson, P.M. 75, P.G.A.D.C.; Bros. Ade, P.M. 315, and Sec. 75; E. Lewis, J.O. 75; Lockyer, W.M. 75; W. R. Wood, P.M. 63, 315, 811, P.Z. St. James's Chapter, 1, P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; and Bros. Duke, Langley, J. W. Wolton, of the Macdonald Mark Lodge, London, Baldwin, &c. A ballot was then taken for twenty-five candidates, all of whom were duly elected. Of these twenty-two were present, the following being a correct list:—Bros. B. U. Hearn, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 311; J. Howell, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, P.M. 40; J. Dorman, Prov. G. Steward, P.M. 40; R. C. N. Davis, P.M. 341; W. B. Tanner, P.M. 341; T. Lane, P.M. 1110; W. Lamborn, P.M. 1184; R. Pidock, S.W. 916; G. Flint, S.W. 1110; J. A. Worge, S.W. 1184; T. Morris, J.W. 1110; G. Fairman, Sec. 40; C. M. Norris, S.D. 40; G. Moran, S.D. 916; C. M. Mathews, D.C. 1110; T. S. Jackson, I.G. 40; S. Chester, 40; A. Croucher, 40; G. E. Boor, 1110; G. S. Grey, 40; S. Hendy, 40; H. C. Davey, 1110.

The candidates having read and all signed the "declaration book," were duly received into the lodge, and properly placed. The ceremony of advancement was proceeded with, and rendered by the W.M. with commendable accuracy, it being the first occasion he had worked the degree in lodge. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Kirkland, S.W.; Wellerd, J.W.; Rev. G. Richards, D.D., P.G.M. Chap., Chaplain; C. W. Duke, M.O.; Thomas Lane, S.O.; W. Lamborn, J.O.; G. Wellerd, Treas. (he having been unanimously elected by the members. This brother has been the Treasurer of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, for the past 20 years, and is highly respected by all who know him); C. M. Norris, Secretary; J. Dorman, Reg. of Marks; G. Fairman, S.D.; W. B. Tanner, J.D.; G. Moren, I.G.; S. Hendy was re-elected Tyler.

The ceremony of installation was then completed, the addresses being given by Bro. Cunningham in a most impressive manner. Several candidates were proposed for advancement at the next lodge, which it is expected will be held upon an early day for the purpose of relieving the pressure of business consequent on so many Masons being desirous of entering the Order. Votes of thanks were especially given to those brethren who had rendered aid in establishing the lodge.

Shortly afterwards the members and visitors, to the number of between 30 and 40, sat down to banquet, the W.M. again presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Binckes, in responding for the present and past Grand Officers, referred to the fact that the R.W. Earl Percy, Most Worshipful Grand Master Elect, would be installed as Grand Master of the Order at the Grand Lodge to be held in London, on Tuesday, June 3rd next. He also congratulated the members of the lodge on the fact of their having present so many Past Grand Officers, men who had taken a deep interest in the welfare of this particular degree, and who had done so much towards the great success of this lodge. He likewise entered at some length into an instructive explanation respecting the degree, which must have made a deep impression upon the younger members present; and specially impressed upon them that it was the only degree in universal Freemasonry which

insisted on a due allegiance to the Craft Grand Lodge of England, by compelling every candidate to prove himself worthy of admittance to the degree by first proving himself to be a Master Mason. He concluded by stating that many Craft Masons holding positions of importance were assisting in promoting the degree; the R.W., the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master of England, had been one of the Grand Masters of this Order.

The Rev. G. Richards, in responding to a toast with which his name had been associated, expressed the pleasure he felt in leaving the quiet retreat in Hertfordshire, now the place of his sojourn, to mix once more and work in harmony with those brethren of the Province of Sussex with whom, in former times, he had worked so happily, more particularly was this the case to-day in meeting the Masons of Hastings on an occasion so important, as he considered it was in the best interests of Freemasonry that the "Mark Degree" should be practised, and concluded by a graceful allusion to his friendship for the W.M., whom he was proud to find occupying so important a post as the first Master of a new Mark lodge.

The W.M. specially proposed the health of Bro. Sabine, and, in doing so, referred to the valuable assistance which he and the other members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75, had given him.

Bro. Sabine briefly responded, adverting to the fact that although the lodge that day established was the second in the county of Sussex, another lodge had been applied for and the warrant granted; this, the "Southdown Lodge, No. 164," would be opened in the course of a few weeks at the Station Hotel, Hayward's Heath (Bro. Golding's). He had also no doubt that efforts would be made before long to accommodate the Mark Masons residing at Eastbourne and neighbourhood; and in all probability, if not this year, at any rate early in the ensuing year, another Mark Lodge would be applied for, to hold its meetings in the western part of Brighton. With regard to the formation of the Sussex Mark lodges into a province, the preliminary steps had already been taken, and it was within the bounds of possibility that early in the approaching autumn the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex would be inaugurated.

Various other toasts were proposed and responded to. The after-dinner proceedings were marked with a succession of capital speeches, characterised by a determination to uphold the cause, and to spread the principles of Mark Masonry in Sussex; and the brethren separated shortly before eleven o'clock, thoroughly satisfied with the remarkable success which had attended the establishment of the East Sussex Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 166 on the register of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales.

Reviews.

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THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN THE UNITED STATES.

We have received the "Proceedings of the second annual Grand Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and appendant Orders of Pennsylvania," held at Allentown, Pennsylvania, on the 20th February last. From this notice we learn that the Order, which was established but one year previously, now numbers,

in Pennsylvania, no less than 14 Conclaves which are named and located as follows:—

1. (U. S.) Premier, Washington.
2. Orient, Bloomsberg.
3. Constantiae, Reading
4. Trinity, Harrisburg.
5. Mary, Allentown.
6. Bellefonte, Bellefonte.
7. Allegheny, Allegheny.
8. Philadelphia, Philadelphia,
9. Earl of Bective, Towanda.
10. Red Rose, Columbia.
11. Rose of Sharon, Rouseville.
12. Corry, Corry.
13. Sage, Franklin.
14. Lily of the Valley, Titusville.

Appended to the "proceedings" are the statutes of the order, including neatly executed engravings of the regalia, and a draft of bye-laws for the general use of subordinate Conclaves, and a variety of forms of petition, recommendation, charters, dispensations, returns, diplomas, documents, certificates, reports, &c. The whole exhibits an extraordinary state of completeness, notwithstanding the short time that the order has been established in the State.

The address of the M.J. Grand Sovereign, Calvin L. Stowell, is a document so full of interest that we feel constrained to make therefrom the following copious extracts:—

ADDRESS.

Eminent and Illustrious Knights of the Imperial Ecclesiastical, Military, and Masonic Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Appendant Orders of the Grand Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

Called by your unanimous vote to be the first Grand Sovereign of the first Grand Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, established in the United States by authority of the Earl of Bective, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the Grand Council of England, I cannot be insensible of the high honour conferred on me, and from my heart thank you sincerely and fraternally for this proof of your estimation of my Masonic abilities.

Whatever these may be, I shall place them all upon our Masonic Christian altar, and devoutly ask the Grand Master of Assemblies, for the sake of His Son, our Saviour, to direct and prosper all our doings, so that the pure, elevating, and evangelising principles of our Order may be disseminated to promote His glory, the good of every Christian Knight, and our brethren of every degree in the great Masonic family scattered over the face of the earth.

Knighthood, with its principles, its ceremonies and its grandeur, runs far back in the history of time, and since man first began to wage war against his fellow, have marks and badges been given by the Commander to the meritorious for signal services and daring exploits.

No nation has ever existed which has not been distinguished by some peculiar and characteristic device. Thus, the Israelites chose the Hebrew letter Tau; the Scythians, a thunderbolt; the Egyptians, an ox; the Thracians, a likeness of Mars, the god of war; the Romans, an eagle; the Persians, a bow and arrows; Prussia, a double-headed eagle; England, a lion; and our own beloved America, the eagle.

The founder of our Order, the immortal Constantine—immortal, because he was the first Christian Emperor—chose for our distinctive badge, the cross and its motto, *In hoc signo vinces.*

What thrilling memories are clustered around this device. A Saviour and his sufferings. His birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension are all presented to our view. His divine teachings all tending to redeem this sinned world, and regenerate its inhabitants, through the potent, silent but all-powerful and all subduing influence of the cross, for by this sign we conquer.

Since the time of Constantine other Orders of Knighthood have been established, (numbering about seventy-three,) as the historic page abundantly shows, but none can boast of a voice uttered from on high with the emblem of man's redemption as its device, neither can they be compared with the Red Cross of Constantine, the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and the Order of St. John, as the means of elucidating to the novitiate those eternal truths taught in our first Great Light.

Our Orders, in their history, their conception, and their grandeur, infinitely surpass all others, and He who spake to the great Emperor, in the year of our Lord 313, and exhibited to him, both the sign and the motto, not only at the setting of the sun, but in his dreams, in the night season, has rendered them imperishable and deathless.

We greet all other legitimate Orders of Knighthood, and recognise them as co-labourers in the dissemination of great moral principles, but while they gather truth from some event of a national character, or by exhibiting the public and private virtues of an individual, of warriors or statesmen, our Order teaches lessons far more sublime. It infuses into the heart the genuine principles of the new dispensation, of Christ as the Second Person of The Trinity, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It teaches our members to keep our solemn vows continually before their minds, commanding us to feed the hungry, give drink to thirsty, clothe the naked with a garment, visit and ransom the captives, give the widows and orphans where to lay their heads, visit and relieve the sick, and thereby become Christ-like in principle and action. In assuming our vows these tenets are inwrought in our hearts, and are therefore necessarily carried out in the active duties of life, because we are taught to love one another, to bear with one another, not to speak evil of one another, to pray with and for one another, and to unite together as children of one parent, and brethren of one family.

Such are the precepts and principles taught within and without our Conclaves; hence our Knights are reminded of the duties they owe to their God, their country, their fellow-men, and particularly their brethren and Sir Knights, and by following the divine injunctions, I may, in language of our ritual, truly say, that "faith will sustain their steps, immortal hope cheer their souls, and charity crown their lives." Nay, these eternal truths will alone satisfy Divine justice, justify man's repentance, and prepare him by deeds of mercy, pure beneficence and an humble and contrite heart, for the happiness of the life that now is, and for that which is to come

through the power of the cross, for by that sign we conquer.

It is eminently fitting on this occasion that I should give a concise history of our three working Orders, that all people may know we practice no deception upon our novitiates, but teach them lessons of truth and history, deduced as well from the historic page as the inspiration of God's Holy Word.

First in order is the Red Cross of Constantine. This is the most ancient order of Knighthood, dating back to the 28th of October, A.D. 313, and is, consequently, about seven centuries older than any other. Although it bears upon its brow the imprint of age, yet amid the fluctuations of empires, kingdoms, republics, societies, aye men themselves, it stands forth to-day in the vigour and strength of its manhood. As age after age is added to its existence, its principles become brighter and brighter, extending themselves throughout the world for the evangelisation of man, and the promotion and practice of Christian truths.

It is unnecessary, on the present occasion, to give you a full history of Constantine. Suffice to say that he has rendered his name immortal by renouncing paganism, and embracing Christianity.

Gibbon, the historian, thus speaks of him in his history of the Roman Empire: "From the first moment of Constantine's accession to the throne, he declared himself the protector of the Christian Church, and at length deserved the appellation of the first Emperor who publicly professed and established the Christian religion."

He adds: "The motives of his conversion, as they may be deduced from policy, from conviction, or from remorse, rendered Christianity the reigning religion of the Roman Empire, hence it followed that every victory was productive of relief or benefit to the Church."

Eusebius, the great church historian, and as we shall presently show, the intimate and confidential friend of Constantine, in his ecclesiastical history, thus adds his testimony to that of Gibbon: "But the mighty and victorious Constantine, adorned with every virtue of religion, restored the Roman Empire to its ancient state of one united head, extending its peaceful sway around the world, from the rising sun to the opposite regions, to the north and the south, even to the last borders of the declining day." "With choirs and hymns in the cities and villages, they celebrated and extolled first of all God, the universal King, because they were so taught; then they also celebrated the praises of the pious Emperor Constantine."

Edicts were issued by the victorious Emperor, full of clemency, and laws were enacted indicative of liberality and genuine religion.

The friends and enemies of Constantine, whether Christian, Infidel, or Pagan, all bestow on him the proud and enviable title of the first Christian Emperor.

He assumed the government on July 26th, A.D. 306, by right of succession, as well as by the voice of the military and the people, to whom he had become endeared by his many acts of generosity, and eventually, after years of service in behalf of the Roman people, he was hailed by the title of Emperor, and name of Augustus.

The occasion of instituting the Order of the Red Cross, was a vision which he saw prior to the battle fought by him on October 28th, A.D. 313, at a place called Saxa Rubra, about nine miles from Rome, and in the neighbourhood of the Cremera, a small river immortalised by the valor and death of the three hundred Fabii.

There Constantine, with ninety thousand foot soldiers and eight thousand horsemen, met his adversary, Maxentius, who had recently been declared Emperor by a portion of the people, and who commanded an army of one hundred and seventy thousand footmen and eighteen thousand horsemen, and utterly routed the usurper.

In attempting to escape across the Milvian bridge, the weight of the hurrying horsemen caused it to fall, and Maxentius was drowned in the river Tiber, owing partly to the fact that his body was enveloped in a cumbersome armour, which he wore to protect his life, but which ultimately hastened his death.

This battle is regarded as the greatest achievement of Constantine's life, but the victory was perhaps owing to the influence over the soldiery of his sacred vision of the previous night, which infused into them the highest enthusiasm and military courage.

The Order of Knighthood has for its foundation-stone the vision of Constantine, which is asserted to be true by the learned Bishop Eusebius, to whom it was communicated by that Emperor himself.

The latter, as our traditional history states, "afterwards instituted the Order of the Red Cross as a memorial of the Divine miracle which effected his conversion to the Christian faith," and as a reward for the valour of his soldiers.

On the day previous to the ever memorable battle in which Maxentius was defeated, as Constantine was seated in his tent door "reflecting upon sublunary things," and the dangers of the approaching expedition, and "meditating also upon the various religious opinions which then divided mankind," he breathed forth a prayer to the First Great Cause "for inspiration and wisdom to choose the right path in which to persevere."

As he turned his face towards the setting sun, he beheld a celestial sign in the form of a passion cross, surmounted by the Latin inscription, *In hoc signo vinces*, or translated, *By this sign thou shalt conquer*.

This extraordinary appearance naturally created the utmost astonishment in the minds of the Emperor and his whole army, he himself regarding it as an answer to his pious ejaculations, and thenceforth he ranged himself as a subject of the Great Captain of our Salvation, regarding Jesus as the divine Saviour of men.

In the night season, as he lay upon his couch in refreshing sleep, he beheld in a dream the same sign and inscription, thereby confirming the event, and fixing in his mind the resolution that henceforward he would obey the New Law, take up the cross and follow the footsteps of the Lamb, by which means alone he expected to rebuild in his heart the Temple of God.

The following morning he communicated his dream to his officers and soldiers, and they too

avowed their faith in the God of the Christians, and in commemoration of the event the Emperor directed his soldiers to wear upon their armour a red cross and sixteen stars, denoting the sixteen letters of the mysterious words.

Gibbon, the historian, thus describes the effect of the vision: "The same symbol (the cross) sanctified the arms of the soldiers of Constantine. The cross glittered on their helmets, was engraved on their shields, was interwoven into their banners, and the consecrated emblem adorned the person of the Emperor himself."

Constantine directed a standard to be made, which was named the *labarum*. It is thus described: "A long pike, a transverse beam, to which was attached a silken vail, wrought with images of the monarch and his children. On the top was a crown of gold inclosing the mysterious monogram representing the cross, with the initial letters of the name of Christ.

This consecrated banner was committed to the care of fifty chosen men, who were to defend it with their lives, because it was the emblem of power and courage.

When it was carried into battle the sight of the *labarum* or royal banner animated the soldiers, and scattered terror and death amongst its enemies.

It was the effect of the vision, the dream, the standard and the faith of Constantine, which, on the subsequent day, procured for him the victory over Maxentius and his army.

The Senate of Rome, to demonstrate its appreciation of his military services, and above all, of the truth of the Christian religion, caused to be erected in the very centre of Rome a statue of Constantine, with a cross in his right hand, with the inscription, "By this sign thou shalt conquer."

Medals on which were engraved this symbol were also made and distributed among the people.

Hence the vision of Constantine has been made the foundation-stone of the Order of Knights of the Red Cross, and upon no safer stone can it rest than the Rock of Ages.

The order teaches us faith, unity and zeal, and to carry out in our daily lives the divine principles of charity and truth, based upon the new law, which will admit all true and faithful followers of Jesus into that immortal temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens, for *In hoc signo vinces*. By the sign of the cross and the merits of Christ alone we can conquer.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Judging that you are a well informed brother, could you inform me if ever an early Grand Encampment of Knights Templar existed in Dublin, and if so still, or if not when it ceased to exist. There are a great number of Knights Templar in Ayrshire, of the Early Grand and they are working under charters said to hold from Dublin. By giving us any information to let us know whether we are right or wrong. You will earn the everlasting gratitude of all the Early Grand High Knights Templar.—C.M'D.

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CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LODGE OF EMULATION, NO. 21.

The Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, celebrated the attainment of the 150th year of its age on Monday last, at the Castle Hotel, Richmond, under the presidency of its W.M., Bro. Thomas White, whose family have been members of this lodge for more than a hundred years. The celebration was one of the most magnificent that could have been given, and for the purpose of furnishing additional *éclat* to the proceedings, all the Grand Officers were invited to partake of the lodge's hospitality. Of these only some were able to accept the invitation, but Lord Balfour of Burleigh in declining it expressed his great regret that other engagements prevented his joining the other brethren under the W.M.'s banner. The banquet was served in the beautiful dining-hall overlooking the Thames, which afforded sufficient space for the brethren to enjoy themselves without the disagreeable attendants of heated air and crowded tables.

The W.M. was supported on his right by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, Bro. John Hervey, G.S.; Bro. James Glaisher, G.S.D.; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.S.; and among the visitors were Bros. Geo. Burt, 18; D. C. Nicholls, 198; G. Gurney, 28; G. W. Hubbuck, 58; D. W. Pentecost, 231; W. H. Trego, 1; E. W. Davis, 95; and E. L. Caffin.

An excellent pamphlet of 30 pages, handsomely printed by Norris and Son, compiled by the historiographer of the lodge, Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., gave the history of the lodge, its distinguished members, and the events connected with its career. From this useful little book we are informed that on the 15th of May, 1723, old style (26th May, new style) a warrant of Constitution was granted under the seal of Masonry, authorising certain brethren to assemble and hold a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and which lodge was accordingly opened at the Mourning Bush Tavern in Aldersgate-street, in the City of London, and called the Mourning Bush Lodge. The meaning of Mourning Bush at first sight not being quite clear, further search into Bro. Baker's pamphlet explains that the loyalty of a former landlord induced him, when Charles I was beheaded, to cover with black crape the bush which was the sign of the tavern. The original warrant was lost, and a warrant of confirmation was granted by Grand Lodge to the Emulation Lodge, and signed by Grand Secretary, William Henry White. The Emulation Lodge seems to have been a mixture of various lodges, part of its early history being associated with the Constitution Lodge and part with the Mourning Bush. The patent of the Constitution was granted on the 11th April 1767, and the lodge met at the Constitution Coffee-house, Bedford-street, Covent-garden. This lodge then stood No. 390 on the register, so that even at that time the number of lodges was numerous. The lodge books shew that the lodge used to pay for badges for the brethren and visitors, and it was not until 1814 that brethren found their own aprons. Lodge fees were not so heavy then as now; the three degrees were communicated for two guineas, and the subscription to the lodge was only 7s. 6d. a quarter. The Constitution Lodge was not long-lived under its original founders, for in three years and a-half dissensions were manifest among the members, the minutes were kept in a slovenly manner, brethren resigned, and it was resolved to wind up, sell the jewels and pay the debts. It was, however, revived by Bro. W. H. White and others, who removed it, in 1770, to the Guildhall Coffee-house, and named it the Lodge of Emulation. Bro. White was Master in 1771, 1772, 1774, and 1777, and in 1780 became Grand Secretary. At this time there was a great improvement in the keeping of the lodge minutes.

In 1771 the lodge left the Guildhall Coffee-house, and removed to the St. Paul's Head, Cateaton-street, and in 1773 it again removed, this time to the London Tavern. There it remained until it was united with the Mourning Bush Lodge in 1780. In 1773 a lodge of instruction was formed by Bro. White; in 1776

such lodge was held at the Fleece, in Well-court, Queen-street, and a few months later at Cole's Coffee-house. In 1780 the union with the Mourning Bush Lodge occurred, and was conducted with much formality and exchange of courtesies.

The united lodges met at the St. Paul's Head, Cateaton-street. From this time the prosperity of the lodge may be dated, as the initiations and affiliations became very numerous. On the 18th March, 1799, Bro. W. White, proposed his son, W. H. White, for initiation, and on the 15th April he took the two first degrees. In a year and eight months he became Master of the lodge, and was re-elected as such Master in 1804, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. On May 9, 1810, he was appointed Grand Secretary jointly with his father, and so continued till the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813. His exertions were constantly recognised, and a resolution to that effect, with a handsome jewel, were presented to him on the 21st Jan., 1811. Other names not less noteworthy are connected with this lodge. Bro. W. P. Norris was initiated in it 21st May, 1798. On the death of his father-in-law, Bro. Stephen Clark, in 1799, he was elected Treasurer, an office in which he was succeeded by his son in 1836, who held it till his death in 1857. The office of Treasurer was thus in the same family for 82 years. His son, Bro. T. R. Norris, is still a P.M. Bro. James Deans was initiated in this lodge, as was also his son, who was afterwards G. Sword Bearer. In 1816 Bro. Thomas Taylor joined the lodge, and his son Joseph was initiated on 18th Jan. 1819. On 20th April 1857, he was elected Treasurer. He held the office, however, only two years, for he died suddenly on 7th April 1859, after a membership of 40 years, and his son Thomas, the present holder of the key, succeeded him. Bro. Baker bears testimony to the great service this brother has rendered the lodge by the preparation of an alphabetical and analytical index to the minute books, a work which he describes as "of intelligent industry unequalled in its kind," affording a ready reference to all occurrences. The centenary festival of the lodge was held on May 27th, 1823, at the George and Vulture, when a number of Grand Officers attended, and on Monday last the completion of another fifty years led to the celebration we are now recording.

On the clearing of the cloth,

The W.M., in proposing the "Health of the Queen," and that of "The M.W.G.M.," spoke of Her Majesty as the daughter of a Mason and the mother of a Mason; and of the Marquis of Ripon as a Grand Master under whom Freemasonry was increasing, and prospering more and more every day. In giving the toast of "The Past Grand Master," he said he was sure all the brethren would agree with him in regretting that they had now to omit the late Earl of Zetland from this toast. With respect to the Prince of Wales, he had shewn himself very anxious to do all he could for Freemasonry, and had already occupied the chair of W.M. of at least one lodge, the Royal Alpha.

This toast having been duly honoured,

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The R.W. the D.G.M. and the Grand Officers present and past." The Grand Officers so far from thinking that when they were made Grand Officers it was for services already rendered, and therefore had no need to do anything more for Masonry, still continued to be hard working Masons and performed their duties as members of the numerous committees of Grand Lodge with zeal and fidelity. Among these Grand Officers who were then present were the Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, G. Chaplain, Bro. John Hervey, G. Secretary; J. Glaisher, G. S. Deacon, (a name well known in the world of science as well as in Masonry), Bro. Joshua Nunn, who was also well known in Freemasonry, more especially perhaps in connection with the Masonic Charities. There was also Bro. Brackstone Baker, a P.M. of this lodge, who with the rest, was a fair type of the good men and true who had helped to raise the position of the Order.

Bro. the Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, G. Chaplain, in reply said, I have several times lately had the pleasure of returning thanks for this toast. To night it is a great pleasure to do so, because you

will excuse the expression, it has been most awfully jolly to me, so much so, that I have but one regret, and that is, that I can scarcely hope to be present at the bi-centenary of this lodge. I assure you it is a subject of serious regret to both the Grand Secretary and myself, and I have no doubt that other brethren at the table will share our feelings. I shall now conclude by thanking you in the name of the Grand Officers.

Bro. James Glaisher, S.G.D., in giving the "Health of the W.M.," said he felt it a great privilege to be present on so great an occasion as the 150th anniversary of this lodge; it was certainly a very grand occasion, but it was a still greater privilege that that he should be permitted to propose the health of the brother who had the high honour, by fortuitous circumstances, to be the W.M. of the lodge at the time it attained that great age. Bro. Brackstone Baker had prepared a history of the lodge, from which it would be seen that Bro. White's family name was conspicuous as a leading member of the lodge for many years back. The family had given some important members to the Order. One, Bro. W. H. White, had been Grand Secretary, and let them consider what were the qualifications for that high rank. It required a perfect knowledge of Freemasonry, not in theory, but in practice; he had to be almost more than a man: he had to bear with all the failings and ignorance of Freemasons who went to him for information, and when they were wrong to set them right. Such a man was the late Bro. W. H. White, and it was a proud position for the W.M. of the Emulation Lodge on the present occasion to inherit a name which was known all over the Craft, and not confined to this lodge. The W.M. must feel as he ought to feel, and as they all felt, proud that he should be there. They all know how good and kind a man he was, and as an instance he might mention that he (Bro. Glaisher) had recently to require his aid for a case which required great attention from the W.M., when he alone could perform what was required; and he was happy to say that the admirable way in which it was done proved that the Masonic feeling of the Whites ran fully within him. (Cheers.)

The W.M. after the toast had been enthusiastically drunk, said:—I hardly know on the present occasion how to return my thanks for the almost overpowering manner in which Bro. Glaisher proposed my health, and you, brethren, have received it. I am sorry to say, that though there is a Bro. W. H. White present, I am not the fortunate bearer of that name; however, I am proud to bear the name of White, and especially proud to be the W.M. of this lodge on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and in addition to that, I am still more proud perhaps to be the fourth, I think it is, in direct descent of the name of White who have been Masters of this lodge. Brethren, I beg to thank you.

Bro. John Hervey, G.S., said that although wishing a more capable brother than himself had been deputed to propose "The Health of the Past Masters," no one could do it more heartily and sincerely than he, as he had long been a guest at the Lodge of Emulation, and had been present at the installation of many of their P.Ms., excepting indeed Bro. Wing. When he told them that he was present at the installation of their Treasurer, Bro. Taylor, they might judge that he was well acquainted with the proceedings of this lodge, and its good feeling. It was indeed an old friend of his, and therefore he thought they could not have selected a more suitable brother to propose this toast. He agreed with Bro. Glaisher that it must be a proud thing for the W.M. to find himself after 103 years a representative of the house of White as Master or the lodge. Bro. W. H. White was Master about the year 1772, or 3, and now his great grandson sat in his seat. But it was not only to Bro. White that it must be gratifying to be present on this occasion; there was another brother, Stephen Norris, whose family, not quite so long, but for 80 years held the office of Treasurer to the lodge. There was also Bro. Taylor, whose family had been represented in the lodge for many years, and as that brother now held the office of Treasurer, it shewed that

he was equally respected as his forefathers. These facts being brought before the brethren must convince them that the Lodge of Emulation occupied a glorious position in the annals of Masonry. Few lodges could enumerate three families who had been in them for such a lengthened period, their descendents still continuing, and he hoped, would continue, for many years to come, members of the lodge. That the Emulation Lodge would continue to hold a high rank in the Craft he thought none of them would venture to dispute, and in giving "Health and Prosperity to the Emulation Lodge" he felt it was not only a toast which might be called the toast of the evening, but one which they would all drink with the most cordial feeling, and with the highest aspirations and hope for the future of the lodge. It was a pity the trains would not allow them to remain long, happy and jolly as they had been, but he could not allow them to separate without making one further remark. He must associate this toast with the health of one who was equally revered in the lodge with those he had already mentioned, "Bro. Wing,"—(Cheers), the father of the Lodge of Emulation, who was looked up to with the kindest feelings, not alone by the members of the lodge, but by the Craft at large. He had had the honour of knowing Bro. Wing for a great number of years, and although Grand Chaplain and Bro. Glaisher had not been able to settle which of the Grand Officers should return thanks at the bi-centenary of the lodge, he trusted Bro. Wing would be present to hear whoever might then propose success and continued prosperity to it.

Bro. Wing said that every member of the lodge must be proud of being present that day, and hearing the gratifying observations that had been so kindly made by the Grand Secretary. One hundred and fifty years was an extraordinary age for a lodge to attain! Grand Secretary had kindly wished success and continued prosperity to the lodge, but he was sure no one could more cordially wish the same than the Past Masters. Such a long course of prosperity must prove that the lodge had been well conducted, and that Freemasonry had been carried out faithfully by those who had had to instruct the members of the lodge. He hoped that the lodge would always be as well managed, and he had not the slightest doubt that those to whom they would leave their duties would not be unmindful of the great things that had been achieved by their predecessors. The proceedings of the evening had been exceedingly gratifying to him, and he thought it a great compliment that so many visitors had travelled such a distance from London to honour the celebration by their presence.

Bro. George Singer then proposed "The Health of the Visitors." The lodge had always been glad to receive visitors, and it was no less rejoiced on the centenary and a half of its existence to see such a goodly array of brethren from other lodges. He sincerely hoped that every individual had enjoyed himself, and he further desired that every member of the lodge would always endeavour to sustain the character the lodge had hitherto enjoyed of extending hospitality to their brethren.

Bro. J. A. Rucker: It seems such a treat to return thanks for the visitors this evening, that I hardly like to say I wish it had fallen to some one else. I therefore feel that I cannot do otherwise than express that feeling. Our Bro. Singer has waited upon you with a flood of compliment to us that really has almost overpowered me, and I hardly think that I can worthily, as far as the feelings of those brethren standing up with me are concerned, respond to it. Worshipful Master, I am sure I may say this for every one of those brethren that when you are celebrating the 150th anniversary of this lodge, and we concur entirely in the expressions that have fallen from your oldest member and father of the lodge, that a lodge must have been well conducted from the first that could have continued to this day in such prosperity as the Emulation Lodge does now exhibit; and we feel that having inscribed our names in the book as being present on this anniversary we have contributed to sending our names down to posterity, together with the members of the

Emulation Lodge. We thank you all, brethren, cordially and heartily, for the opportunity you have given us of being present on this very happy occasion. We thank you for the splendid hospitality with which you have treated us. I cannot say, as I have often heard it said, that we hope to be here at the bi-centenary; that is a joke too often played upon to-night; but I may say this on behalf of myself and my brother visitors, that whoever may be present, we trust that the Emulation Lodge may very long continue to exist an honour to the Craft of Freemasons in England. We again thank you for the kindness you have shown in inviting us, for the hospitality you have displayed to us, and for the cordiality with which you have received this toast.

Bro. Taylor, P.M., proposed, "The Masonic Charities," which he said the Emulation Lodge had always supported. He congratulated the Craft on the enormous subscriptions which those Institutions obtained, which he contrasted with what were collected by institutions which were not Masonic. This one fact spoke for itself—Masons were eminently charitable; and for the information of those distinguished brethren who were present he would say, that whereas the contributions to the Fund of Benevolence were fluctuating and dependent on accidental circumstances, they had by a resolution of the lodge placed it upon a secure and firm basis, having decided that they should give one-tithe or tenth of their income for the purpose of Masonic benevolence. That the Lodge of Emulation might continue to prosper, and that it would be able to send members to support the great charities was not only his wish, but the wish of every member of the lodge. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Joshua Nunn, the Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence, who, as well as Bro. Rucker, had distinguished himself as a supporter of the charities.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.:—In the name of the Masonic Charities I thank you for the kind expression that have been used by your Treasurer. I may say that the Lodge of Emulation has done for the Charities what few lodges have been able to do; and when we are told by your Treasurer that one-tenth of its revenue is to be devoted to that purpose, it shows how highly you appreciate those peculiar views all Masons should take, and which are the mainstay and backbone of Freemasonry. I think I may say with pride that there is no other charity in the world that can show the return the Masonic Charities have this year. Over £22,000 have been collected for our three great Charities, and when you know that every month the Board of Benevolence distribute from £400 to £500 to those that are needy or distressed, some to the widows and the orphans, some to those who through misfortune, not their own fault, have fallen into decay, I am sure it must give pleasure to our hearts, and prove that the brightest jewel in Masonry is charity. It is true I have been connected for years with Bros. White and Rucker, in the Charities of the Order, and I have felt great pride in being so connected with them. I am glad to hear that the Emulation Lodge are going to set aside a tenth of their income for the purposes of Charity, and I hope it is an example which will be followed by other lodges. In the name of the Charities, I thank you.

Bro. Hubbuck proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s" and informed the brethren of the great service they had been to the lodge.

Bro. G. Smith replied, and said that all the Past Masters were proud that the chair of the lodge was occupied this 150th year by the great grandson of an old P.M., not only because he was a good Mason and a good man, but because he had ingratiated himself in the affections of the other members of the lodge. When the W.M. retired into the rank of Past Master, he hoped they would still spend many happy years together.

Bro. Brackstone Baker proposed the "Health of the Officers," to which Bro. Stoltenhoff responded, and the W.M. then gave "The Health of Bro. Sewell and Bro. Godden," the former of whom had obtained the excellent band which had played, and the latter of whom had had all the hard work of Secretary to the Committee for getting up the celebration.

Bro. H. J. Godden, P.M., responded, and was glad that the efforts which he and Bro. Sewell had made had met with the approbation of the W.M. and brethren.

The party then broke up, and the brethren returned to town.

A beautiful selection of music was played at intervals during the evening by the band of the Royal London Militia, by permission of Col. Sir W. A. Rose and the officers of the regiment.

Bro. C. T. Speight, the respected Tyler of the lodge, performed the duties of toastmaster most satisfactorily.

MARK MASONRY AND BRO. F. G. TISDALL.

BY BRO. WILLIAM J. HUGHAN.
[From Mackey's National Freemason.]

A friendly correspondence, relative to the Masonic claims of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, between F. G. Tisdall and W. James Hughan, was published in *Pomeroy's Democrat*, New York, the first portion of which appeared in the issue of the 30th March, 1872, but in reality the matter in dispute commenced from the 17th February, when Bro. Tisdall, as editor of the "Masonic Department," made some remarks adverse to the propriety of Grand Chapter's affiliation with the Grand Mark Lodge by representation. As, however, the legal status of the latter body was admitted, and its right to the government of the degree in question was fully recognized, we do not think it necessary at this time to again refer to the arguments *pro* and *con*. for the reciprocal appointment of representatives by the two grand bodies. The views of those unfavorable to affiliation by representation, although at the same time heartily supporting recognition, were ably expounded by Bro. Tisdall in the paper mentioned, as also in the *Freemasons' Monthly Magazine* for May, 1872, by the veteran editor, Bro. Charles W. Moore, and the *Evergreen* for March, 1872, in an article by Bro. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa. We endeavoured to make known the arguments which might fairly entitle the Mark Grand Lodge to affiliation by representation, as well as recognition, by all Grand Chapters which adopt the Mark Master's degree as preparatory to exaltation, (which all do wherever the English language is spoken, save in England,) and we were assisted by our Bro. Langridge, the junior editor of the *Evergreen*, (Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Iowa,) and Bro. V. D. Taylor, of Fort Madison, chairman of "Foreign Correspondence Committee, Iowa." The Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Iowa, Canada, &c., having extended the right hand of fellowship in a most hearty and fraternal manner, we intend to let the matter rest for the time, and desire to witness practically how such friendly interchange of representatives will affect the general interests of Capitular Freemasonry. In the discussion Bro. Tisdall made one or two observations which to us seemed somewhat apocryphal, and we had intended to reply to them, but unfortunately our courteous disputant's health gave way in the interim, and, in order to assist his recovery, all literary correspondence and editorial duties were for a time rigidly abstained from. So the question remained *in statu quo* until lately, when we received from the author the "Centennial Celebration of St. John's Lodge No. 1," 1870, including an address by Bro. F. G. Tisdall, W.M., 1857, which we were assured would prove our position historically, the Mark Master's Masonry to be erroneous. Accordingly we have examined the evidence, and now submit the result of the ancient Craft.

The historical sketch by Bro. Tisdall is most interesting, and so well written, that it really seems a pity to disturb it by the cold hand of criticism; but it is desirable under present circumstances to do so, and therefore we will proceed with our task. Our brother tells us that "one hundred years ago this evening (7th December, 1857), by virtue of an authority emanating from the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England, St. John's No. 2 Prov. No. 272 English, and now No. 1 New York Registry, was instituted, with authority to enter, pass, and raise, having also also annexed a warrant with power to make Mark Masons."

The title "Ancient Freemasons" must not be taken to mean the seceding body known as the "Ancients" (or "Athol Masons") of England, for we find that the warrant was granted by Lord Aberdour, Grand Master, the Grand Secretary being Samuel Spencer, who represented the Grand Lodge familiarly known at that period by the name of the "Moderns," from which the so-called "Ancients" seceded, but subsequently united at the "Union of 1813."

In "Webb's *Freemason's Monitor*" (p. 314, edit. 1808) we read that the Prov. Grand Lodge of New York was constituted by "a warrant from the Duke of Athol," dated London, 5th September, A.D. 1781; so likely enough the St. John's Lodge joined that body, which was accordingly a departure from their original warrant, granted by the first Grand Body. In 1787 (September 5) the Grand Lodge of New York was formed on an independent basis, but still apparently with a bias in favour of the "Ancients," or seceders; and hence the St. John's still leaned to the "Athol Masons," rather than to the "Moderns" (incorrectly so designated by their opponents in England.)

We may state that all the Lodges warranted in the United States by authority of English Freemasons, prior to A.D. 1753, were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the "Moderns," the "Ancients" before that date having no separate organisation. We have the St. John's Lodge No. 2 New York, mentioned in a list of Lodges, under the regular Grand Lodge of England for A.D. 1765.

It seems that, "from the year 1757 to the year 1792, the records of the Lodge, though not entirely missing, are imperfect;" so we are not favoured with any excerpts of minutes affecting our discussion until "1795, December 11th," when the extracts of that date and others are given in full. "The following brethren were elected: Robert Cocks, Master; Robert Hunter, Senior Warden; H. Hays, Junior Warden. The Lodge numbered thirty-four members. September 9, 1796: The fees for admission of adjoining members were raised from 20s to 40s., and for initiation from £6 to £20. November 11: It was resolved, that the candidates pay a deposit fee. In this year the nights of meeting were changed from the second and fourth Wednesdays to the second and fourth Thursdays, and have remained since without alteration. There were four affiliations and seven initiations. The accounts of the St. John's Mark Lodge No. 1, made up to December 23, 1796, show a balance due to the treasury of £3 18s."

The next series of consecutive minutes we also transcribe from the history. "1801, December 20; The Lodge chose Ezra Weeks for Master; Thomas Richards, Senior Warden; John Sayre, Junior Warden. May 1, 1802: The Lodge moved from its old quarters, 89, William-street, to the City Hotel, the members of the Lodge subscribing £295 toward fitting up the room. May 20: The balance of funds belonging to St. John's Mark Lodge was paid over to the Treasurer of St. John's Lodge No. 1. There were seven initiations and three affiliations during the year."

Passing over certain minutes, which are both curious and valuable, we come to a short one of 1810, April 25: A committee of three was appointed "to obtain the warrant of the Mark Lodge, which is annexed to this Lodge;" but Bro. Tisdall reports: "I can find no trace of its having been recovered." He might (we surmise) with equal truth have observed that he could not find any trace of any such document being mentioned heretofore in the archives of the Lodge.

These are all the references to Mark Masonry we can discover throughout the racy history, and having thus given them due prominence, we will now turn to the remarks made by our brother, to which we at the time took exception.

Bro. Tisdall observed in *Pomeroy's Democrat* as follows: "We had the honour of being Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, New York city, in 1848, 1849, and 1850, and for the fourth time in 1857, the Lodge at the close of that year celebrating its centennial anniversary. These records gave the fullest evidence that what was asserted by the older Masons of the Lodge, as well as of other Lodges, was correct, and

that the Lodge originally conferred the Mark degree. On the 24th October, 1794, the Lodge (as per records) determined that the sum for initiation of Modern Masons (including Mark degree) be reduced from £4 to 40s. In 1795 the minutes show that one Modern Mason was thus healed and admitted a full member of the Lodge. The minute-book of the Lodge, at the close of the year 1796, reads thus: "The accounts of St. John's Mark Lodge No. 1, made up to December 23, 1796, show a balance due to the treasury of £3 18s." meaning the treasury Master's Lodge.

Bro. Tisdall, in addition, stated that "These Records also showed not only that the Mark degree was given under the authority of the warrant, and that a special fee was paid for the same, but that the officers of the Master's Lodge were the officers of the Mark Lodge, the conferring of the degree preceding the conferring of that of Master Mason. This degree was continued to be conferred until May 20, 1862, under the Lodge warrant."

Whatever these records may contain, in the absence of an exact and complete transcript, we have simply to be guided by the few already copied and published; and we think it cannot be gainsaid, that none of these minutes prove Bro. Tisdall's position in the discussion to be correct. We promised to withdraw our assertions as to the Mark Master's degree not having been given in a Fellow Craft's Lodge, and the degree itself never having been authorised to be worked in any regular warrant of a Craft Lodge, on the production of evidence to the contrary; but in the absence of documentary proof, we cannot alter our views on the subject. Not one of the minutes published in Bro. Tisdall's History of St. John's Lodge declares the Mark Master's degree to have been given by authority of the warrant of lodge, or imparted, during the period of the lodge being open, in either of the three degrees; but they actually tend to confirm quite the opposite, as the disposable funds of the Mark Lodge No. 1 were paid to the treasurer of the St. John's Lodge, thereby evidently assuming the two lodges to be quite distinct; and moreover a committee of three was appointed by the St. John's Lodge, in 1810, "to obtain the warrant of the Mark Lodge, which is annexed to this lodge."

These quotations, to our mind, clearly prove that it was not the Craft Lodge which conferred the Mark degree, but the Mark Lodge, which met by virtue of a warrant or some authority wholly distinct from that by which the Craft Lodge was authorised to meet; and consequently there were separate meetings held for conducting the business of both bodies.

"The warrant of the Mark Lodge annexed to this Lodge" is a statement distinctly proving that the Mark warrant and the Craft warrant were two documents of a different and distinct character, and annexation means simply toleration by the members of the Craft Lodge, without even, necessarily, recognition. Chapters in England are annexed to lodges, but both are quite independent, and have their own separate funds, officers, assemblies, and laws.

Bro. Tisdall says that the sum for the initiation of a Modern Mason, "including the Mark degree," was reduced, on the 24th October, 1794, to forty shillings. We have turned to the history, and at page 10 we find a reference to the "Modern Masons," but not one word about the Mark degree. How is this? If the minute reads "including the Mark degree," why did not our brother say so? Surely he would not have omitted so important a resolution, and yet chronicled matters of comparatively trifling value, when considered in relation to the Mark degree and St. John's Lodge.

Knowing his quickness of perception and readiness to make known all facts of importance we are led to consider no such clause as "including the Mark degree" exists in the lodge records of the date specified. Even if such a clause does exist, and the fee for initiation of a Modern Mason amounted to forty shillings A.D. 1794, inclusive of the Mark degree, (although not in the history of St. John's Lodge,) that would only establish the fact of the fee securing more than the three degrees, but certainly not that the degree was given in a Craft Lodge; and

should a minute be produced, as yet not made public, in which it is stated that the Mark degree was worked in a Craft Lodge, that would still be insufficient to disprove our position, as the "Mark degree" may mean the "Mark man," which we know was given to Fellow-Crafts in Scotland A.D. 1778, when and where the Mark Master's degree was confined to Master Masons; which latter is what we contend for as the general custom everywhere.

We regret being unable to find anything confirmatory, in the history of St. John's Lodge, of the officers of the Master's Lodge being the officers of the Mark Lodge, as we should gladly possess authentic transcripts of such occurrences, in which the officers of each are specified. This circumstance or custom, however, is not important, as it often is so now in England and Scotland, when the degrees are thus worked under the same roof, although at different times. A statement more to the point is as follows: the "conferring the Mark degree preceded the conferring of that of Master Mason." We shall be glad to have proof of this, especially if by that is meant the Mark Master's degree, which we have distinctly stated from the first is the one we allude to, and not that of the "Mark Man."

Another remark we must notice: "This degree (the Mark) continued to be conferred until May 20, 1862, under the Lodge warrant." Let Bro. Tisdall prove this, and we shall be satisfied, and own ourselves in the wrong. Let him do so, and then will be accomplished what hitherto, though often promised, has never been done, for up to the present time no Craft warrant has ever been exhibited which provides for the Mark degree being worked, whether Mark Man or Mark Master's, under its authority, and which is signed by the regular officers of any Grand Lodge in the world,

We take it that the St. John's Mark Lodge No. 1 was worked by some of the members of the St. John's Craft Lodge, and assumed the name and number of the latter. Independent Mark Lodges were scattered throughout the United States of America during the latter part of the last century and early in the present one. By independent we mean distinct from a Craft Lodge, and not under the wing of any Royal Arch Chapter, though sometimes under the General Grand Chapter. In "Webb's Masonic Monitor, A.D. 1808," there are the names recorded of seventeen such lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, the numbers one and two being left vacant, evidently for two not in connection with the Grand Chapter. Lest it should be thought that these Mark lodges met by virtue of the Royal Arch Chapter's warrants, we should state that several were held where no Chapters met; and, moreover, the Constitutions of the General Grand Chapter of A.D. 1806 provided for warrants being granted to Mark Master's Lodges, separate from or without Royal Arch charters, and several clauses in these statutes refer especially to the regulations necessary for the government of the degree.

Bro. Tisdall declares the Mark degree to be "below and not above the third, * * * but a section of the second degree lopped off, and ought to be restored where it belongs."

As the only degree by the name of "Mark" worked in the United States is the "Mark Master's degree," it will be at once seen that either our brother is wrong or we are; and as we entirely and unequivocally deny Bro. Tisdall's assertions just quoted, (according to the evidence as yet made public,) the *onus probandi* certainly rests upon him to produce sufficient data to justify his new position, or his statements must fall to the ground. We think the inquiry one of considerable importance, inasmuch as if the Mark Master's degree was until late years regularly communicated to Fellow-Crafts, in regularly constituted Craft Lodge, it should be again placed in its proper position as an integral part of the second degree; while on the other hand, if the degree has never been worked, but only one known as the "Mark Man," then it is equally clear that the "Mark Master's degree," having been communicated only to Master Masons, is actually in a similar condition, historically and masonically speaking, to the Royal Arch, so far as its independence and

superiority in grade are concerned with respect to the three first degrees.

Finally, let it be remembered that we are anxious simply to have the subject ventilated and examined by the light of facts; and if it can be proved that the Mark Master's degree is really nothing more than the second or superior portion of the Fellow-Craft degree, (which latter we consider much the older of the two as a degree,) then I shall be amongst the first in advocating its immediate restoration to its original condition.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

THE UNVEILING OF THE REREDOS IN GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

The arrangements for the ceremonial on the occasion of the presentation of the new reredos in the cathedral have now been completed. It appears by the revised programme that the ceremony will commence by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne, opening a Provincial Grand Lodge at the Bell Hotel at noon.

At one o'clock his lordship, with the other officers, will adjourn to the Deanery, where he will be received at luncheon, and met by the Mayor, the municipal body, the Canons of the Cathedral, and other guests. The service will commence at half-past three o'clock, when Dr. Wesley will play a voluntary. When the Provincial Grand Master enters at the west door the hymn, "The Church's one foundation," will be sung to Dr. Wesley's tune "Aurelia," as a processional. We believe the choir of Bristol Cathedral will be invited to assist. After the reredos has been unveiled the Hallelujah chorus from the "Messiah" will be sung; prayer will then be said, one of Dr. Wesley's Chant Services being used. The anthem will be from Bach, "Blessing, glory, wisdom, and thanks." Before the sermon, to be preached by the Rev. C. Raikes Davy, P.G. Chaplain of England and Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Old Hundred will be sung. After the sermon a voluntary will be played by Dr. Wesley.

A banquet will be held in the Bell Hotel in the evening, and it is expected that the cathedral gardens will be opened for promenade at the conclusion of Divine Service. A band will attend. A brass plate bearing this inscription is to be attached to the back of the reredos—"Glory to God in the Highest! This reredos was erected and presented by the Freemasons of the Province of Gloucestershire, June, A.D., 1873. The Rt. Hon. James Henry Legge Dutton, Baron Sherborne, P.G.M.; George Frederick Newmarch, D.P.G.M.; Thomas Gill Palmer, P.G., Treasurer; Edward Trinder, P.G. Secretary."

At the conclusion of the service the Masonic procession will return through the cathedral garden, and the east cloister, to the ancient chapter-room, where the presentation of the reredos will be formally made to the Dean by Lord Sherborne, with a list of the subscribers, beautifully written on vellum by Mr. Joseph Turner, of this city. As to the cost of the reredos, we may state that the contract with Mr. Redfern, who sculptured the figures, and with Messrs. Farmer and Brindley, who carried out the other portions of the work, amount to £1049, the whole of which has been defrayed by the Freemasons.—*Gloucester Chronicle*.

The San Francisco *Masonic Mirror* is republishing copious extracts from Bro. Emra Holmes' "Notes on the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital." We observed also that our Californian contemporary reproduced in a late number Bro. Wentworth Little's interesting article on the Buonapartes and Freemasonry, also collated from our columns. These evidences of the approval of our transatlantic brethren is very acceptable to us, as it will no doubt be to our readers.

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Masonic Tidings.

Ill. Robert Hamilton, 33°, of the Supreme Council of England, is the first member of that sovereign body who has visited this country. His sojourn among us for the past fortnight has been most agreeable. Masons of all grades in New York have vied in their courtesies to that "true English gentleman," and his early enforced departure for Canada will occasion much regret. He visits the Dominion on official Masonic business, and will sail thence direct for the shores of Albion. We bid him *bon voyage*, and a happy welcome to his nati land.—*New York Dispatch*.

There being no opposition to Mr. Dundas, his election as member of Parliament for the borough of Richmond took place on Monday. The formal nomination-paper was affixed in front of the Town Hall during the morning. The candidate was proposed and seconded by Alderman Smurthwaite and Councillor Croft. At one o'clock the Mayor, as returning officer, announced that John Charles Dundas, Esq., had been duly elected as a proper person to represent the borough of Richmond in Parliament. Everything passed off very quietly. At night Mr. Dundas issued a printed address to the electors, thanking them most heartily for the honour they had conferred upon him by returning him unopposed to Parliament as their representative. It would be his most earnest endeavour, he said, to preserve their confidence, and to prove, by attention to his duties in Parliament, his high appreciation of the responsible position in which they had placed him.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 6, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, May 31.

Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, June 2.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Premier Red Cross Conclave, Freemasons' Tavern.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155 Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Moutlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, June 3.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Victoria Station, Pimlico.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, June 4.

Quarterly Communication Grand Lodge at 6 for 7 p.m.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, June 5.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
" 1351, St. Clements Danes, 265, Strand.
Chap. 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
Winsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Argyle's Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebony Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, June 6.

Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1412, La Liberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st. Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria road, Deptford, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30 Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33 Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Tuesday, July 3rd.
 The Summer Half-Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. (See Advertisement.)

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, June 7, 1873.

Monday, June 2.
 De Tabley Chapter, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Lodge 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 Tuesday, June 3.
 St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Walton Mark Lodge, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 Wednesday, June 4.
 Lodge 86, Loyalty, Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool at 7.30.
 Thursday, June 5.
 Lodge 249, Mariners' Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.
 " 1384, Equity Sims' Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Bridgewater Chapter, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 Friday, June 6.
 Lodge 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
 For the week ending Saturday, June 7, 1873.

Monday, June 2.
 Lodge 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 119, Roslin, 25, Robertson-st.
 Tuesday, June 3.
 Lodge 33, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 21, Buchanan-st.
 " 440, Robert Burns, Baileston.
 Wednesday, June 4.
 Lodge 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 128, St. John's, Shettleston.
 " 213, Old St. John, Lanark.
 " 66, St. John, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.
 Thursday, June 5.
 Lodge 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garnagad-rd.
 " 370, Kilwinning, High-street, Paisley.
 Friday, June 6.
 Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Rutherglen.
 " 156, St. Barchan, Masons' Arms, Kilbarchan.
 " 175, St. John's, St. John's Hall, Greenock.
 " 217, Kilwinning, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
 " 459, Kelburn, Cumbræ Hotel, Milport.
 " 512, Thorntree, Thornliebank.
 Saturday, June 7.
 " 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

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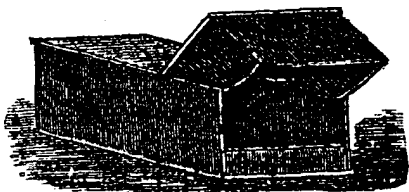


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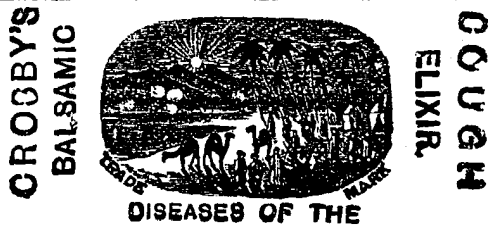
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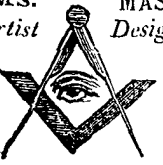
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

JERSEY.—*La Césarée Lodge* (No. 590).—The twenty-second anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th May, at the Masonic Temple, for the purpose of installing the newly elected W.M. Immediately after four o'clock the lodge was opened by Bro. Jos. Gregg, W.M., supported by Bro. A. Viel, P.M., acting as S.W.; Ph. W. Binet, J.W.; A. Schmitt, P.M., Secretary; J. Durrell, P.M., Treasurer; E. J. Renouf, P.M.; J. Oatley, P.M.; Jos. Pallot, S.D. Among the visitors were Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; W. Adams, W.M. 887; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.G. Secretary; Pitcher, W.M. 1003; J. Moss, P.M. 221, and others. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree, when, at the request of the W.M., Bro. Schmitt took the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Renouf presented Bro. Ph. W. Binet as W.M. elect. The ancient charges were read and duly assented to, and the Ob. of W.M. elect administered. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and all who had not passed the chair withdrew. A board of eleven Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Binet was duly placed in the chair of K.S., in accordance with ancient custom. On the board being closed, the several classes of M.M.'s, Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices were in turn admitted, and the customary ceremonies were gone through with exactitude and impressiveness. After the usual addresses to the W.M. were delivered, the following appointments were made, the Installing Master in each case offering appropriate observations: Bro. Jos. Gregg, I.P.M.; Jos. Pallot, S.W.; H. E. le V. dit Durrell, J.W. and Org.; J. Durrell, Treas.; A. Schmitt, Sec.; Ph. Le Brun, S.D.; Captain Ph. Messervy, J.D.; Ph. Pinel, I.G.; Abram Graut, Assistant Secretary; and H. Du Jardin, Tyler. The Secretary read the proceedings of the Committee of Management of the lodge, containing several suggestions and recommendations, according to his custom, the Secretary presented a detailed report of the proceedings, during the biennial tenure of office by the retiring W.M. It was resolved that these reports be received, approved and entered on the minutes. The Secretary then said:—Brethren, since you have just awarded to our I.P.M. a meed of your approbation, I may be permitted to ask you to put it into a tangible form. Considering the zeal, the fidelity, and the valuable services rendered by Bro. Jos. Gregg to our lodge, considering his courtesy and kindness which every member received at his hands, considering also the attention which he has devoted to the business of the lodge, and also the ability and discretion with which he conducted its affairs, I propose that some token be presented to our worthy brother by the lodge, as a visible testimony of our feelings of gratitude, of esteem, which we entertain towards him. The proposition, seconded by the Treasurer was carried unanimously. No other business offering, the lodge was closed in love and perfect harmony. The brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room and sat down to a dinner provided by the Guardian of the Temple, Bro. W. H. Long. The W.M. presided, having on his right Bros. Dr. J.

LeCronier, D.P.G.M.; A. Schmitt, John Durrell, Ph. Binet, John O. LeSueur, and on his left Bros. Jos. Gregg, Wm. Adams, Renouf, A. Viel, and others. The Worshipful Masters of all the lodges in the province had been invited, several of them were present. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic toasts were given. The Secretary proposed the toast to "The memory of our late M.W. Bro., the Earl of Zetland, alluding to his death with feelings of sorrow, enumerating the immense services he has rendered to the Craft during his long Grand Mastership of twenty-five years." He also proposed "The Memory of the thirty Members of the Lodge, who were removed to the Grand Lodge above, pointing out the respective worth of nearly all of them. After the last toast, given by the Tyler, the brethren separated about 9.30. (The Masonic Temple was put into mourning by command of Bro. Schmitt, Hon. Sec. to Masonic Temple Co. (Limited) on account of the death of the M.W. Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland.)

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—This lodge met on Tuesday, at the Bull and Gate Tavern, Highgate-road, N.W., and was very fully attended. The W.M., Bro. Swatton, presided, and opened the lodge at 5.30, p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Mr. John Carter and Mr. E. G. Morris, the result in both cases being unanimous. The duties embraced the two initiations alluded to, and two passings, and the ceremonies were splendidly rendered by the W.M. Ten guineas, in addition to a previous donation of two guineas, were voted to a distressed brother. The vote was then taken for the W.M., and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Boys, S.W. The proceedings then closed in perfect harmony. A banquet followed. The cloth having been removed and the usual Masonic toasts disposed of, the W.M. in the most impressive manner requested the brethren to drink in solemn silence to the revered memory of their late deceased Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. The toast was received and responded to as desired. The health of the initiates having been proposed by the W.M., Bro. Morris responded, in a manner that was pleasing to the brethren, and trusted that all who joined, would enter Freemasonry with those favourable feelings and impressions that had just been stamped upon his mind for ever. He concluded by tendering his grateful thanks to Bro. P.M. Garratt, for introducing him, and the W.M. and brethren for having received him into their lodge. The health of the visitors was next proposed and responded to by Bros. P.M. Alexander, P.M. Myers, Collier, and other visiting brethren. Bro. Alexander, P.M., then rose, and eulogised the W.M. for the admirable working of his past onerous duties. Continually visiting other lodges, he had concluded that in all respects the Camden Lodge stood second to none. He further complimented Bro. Garratt for the excellent manner he invariably catered for the brethren. The healths of the W.M. and P.M.'s were likewise drank, and cordially responded to. Several excellent songs were given by brethren to the brilliant music rendered on the harmonium by Bro. Garratt, and the proceedings of a most enjoyable evening were at length brought to a close.

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Lodge* (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of the Rowley Lodge was held on Monday, 2nd June, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There were present Bros. W. J. Sly, W.M.; J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B. of England as I.P.M.; E. Airey, S.W.; James Taylor as J.W.; Richard Taylor as S.D.; T. Jackson as J.D.; H. Longman, I.G.; G. Sutton, Steward; J. Watson, Tyler; N. W. Helme. After some preliminary business had been transacted, the W.M. announced the lamented death of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of England, and moved that a resolution expressive of the regret of the lodge at his lordship's death, and an earnest acknowledgment of the services that he had for upwards of a quarter of a century rendered to the Craft, should be entered upon the minutes of the meeting. The brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, in accordance with the direction of the Grand Lodge.

LANCASTER.—*Duke of Lancaster Lodge* (No. 1353).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., on which occasion, on account of the death of the M.W., Past Grand Master, the lodge was put into mourning. The W.M., Bro. J. Barrow, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Jonathan Acton, acting Secretary; John Bell, S.W.; William Heald, J.W.; William S. Carr, J.W., acting S.D.; J. Elenshaw, acting J.D.; R. Wolfenden, I.G., and a goodly number of other brethren. The W.M. moved that a resolution expressive of the regret of the brethren at the lamented death of the Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, be entered on the minutes of the lodge-book. Also, a thankful acknowledgment and recognition of the very able and valuable services he had for upwards of a quarter of a century rendered to the Craft. This was seconded by Bro. J. Bell, S.W., and carried unanimously. Other business was transacted, one brother raised, two initiated, and two candidates proposed for initiation, after which, the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

SHERNESS.—*Adams Chapter* (No. 158).—The regular quarterly convocation of this old and flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Mile Town, on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult. and which was attended by about 20 Companions. The following officiated:—T. Hughes, Z.; E. J. Bagshaw, H.; Captain Shepherd, R.A., J.; A. Spears, I.P.Z.; A. Oyston, E.; W. Pannel, N.; W. Tailford, P.S.; Jas. Woodley R.N., 1st Asst.; T. Russell R.N., 2nd Asst. The convocation being opened in due form according to the ancient rites. Bros. Thurlow, Simmonds and Ashworth, all of Lodge 158, being candidates for exaltation, were examined entrusted, and exalted to the supreme degree of R.A.M. The ceremony was most ably performed by the M.E.Z. and the other Principals, assisted by Comp. Alexandra A. Spears, I.P.Z. Business of the chapter terminating, it was closed in due form, M.E. Comp. A. Spears, I.P.Z., delivering the parting address. Chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to the Britannia Inn, Mile Town, (Late Comp. Green, &c.) for refreshment, two hours being pleasantly spent in harmony and friendly intercourse.

Royal and Select Masters.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

A meeting of the members of the Degree of Royal and Select Masters was held on Monday, in the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, Bro. Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., M.P.G.M., presiding, assisted by Captain N.G. Phillips, in the 2nd chair; Bro. J. M. P. Montague, in the 3rd chair; Bro. Shaw, 33°, from America; and Bro. F. Binckes, G. Recorder. There were also present, Bros. G. Lambert, W. Hyde Pullen, Magnus Ohren, C. Hammerton, S. Rosenthal, James Stevens, and H. Massey.

The object of the meeting was to receive the report of the Finance Committee, to appoint a committee to draw up regulations for the Government of the Order, and to transact any other business which might arise.

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After the minutes of former meeting had been read and confirmed, a resolution was come to that the future meetings of the Grand Council should be held at 33, Golden-square.

A committee was then appointed to settle the rules, fees, &c., after which the report of the Finance Committee was read, received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The same steps were also taken with the Treasurer's report. It was afterwards resolved that the Finance Committee be the committee to prepare

a book of regulations for the Government of the Order; and subsequently a motion was carried that a circular reporting the proceedings of this meeting should be prepared and sent to the Mark lodges under the English jurisdiction.

After long and able discussions had taken place on the various matters of business before the brethren, the Grand Council was closed in due form.

GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL (No. 1).—A meeting of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, was held in the Hall, 33, Golden-square, Bro. Frederick Binckes in the Master's chair. There were also present—the W.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, *M.A.*, and Bros. J. M. P. Montague, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Magnus Ohren, James Stevens, W. Hyde Pullen, S. Rosenthal, C. Hammerton, John Read (G. Org.), E. Stanton Jones, and H. Massey. The meeting was held for the purpose of installing the Rev. G. Raymond Portal as Master, and the other chief officers for the year. After the opening of the Council, Bro. Binckes obligated, invested, and installed Bro. Portal as M. Master; Capt. Phillips as 2nd Officer; Bro. Montague as 3rd Officer; and Bro. Hyde Pullen as Recorder. There was no other business before the brethren, and the council was closed and adjourned.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOORE CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.—The meeting of Moore Rose Croix Chapter, 18°, for the election of Most Wise Sovereign and Treasurer, took place on the 23rd April, at its Asylum, Ritchie's building, St. John's, New Brunswick. There was a full attendance. D. R. Munro, 33°, was elected M.W.S., and W. H. Thorne, 32°, Treas. This branch of the Masonic Order in St. John is becoming quite popular, a large number of the most influential members of the Craft being connected with it. The Harington Sov. Consistory, 32°, under registry of the Supreme Council of England, is also now fully organised for the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion of Canada; its principal place of meeting is the City of St. John, Province of New Brunswick.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—*Skelmersdale Conclave* (No. 77).—An assembly of Sir Knights attached to the Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, No. 76, was holden at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Monday evening last, the special business of the gathering being the enthronement of the M.P.S., and investiture of the officers. During its years' existence, the conclave has made steady progress, and it now numbers amongst its members many who are well-known within the mystic circle. The Knights were summoned for six o'clock, and shortly after that time the conclave was opened in due form by Em. Sir Knt. Thomas Ashmore, M.P.S., who was supported by the following:—Sir Knts. H. Nelson, V.E.; J. T. Callow, J.G.; J. Banning, H.P.; W. Cotterell, Rec.; J. J. Rose, Prefect; H. Jackson, O.; C. Leighton, Org.; P. Ball, S. Sentinel; J. Skeaf, Almoner; J. C. Lunt, T. Kamskill, J. Capell, T. Laurence, H. Burrows, H. Morris, W. Quayle, J. Lally, W. R. Corbin, J. McCarthy, W. H. Cooper, J. Dawson, J. C. McGuire, I. W. Robinson, T. Garrett, A. M. Elliott, &c. Ill. Sir Knight G. Turner, J.G. for West Lancashire; Em. Sir Knt. H. M. Molyneux, M.P.S.-elect, of the Liverpool Conclave, No. 55; and Sir Knt. F. Day, Conclave No. 55, were present as visitors. After the muster roll had been called, and the records of the conclave had been duly confirmed, Bros. W. Shortis, W.M. 724, and C. E. Tithian, of Lodge No. 1003, Jersey, were solemnly installed Knights of the Order. Em. Sir Knt. Ashmore then proceeded with the enthronement of Em. Sir Knt. Henry Nelson, as M.P.S., being ably assisted by Sir Knight Jackson, who gave the oration with striking effect. The newly-installed Sovereign subsequently invested the following officers:—Sir Knts. Jas. Callow, V.E.;

Jesse Banning, S.G.; Wm. Cottrell, J.G.; Hy. Jackson, H.P.; Thos. Ashmore, Treas.; John McCarthy, Rec.; J. J. Rose, S. Prefect; J. Skeaf, J. Prefect; Wm. R. Corbin, S. Bearer; Hy. Morris, Orator; C. Leighton, Organist; Wm. Quayle, Herald; John Capell, S. Aide; Wm. Laurence, J. Aide; and P. Ball, Sentinel. The conclave was subsequently closed in peace and harmony, and the assembled Knights sat down to an excellent repast.

Scotland.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

GLASGOW.—A special meeting of St. Mungo Encampment was held on May 8th, the M.N.C., R. Bell, presiding, assisted by Sir Knts. J. E. Spiers, C.G.; D. Butler, D.C.; G. W. Wheeler, R.; M. Clanachan, C.E.; and J. Crabb, Acting Aide-de-Camp. Comp. T. S. Wilson was received into the Order of the Temple, after which a Priory of Knights of Malta was opened—R. Bell, Prior; G. W. Wheeler, Prelate—when Sir Knts. Johnston, Douglas, Currie, and Wilson were created Knights of Malta. Arrangements were then entered into for the purpose of welcoming our American Fraters on the 27th June, a committee was appointed, consisting of Sir Knts. Bell, Wheeler, Butler, Adams, and Crabb, to carry out the entertainment, and an order was given to Sir Knt. Kenning for some clothing and jewels for the officers to be properly clothed to meet them on that occasion.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Louth, on Thursday the 29th inst., under the auspices of the Lindsey Lodge, 712.

In the absence of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, the Provincial Grand Master, the throne was occupied by the W. Bro., W. H. Smyth, D.P.G.M.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form at 2.30 p.m., when, in answer to the roll-call, every lodge in the province was represented to, the number of seventeen, minus one, the Doric, 362.

Among the brethren present were W. Bros. Locock, P.P.G.W.; C. M. Nesbitt, P.G. Treas.; W. G. Moore, P.G. Reg.; H. E. Turnover, P.S.G.D.; Rev. W. Ace, D.D., as P.G. Chap.; W. H. Radley, P.P.G.W., and Sec. to the Prov. Charity Committee; J. H. Barker, 985, P.P.G.S. (Cambridge); J. Sutcliffe, P.P.G.W.; T. E. Jacobson, P.J.G.W., 130; F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec.; T. B. Hildred, P.J.G.D.; Jas. Fowler, P.P.G.S. of W., with many other brethren of note in the province.

Among the visitors was Bro. A. A. Ainsworth, J.D. 1024, and Bro. A. K. Sidebottom, of the Apollo Lodge; 130 brethren having signed the attendance book.

The minutes of the last P.G. Lodge having been read and confirmed, the P.G. Reg. read his financial statement, showing a considerable balance in hand.

The Prov. G. Sec. then read a report of the Committee of the P.G. Fund of Benevolence, showing that they had this day been able to alleviate the distresses of more than one necessitous member in the province, and that they still retain a balance in hand of £70 8s. 11d., together with a capital of £450 already invested.

From the returns given by the P. G. Reg. it appeared that there was an increase of subscribing members on the last year of twenty, and that a new lodge is in contemplation.

Bro. Radley P.P.G.W., and Sec. of the Charity Committee, then read an interesting account of the efforts of the said committee during the past year, from which it appeared that the province had been successful in gaining the election of a candidate into the Boys' School, likewise a widow into the Home for Aged Freemasons. The province can now boast of possessing some 600 votes in the three grand charities, and the Secretary called on the members for an increase of exertions.

It was decided to give the support of the

province for the ensuing year to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, W. Bro. Sutcliffe, 1294, P.P.G.W., kindly undertaking the duties of Prov. Grand Steward.

W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, D.P.G.M., in feeling terms, alluded to the death of our late P.G. Master, the Earl of Zetland, proposing a vote of condolence, to be sent to the family of the late Earl.

The following officers were then duly invested:—W. Bros. James Fowler, 712, S.G.W.; Joseph Bellamy, 588, J.G.W.; Rev. Daniel Ace, G. Chap.; W. G. Moore, 297, G. Reg.; C. M. Nesbitt, 712, G. Treas.; F. W. Marsden, 712, G. Sec.; J. H. Barker, 985, S.G.D.; J. Hadfield, 792, J.G.D.; Charles Hensman, 1304, G.S. of W.; H. Bates, 1294, G. Dir. of Cer.; Wm. Griffin, 712, Asst. Dir. of Cer.; Bro. A. Richdale, 426, G.S.B.; W. Bros. J. C. Lambert, 588, G.O.; T. Morris, G. Pursuivant; George Nelson, 1282, M. Cook, 792, C. Jackson, 272, C. Scorer, 297, T. J. Slater, 838, and Bro. J. G. Tapholme, 712, Grand Stewards; Bro. B. Box, 422, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. J. W. Richardson, 712, of the Masons' Arms Hotel, where a very enjoyable evening was passed in a truly Masonic spirit. Considerable disappointment was felt by the fact of Bro. Marsden, the W.M. of the Lindsey Lodge, being unable to be present, owing to a recent family bereavement. His chair was, however, ably filled by W. Bro. Porter, P.P.G.O., and I.P.M. of the Lindsey Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

On Thursday, May 29th, there was a large gathering of Mark Masters of the Province of Devon, at the Huyshe Temple, to witness the installation of Bro. Captain John Tanner Davy, P.M. Mark Lodges 9, 29, P.P.S.G.W., Past G. Sword Bearer, G. Mark Lodge of England, in the room of Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, *M.A.*, the Right Worshipful the Grand Mark Master of the Province, who, in consequence of his advanced age and the heavy duties that devolved upon him, felt that he ought to resign. The Rev. Bro. has been Grand Master of the Mark in this Province for more than fifteen years, and in this, as in everything else, he has brought to his work a loving heart, a personal suavity, and an ability which has endeared him to all with whom he has come in contact. No one could have ever ruled a province with more satisfaction than the R.W. and Rev. Bro. who has been for many years past so intimately associated with Craft and Mark Masonry, as well as with the so called higher Orders, and his retirement from any of the offices he has held must be regarded with regret by all the brethren. He is, however, right to relieve himself of some of his heavy work, and we trust that he may yet live many years to enjoy a well-earned leisure.

The V.W. Bro. Gower called over the lodges and official members, in the order in which they should enter and take their places in the lodge. Bro. J. Hele, P.P.G. Org. of Cornwall, presided with great ability at the organ; and he was assisted in the musical ceremonies, which were elaborate and excellent, by Bros. J. Rendle, 50; W. H. W. Sargent, W.M. 96; W. S. Hearder, 18°, M.O. 50; Body, 76; P. B. Clemens, P.M. 64; and H. H. Arnold, Org. 96.

The Grand Officers then entered the lodge in procession, and the R.W. the Rev. John Huyshe having taken his seat, he proceeded to state the object of the meeting. Before he vacated that chair, which he had occupied for nearly sixteen years, he felt it to be his duty to thank the brethren for the great courtesy which they had always shown to him, and their ready acquiescence to all his commands. He need not tell them that, born as he was before the commencement of the present century, he had arrived at a time of life when it was impossible to carry out all the important duties with which he had been honoured during life. He could not now give the time or the physical strength to them. He believed that he had performed these duties to

their satisfaction. (Hear, hear.) If he had at any time made mistakes, which, of course, he had, they had been mistakes of the head, and not of the heart. He first of all thanked the Grand Master of England for having so readily acted upon his suggestion when he asked him to appoint some one to take his place. Among the many members whose position and claims he had to consider, there was one who had been the first to introduce Mark Masonry into the province, who had acted so as to gain the approbation of all. The Grand Master acceded to his request, and having heard that Captain Tanner Davy had been a Mark Mason for upwards of thirty years, he kindly appointed him to that office which he was now resigning. The Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Binckes, had very kindly come down expressly for the purpose of installing the new Grand Master of the Province, and he would now resign the chair to that distinguished brother, and ask him to proceed with the duties. (The R.W. Master, on vacating the chair, was greeted with warm applause).

Bro. Binckes, the officiating P.G.M., then took the chair, and the lodge was opened in due form. A deputation then left the lodge to escort and introduce the R.W. the P.G.M. in due form. On entering, the brethren stood in order, and the 1st Psalm was chanted. This finished, the patent of office was presented and read by Bro. Rogers of Exeter, the P.G.S.

The officiating P.G. Master then addressed the R.W.P. Grand Master nearly as follows:—I think this meeting sufficiently influential, and the occasion sufficiently important to justify something more than ordinary routine observation. Permit me, therefore, to occupy your time for a few minutes in taking a retrospect of the degree under the auspices of which we are this day assembled. In doing this it is unnecessary for me to insist on the intrinsic value of the degree in connection with the general Masonic system. I regard that as conceded—and its place properly assured—and this I have a right to infer, seeing the success which has followed the organisation of our Grand Lodge; a success which, even if achieved, could not be maintained if the object of that organisation had been a sham or a mockery—(hear, hear). And this reminds me that I am speaking in the presence of one who was mainly instrumental in founding the Grand Lodge, who for years was the main-spring of the machinery, by which the work was carried on, who long held a high and responsible office, and who was worthily rewarded with distinguished rank by our second Grand Master—I mean Bro. Captain Ridgway. Associated as Bro. Ridgway was not only with Craft Masonry, but with the higher degree in which he had attained great eminence, he lent the weight of his influence and his great abilities to the formation of a governing body, whose laws are quoted as a model of Masonic legislation; and I hope my friend is well satisfied with the vigorous maturity attained by the child at whose birth he assisted. Let me not forget to add that Bro. Ridgway had also the glories of actual paternity to boast of, for I believe I am correct in stating that your new R.W. Prov. Grand Master owes to him his Masonic birth—(cheers). The general Masonic merits of Bro. Ridgway must be well-known to Devon, as he has filled the office of Grand Warden of the province, both in Craft and Mark, and is, no doubt, destined to higher honours. The Grand Lodge was established in 1855, and in 1857 Bro. Rev. J. Huyshe was appointed G.M. of Devon. At that time there were only two lodges in the province. In 1873 Bro. Huyshe hands to his successor the charge of sixteen lodges in this province—(hear, hear). Of the high qualities of Bro. Huyshe, whether we regard him in his exoteric position, speaking Masonically, as a gentleman, a clergyman, a magistrate—it is impossible to speak in anything but terms of praise—in his esoteric position as bearing rule and sway in the various degrees in Masonry, whether recognised or unrecognised, it is difficult to find expression which shall adequately do justice to his deserts—(loud applause). His retirement, full of honour, owing to increasing years, which demand and deserve repose, is, I feel confident, deeply deplored by all—(cheers). Two sources of

consolation, however, are his—one that he carries with him the esteem and regard of all those amongst whom he has laboured, and over whom he has ruled with firmness and courtesy, and in whose memories he will be cherished in green remembrance; the other, that he is succeeded in the province by one in every way so worthy of his support and your trust—(applause). This brings me, Capt. Davy, to address you personally on the high position to which you are this day called. Initiated some years since, having filled the chair of your Craft Lodge, subsequently acted as M.M.M., and now for the second time occupying the chair of a Mark Lodge, having held high office in the Craft P.G. Lodge, and also in the Mark, you cannot be without experience in the science of ruling. The position of a Prov. G. Master is one of great importance and considerable responsibility, and is an honour sufficiently distinguished to be an object of laudable ambition—(hear, hear). It demands in its possessor high and varied qualifications—urbanity, firmness, patience, forbearance, and all the characteristics of a gentleman—knowledge of our laws and constitutions—a regard for order and regularity, and all the characteristics of a Mason. In none of these do we believe you to be wanting, and crediting you with the possession of all requisite qualifications for the efficient discharge of the duties appertaining to your office, we heartily welcome you as the head of this province, and bid you good speed in your work—(cheers). And now, brethren, bear with a few general remarks. You know the purpose for which you are this day assembled. A new chief has been legally placed over you. He has taken a solemn obligation to maintain the laws, and administer them impartially. And on your part, there is an implied obligation to render him your faithful allegiance, and a true and reasonable obedience, a kindly and fraternal support—(cheers). In a country such as ours, where we are enjoying to the fullest extent freedom, both of thought and expression where policy is openly discussed, and individuals sharply criticised, perfect unanimity is not, cannot be expected, and I have no right to regard the appointment to-day as an exceptional instance. I do not know of any divergence of opinion; I would fain hope there is none; but should there be, I ask from the minority a cheerful acquiescence in the wishes of the majority; I ask for a fair, dispassionate judgment on all questions affecting the order; I ask for a spirit of conciliation; I ask for loyal assistance and kindly sympathy, so that we may hope to be able to exclaim, "How good and joyful a thing it is to see these brethren dwelling together in unity." I look back at the history of Mark Masonry in this province, and I think I have warrant for taking the experience of the past as the foundation of the present, on which shall be reared the glorious superstructure of the future—(loud cheers).

The P.G. Mark Master having then taken his place in the chair, proceeded to return thanks for the distinguished honour which had been conferred upon him. He felt very much the kindness which had been lavished upon him on all sides. He then thanked collectively all those brethren who had contributed, by their expressions of good feeling, to his present elevation. He stood there in a very proud position; but it was one that was not unmingled with pain. He was the successor of one who had been for many years known to the Freemasons of the province, his old and much-valued friend, Bro. Huyshe, to whom his warmest thanks were due. (Cheers.) He was pained to think that his R.W. Brother, owing to increase of years, felt himself compelled to give up his office. He wished that he could have held the office for many years to come, for they all knew what judgment and kindness of heart he brought to bear in all his work. (Cheers.) Bro. Huyshe had most kindly promised to give him all the assistance in his power. The speaker then expressed his warmest thanks to Col. Elliott for accepting a renewal of office as D.P.G. Mark Master of the Province, and he added his personal thanks to Bro. Binckes for coming down expressly from London to instal him in his office. He next adverted to his indebtedness to Bro. Ridgway, who first instigated him to be-

come a Mark Mason, and after that he (Captain Davy) applied for a warrant and established the first Mark Mason's Lodge in the province, at Southmolton—though he believed that at some former time there had been a lodge at Plymouth, but not under the present constitution. He should endeavour to carry out the duties of his office without favour or affection, and it would be his desire in the distribution of the honours that the working bees should get the honey. (Cheers.) In conclusion, the R.W. gentleman said that Bro. Metham had sent a letter expressive of his regret that his absence in London on business connected with the Orphan Asylum prevented his being present.

Bro. Colonel Elliott was then appointed D.P.G. Mark Master, and duly obligated by Bro. Binckes, after which he expressed his sense of the honour that had been conferred upon him, stating that he took 24 hours to consider whether he would accept office, and when he had decided he determined that he would perform its duties to the best of his ability. (Cheers.)

The P.G. Master then asked all the brethren now in office to continue to hold their offices till the end of the year. Bro. Langridge, who was G. J. Deacon, having died, his place was filled by Bro. W. Browning, who was transferred from the office of Steward. Bro. I. Latimer was appointed to the office of Steward.

It was then proposed that five guineas should be voted to the Grand Master, as a contribution to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The Treasurer (Bro. V. Bird) said they could afford to vote ten guineas, but some economists opposing, a vote was eventually taken, and the larger sum was carried by a very large majority.

An anthem from Psalm cxxxiii. was then sung by the choir, after which the Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Newnham, offered up prayer. After some other ceremonies, Bro. J. Rendle sang very beautifully Mendelssohn's air, "O, rest in the Lord," which was followed by the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The other business was then soon brought to a conclusion, and the lodge closed in due form.

After the installation, the brethren repaired to the Globe Hotel, and partook of a dinner in every way worthy of Bro. Watts' reputation. The newly-installed P.G.M. presided, and had on his right P.P.G.M. the Rev. J. Huyshe, D.P.G.M. Colonel Elliott, and Bro. J. Latimer, P.G.S.; and on his left, Bro. Binckes, G. Sec., and Bro. Capt. Ridgway, P.G.R.

The loyal toasts having been given, the P.G.M. gave "The G.M. of English Mark Masons, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge." They had present a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge in the person of Bro. Binckes, the G.S., who so ably performed the ceremony of installation that day. Then there was present almost the father of Mark Masonry, their old and valued friend Captain Ridgway, who was, at one time, G.R. of England. Bro. Hopkins, Bro. Bird, and their universally respected P.P.G.M. were also Past Masters of the Grand Lodge, and he hoped they would all long be spared to be useful to Mark Masonry.

Bro. Binckes, G.S., in responding, remarked that not only had their M.W.G.M. held the office for the allotted term of three years, but, owing to the illness of the G.M. Elect, Earl Perry, he had held it for an additional year, and during that time most unquestionably a very large advance had been made in Mark Masonry, a very large number of new lodges had been formed, and new provinces had been constituted. Unquestionably the degree had made very marked and considerable progress, and a large amount of that progress was due to the energy, zeal and ability displayed by their W.M., who was not content to bear the honours of the Order, but took a very active part in its management, and never shrank from any legitimate duty. Then their D.G.M., the Earl of Limerick had displayed such energy and zeal that they expected great things of him when he became G.M. Devonshire had a very fair proportion of grand lodge officers. Every discrimination was exercised in the choice of those officers, and there was no "back-stairs" influence used. The P.G.M.'s and Masters of lodges were asked for the names of those who had signalled themselves by zeal and ability on behalf of Mark

Masonry; and where merit was found, zeal displayed, and energy exhibited, there preferment was bestowed. Grand lodge officers had, therefore a right to infer that they might be proud of the distinction. This should be an incentive to others, and prove that the only road to promotion and preferment was hard work on behalf of the degree. Looking back at the history of the degree, and to its introduction, mainly through the exertions of Captain Ridgeway, in 1865, they could now see the seed sown spread in goodly proportions over the length and breadth, over the jurisdiction of Freemasonry in England, and shewing a vitality which surprised its friends, and those who at one time were its enemies, but were now numbered among its well-wishers. Unquestionably in its earliest origin Mark Masonry was regarded in a spirit of antagonism by the United Grand Lodge of England, but lately they had received from the Marquis of Ripon the best proof that a very different feeling now existed. Their great object was to preserve and conserve a valued degree in Masonry without at all forgetting their allegiance to the United Grand Lodge. He esteemed it a very high honour and privilege at being allowed to instal the P.G.M. in the chair at his (Capt. Tanner Davy's) express wish, and his earnest desire was that their new P.G.M. had that day commenced a career of happiness and prosperity—(applause).

The P.G.M. said he was now about to propose the health of a brother whose name had only to be mentioned to ensure its hearty reception and to raise the fervent hope that though that brother had retired from the P.G.M.'s chair of the Mark he would be long spared to preside over the Craft—(hear, hear). He had the opportunity of seeing Bro. Huyshe at home, and he could assure them he carried out the spirit and teaching of Freemasonry most thoroughly in his own parish—applause—for never a case of distress arose without its being relieved by Bro. Huyshe or his good lady—(hear, hear). He doubted if any P.G.M. had such a name for relieving the wants of the necessitous—(applause).

The Rev. J. Huyshe, received with applause, rose to respond with very mingled feelings, for it could not be supposed that a man who had held a very high position among Mark Masons could feel called upon to retire from that office without emotion. But there was no mistaking the inroads of age—there was no mistaking the fact that a man born in the last century could not exactly feel as he did some forty or fifty years ago. Then all was the hey-day of youth, and strength, and vigour. Now all was decrepitude. ("No, no.") To a certain extent it was, though perhaps not so much, thank God, as it might be, but still decrepitude, and sorrow, and labour. But he regretted it not; why should he? it was the natural law of man. Every man had his day, and he had his. If he had done any good, all the better for him and for those to whom it had been done. But he could hardly hope that the good had predominated, and if any good had come of his rule, it was simply from the kindness and ability of those brethren who had been his officers. And he had had most efficient officers, and to them he tendered his most sincere thanks. Though perhaps not in the immediate future, yet his separation from them must come before very long, and he should be acting sinfully if he hid his eyes to the fact. The friendships of this life were short, and it was well for them to keep before their eyes that they were short. Let them make the most of them whilst they lasted. He was happy in knowing that during the whole of his sixteen years' reign over them, no very serious difficulty had arose between them. It was impossible to prevent differences arising, and he liked that they should arise, because if in a provincial lodge with two thousand Freemasons there were no differences arising, he should feel sure differences existed in the heart, and that they simply agreed with him because he was their head and superior. He should not like that—(hear, hear)—and very much rather preferred a man's letting him know the difference of opinion he held, and the reasons for it. (Applause.) They had always acted on the principle that every man had a right to his own opinion, but that of the majority ought to prevail; and to his ruling on that principle, he

attributed the extraordinary fact that though there were 41 lodges in the Province, very few persons had really any essential difference with him, and there was no unfraternal or improper feeling between one and another. (Hear, hear.) Feeling really too old and unable to carry out the duties himself, he resigned into the hands of the G.M. of England the powers he had held by his kindness over the Mark Masons for 15½ years. That he had exercised the office to the satisfaction of himself he could hardly say, but, remembering the way in which he had been received that day, and the exhibition of good feeling which had on all occasions been shown towards him, and taking that as an index of what was passing in their hearts, he trusted he was justified in saying that to their satisfaction, as well as to his own, he had endeavoured to do his duty. (Applause.) Then, as to his successor, he mentioned to the G.M. that Capt. Tanner Davy possessed all the qualities of a P.G.M., and the G.M. was good enough to say that any person he suggested would be a fit and proper person, and enquiries should be made. The result was that Capt. Davy had been installed over them, and his earnest wish was that they would show their new P.G.M. the same kindness, goodwill, and fraternal friendship they had extended to him. (Hear, hear.) As a pledge that they would do this, and forgive any little error of judgment, he asked them to drink the "Health of the P.G.M.," and may his reign be a prosperous and united one. (Applause.)

The P.G.M., in very feelings terms, acknowledged the compliment. Any error he committed would, he hoped, be charitably thought to be a fault of the head and not of the heart. Whilst fully appreciating the high honour that had been done him, it had "a twinge of the gout" about it in the fact, that the retirement of Bro. Huyshe had brought the honour on him; and he would have infinitely preferred to hold a subordinate position under him than hold his present high office. The kindness that he received from everybody since his appointment was more than he had any right to expect, and especially great had been the kindness of D.P.G.M., Col. Elliott.

Bro. Binckes next proposed "The Past and Present Officers of the P.G. Mark Lodge," and Col. Elliott and Capt. Ridgeway suitably responded, the former offering every assistance to the P.G.M.

The P.G.M. gave "The Masters and Officers of the Mark Lodges in the Province," mentioning that he hoped to visit every lodge in the course of the next twelve months, and to find the new ritual in universal use, as it ought to be.

Bro. Furze, I.P.M. 9, in responding, said he regarded the appointment of the P.G.M. as the highest compliment that could be paid to his lodge, of whom Capt. Tanner Davy was a Past Master.

The company separated, after toasting "Their poor and distressed brethren."

LABOUR ON!

By Bro. WM. CARPENTER, P.M. & P.Z. 177.

The mountain's steep, the path is rugged,
But yonder stands the sacred pile
Which none can reach, except with labour,
Then labour we, and hope the while.

Reward assured doth sweeten labour,
And level make the rugged way;
So, wisdom's feast that there awaits us,
Will cheer us on a cloudy day.

There's nothing gain'd without an effort,
There's nothing great achiev'd at once;
To reach the height to which we're bidden,
Let's onward press, nor fear repulse.

The height's attain'd! our object's gain'd!
Reward now crowns th' accomplish'd task,
And wisdom gives to us who've sought her,
The choicest blessings we can ask.

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Original Correspondence.

THE VIENNA EXHIBITION AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following correspondence may interest your readers:—

Vienna, 5th May, 1873.

"Sir,—I have the honour to apply to your Excellency on behalf of the General Order of Freemasons for permission to hold a meeting of the Order in Vienna during the Exhibition.

Their R. R. and Imp. Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Crown Prince of Germany, are both Protectors of the Order in their respective countries, and, as your Excellency is no doubt aware, all subjects of religious and political discussion are most rigorously excluded from our meetings, one of the first principles of the Order, inculcated by precept and illustrated by example, being strict obedience to the laws of the country affording it protection.

"I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient and very humble servant,

"C. W. DEBERNARDY,

"P.D.G.M for Monmouth.

"To His Excellency the Minister of the Interior, Vienna."

British Embassy, Vienna,

13th May, 1873.

"Sir,—I am directed by Sir Andrew Buchanan to inform you that the letter which you addressed to the Minister of the Interior, requesting permission for meetings of Freemasons to be held in Vienna during the Exhibition, has been taken into consideration by that department, and His Excellency has now been requested by the Imperial Government to inform you that whereas permission for meetings of Foreign Societies in Austria can only be granted in exceptional cases, and the Order of Freemasons being one which, on account of the secret nature of its proceedings, fails to meet the requirements of the existing law, the request which you have made cannot be granted.

"I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient Servant,

"G. F. BONHAM.

"Secretary to H.M. Embassy.

"Mons. C. W. DeBernardy."

"Sir,—Being thus shut out from Vienna, my attention was directed to the lesser Country Hungary, where Freemasonry in its infancy flourishes, and then proceeded to Pesth, where my proposition was cordially received by the M.W. the Grand Master.

On the 18th July, the mother lodge of the order, "Corvin Matyas" will hold its Annual Festival, and foreign brethren will receive a most cordial welcome. The Imperial Danube Steam Navigation Company will place a special steamer at our disposition from Vienna to Pesth and back, and the necessary arrangements will be made with the best hotels for superior accommodation, so as to make the visit an agreeable one.

I shall be happy to afford brethren from England all information and assistance they may require, and letters addressed to me, 14, Seiler Gasse, Vienna, will have my best attention.

"Sir and Brother, I have the honour to be, your very obedient servant,

"C. W. DEBERNARDY.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If our Bro. Emra Holmes is correct in his belief that "a great many Masons enter the Craft, simply to qualify for the Order of the Temple," would it not be well for that Order, now that it is making a "fresh start," and in theory, at least endeavouring to establish itself on a chivalric basis, to dispense with Masonic qualifications altogether? By doing so, the new institution could insert in its prospectus, "No connection with any other establishment." Its intending aspirants would not have the trouble of joining the inferior organization! and Craft Masonry would be delivered from receiving as members

those who, having apparently no sympathy with the principles of the institution they are compelled to use as a "stepping-stone," are most decidedly no acquisition to its ranks.

Perhaps Bro. Holmes will kindly, at his leisure—it will take some time—proceed to prove his statement that "Masonry is still the vital essence of the United Orders of the Temple and the Hospital." Under the old working, the connecting link between the Templar Order and Freemasonry was extremely slight, and I believe the new ritual is yet unshaped, and if we look to principles, I am at a loss to see any similarity between the grand old Order that proclaims equality and religious toleration for all its members, and the modern high grade offshoot, that seeks to select its members from the gentlemen of the Order, and that imposes the Trinitarian test on those who seek its honours.

Fraternally Yours,

JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH, P.M., P.K. &c.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. CHARLES ROGERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observed in your last the above heading to an application to raise funds amongst the Masonic community, wherewith to build a house for Dr. C. Rogers. Before paying towards this somewhat costly act of benevolence, I should be glad to learn what further claims the friends of the Doctor have to advance in support of so startling a proposition.

If you or any of your readers, in the presence of much suffering amongst poor Masons, and the legitimate charities of your Order, can show that Dr. R., through his friends, has a "deserving case," and is in *bonâ fide* distress, or houseless, I should not hesitate to place at your disposal for his relief a sovereign, but until I am so satisfied I shall most certainly give the preference to the excellent Masonic Educational Institutions, which seem at present to have superior claims.

Yours fraternally,
B. B.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think it but fair to let you know that in the report of the 150th anniversary of the Lodge of Emulation No. 21, there are some mistakes. The Master's name is Thomas William White not Thomas White, then the Grand Secretary, is, at the commencement of his speech, reported as deputed to propose "The Health of the Past Masters" and finally "Health and Prosperity to the Emulation Lodge," which was the toast he really proposed. Bro. Hubback proposed "the Past Master's." I have before more than once written and asked to print my christian name in full as Bro. G. Smith stands for anyone, and again I ask you to do so in future.

Yours fraternally,
GRIFFITHS SMITH.
P.M. No. 21.

Reviews.

1. "Official Report of the Proceedings relative to the Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Greece, and Election of its First Grand Master."—Athens, Freemasons' Hall, 1872, in folio.
2. "Official Report of the Proceedings Relative to the Establishment in Greece of the Supreme Council of the 33°, by H.I.H., the Prince Rhodocanakis."—Athens, Freemasons' Hall, 1872, in folio.
3. "The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Greece."—Athens, Freemasons' Hall, 1872, 8vo.

The establishment of such important bodies in the Hellenic Kingdom as those mentioned in the handsome reports now before us, must be a matter of sincere congratulation amongst all Masons, who, impressed with the important part which we take in social regeneration, must

recognise in this movement a spirit of union and security, the ultimate result of which must undoubtedly be a vast amelioration in the condition of all classes of the State in which it has been so auspiciously brought about.

We have only to express our own unqualified satisfaction at such an addition to the Institutions of Freemasonry, and we feel assured that with the leadership of the present talented Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Greece will, when his term of office expires (to judge from the ably drawn-up constitution) be handed over to his anticipated successor, H.M. the King of the Helleness, in perfect order.

The Grand Lodge of Greece has now been fully recognised by those of England, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, France, America, &c., and the usual representatives have been nominated.

And now a few words for the reports themselves:—These are printed in the most sumptuous style, and embellished with handsome engravings of the official seals of the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, and Supreme Council.

Masonic Tidings.

SOUTHDOWN LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 164).—The ceremony of consecrating this new lodge will take place at the Station Hotel, Hayward's Heath, on Saturday, June 28th, at 2 o'clock in the day, in the presence of a distinguished body of working Masons, who having carefully studied this degree, have learned to appreciate its practical use as a valuable adjunct of Craft Masonry. It is expected the officiating Grand Officer will be V. W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., and Grand Secretary of the degree, assisted by several past Grand Officers resident in the County of Sussex. Bro. William Hudson P.M. 75, P.A.G.D. of C. Mark degree, P.M. 315, M.E.Z. 732, and P.P.G.D. Sussex (Craft) is the W.M. designate. Bro. J. Pearson, S.W. 315, J.W. 75 Mark Lodge, is the S.W. designate and Bro. S.R. Ade, P.M. 315, Secretary 75 Mark Lodge, the first J.W. designate. It may not be out of place to state that no person is eligible for the honours of the degree unless he has been admitted a M.M. of some Craft Lodge of Freemasons. Many Masons of good masonic and social standing have submitted their names as candidates for advancement. Several joining members will be admitted, who, having taken the degree elsewhere, are anxious to work once more in a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, under a legal and acknowledged authority. The meetings of the lodge will take place during the summer months only, and will prove, from the convenience of the days selected (the fourth Saturdays in May, June, August, and September, highly attractive to the Masons of Brighton and the towns and villages adjacent to Hayward's Heath. It is somewhat singular that this place, the centre of an influential district, should have remained so long without a Lodge of Craft Masons having been established, and those who thought of this convenient place in which to hold a "Mark Lodge" deserve credit for the selection they have made. This will be easily understood when we state, the nearest towns available for Masons to meet in lodge are Lewes, Brighton, or Horsham, all upwards of twelve miles from Hayward's Heath; also, when it is further considered the train services are particularly accommodating: the last train to Brighton leaving at 11.30 p.m., the last train to London leaving at 9 o'clock p.m., and the last train to Lewes, Eastbourne, and Hastings leaving at 8.5 p.m. A large attendance is expected on this occasion, and every effort will be made by the promoters of the Southdown Mark Lodge, No. 164, to make it a success. The landlord of the hotel, Mr. C. Golding, is a Mason, much respected by the brethren of his lodge (the Royal York, No. 315). He from experience knows right well the requirements of Freemasons, and from our experience of the way he has placed dinners before his guests, we feel assured his best endeavours will be used to do all in his power to promote the comfort, to secure the convenience and to retain the good wishes of the members of the lodge, soon to be opened under his roof. The hotel contains special accommodation for such meetings, and it would not surprise us if,

at no distant date, this hotel should become the head quarters of various degrees of freemasonry for the district. We congratulate the Mark Masons of Sussex on the spread of a knowledge and practice of this branch of genuine Freemasonry, and on the preserving efforts of those gentlemen who for the past eight years have so constantly watched over and cared for this truly, and we may add, highly necessary Masonic degree. Further particulars may be obtained of the three Principal Officers designate, whose residences are so well known it is needless to repeat them here, and to those gentlemen we recommend all Masons who may wish to be advanced on this occasion into the mysteries and privileges of the ancient and honourable order.—*Brighton Observer.*

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45).—Bro. Bickett, the Preceptor of the above lodge, held at Bro. Wickens, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C., will work the 2nd and 3rd Tracing Board, on Monday evening, June 9th, at 7 p.m., and from the known ability of Bro. Bickett, all brethren who will favour the lodge with a visit on this occasion will be pleased with a Masonic working in this the oldest lodge of Instruction in London. Some of the jewels (all of which are silver), we are informed, date as far back as 1797.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.—We have received the prospectus of an institution, established in December last, at a meeting held at the London Tavern, the object of which is, to provide the working classes and persons of small means with surgical appliances at a reasonable price, and on easy terms of payment. There are institutions where this relief can be obtained on letters of recommendation, but such charities are designed for the indigent, whilst the PROVIDENT SURGICAL APPLIANCE SOCIETY assists those who are able and willing—either wholly, or in part, to pay for the instruments they require. The charge for a truss or an elastic stocking is so small that, in most instances the patients can afford the amount, but when expensive instruments are needed, subscribers by giving tickets, may materially help those who endeavour to help themselves. The committee have published a statistical table of the instruments supplied since the beginning of the year, and it is gratifying to find that about two-thirds of the number have been entirely paid for by patients; and in cases for which instruments have been furnished on an arrangement to pay for the same by instalments, either the whole amount has been liquidated, or is in course of payment. But the supplying of an instrument is not the only benefit which the society affords, as every patient is seen by the surgeon who is in attendance at the institution—25, Bartholomew Close—both morning and evening, and the advice thus given is frequently of vital importance. When a patient cannot come to the institution, a form is supplied, which can be filled in by a medical man. This is a great boon to sufferers residing in the country. We heartily commend this society to the attention of our readers, who may render it assistance by making known its objects amongst the classes for whose benefit it has been established. The principle is sound, and we wish the managers great success in their laudable undertaking. Subscriptions and donations will be received by the Treasurer, Richard Stone, Esq., 66, Cannon-street; by the society's bankers, Messrs. Barnetts, Hoare, Hanburys and Co., 60, Lombard-street, or by the Secretary, at the institution.

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Answers to Correspondents.

The following Communications stand over:—Letter from Bro. C. C. W. G.; Report of Lodge 1284.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

C. L. PINESET.—(St. John's, Newfoundland.—By P.O.O £1 16s. od.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

YOUNG.—May 29, at 3, Prince's-park-terrace, Liverpool, the wife of Bro. Reginald Young, W.M. of Lodge No. 1384, of a daughter.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending Jun 214.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Marie Wilton's Company in "Man and Wife."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. Miscellaneous Dramatic Performances.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee, Mr. Setton Parry. "The Happy Land," and "Meg's Diversion."

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NEWSOME'S CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circus and other Entertainments.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1873.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The June Quarterly Communication to Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening, in Freemasons' Hall. The Grand Master did not preside, but his place was ably filled by the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. Although the Grand Lodge was well attended, there were by no means so many bre-

thren present as is generally the case, especially at this summer meeting; and after the first hour and a half the attendance had dwindled down to less than half the number who had assisted at the opening of Grand Lodge. The reason for the gathering being no larger than it was, probably arose from the agenda paper containing no very exciting business; while on the other hand, the cause of the muster being as large as it was may be attributed to the fact of the election of members of the Board of General Purposes being part of the business to be transacted, as the departure of the brethren was observable as soon as this business was completed.

Among the brethren who attended we observed:—Bros. Lord Tenterden, Fawcett, P.G.M., Durham; R. J. Bagshaw, P.G.M., Essex; Rev. John Huyshe, P.G.M., Devon; H. J. T. Dumas, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.A.D.C.; Sir Albert W. Woods, (Garter) G.D.C.; John M. Clabon, P.G.D.; H. Browse, P.G.D.; George Cox, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Benj. Head, P.G.D.; J. Savage, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.; Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, G.C.; Rev. R. T. Bent, G.C.; A. E. J. McIntyre, G.R.; S. Rawson; P. Dist. G. Sup. China; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Capt. Vivian, P.G. J.W.; Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. R. Stebbing, P.G. D.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D.; Richard Spencer, P.G.S.; W. Seaman, W.M. 619; Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, P.G.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, G. Org.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; Thomas W. White, W.M. 21; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21; T. Adams, P.G.P.; H. G. Bass; E. C. Snell, P.G.D.; T. Bradford, P.G.D.; H. M. Levy, E. Kimber, James Stevens, P.M. 720; H. Marsh and James Terry.

Grand Secretary, after Grand Lodge had been opened, read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 5th March, of Grand Festival of the 30th April, and of the Especial Grand Lodge of the 21st May, all of which were confirmed.

The acting Grand Master then rose and said.—It now devolves upon me to make an announcement to this Grand Lodge on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who cannot be present this evening. It is a matter which, as you are aware, falls exclusively within his Province, and it is not one therefore which will be a matter for discussion by this Grand Lodge. At the same time, I doubt not that Grand Lodge will recognise the wisdom of the change, and will see that it is altogether for the advantage of the charities that this fresh stimulant, as the Grand Master proposes, should be applied. The terms in which the Grand Master desires to make known these changes are as follows:—that every brother who shall henceforward serve the office of Steward, at any anniversary festival of any one of the Masonic Charities of some Provincial or Country Lodge, who shall personally attend such festival, and shall bring up there to contributions amounting to not less than 100 guineas, shall have the same rights and privileges as to wearing

the charity jewel, or clasps, as if he had himself contributed the sum of ten guineas. The only other remark which it seems necessary for me to make, is that this is, of course, in addition to the existing system, and will not in any way interfere with it. All those, I understand, who choose to subscribe, so to speak, under the old system, will be still at liberty to do so, and will still enjoy the privileges they enjoyed heretofore; but there will be this additional power given to any brother who can bring up his contributions of any lodge to the extent of 100 guineas: he will obtain the same privileges and rights as he would have obtained under the old system.

The next business being the election of members of Board of General Purposes, scrutineers of votes were chosen, and sent to their room to perform their duties. There was no election of members of the Colonial Board or of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, as no additional names were proposed.

The report of the Lodge of Benevolence was then brought up, in which were recommendations for the following grants:—

The daughter of a brother of the Union	
Lodge, No. 127, Margate	£50
A brother of the Pythagorean Lodge,	
No. 79, Greenwich	£50
A brother of the Lodge of Perseverance,	
No. 213, Norwich	£50

These grants were moved by Bro. J. M. Clabon, and seconded by Bros. George Cox and Joshua Nunn, and carried unanimously.

Bro. A. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C. President of the Board of General Purposes, moved that the following report of the Board of General Purposes be taken as read, which was accordingly agreed.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:—

1. The Board of General Purposes beg leave to submit their report for the last quarter as follows:—

COMMUTED PAYMENTS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

2. At the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, upon a motion of Bro. William Smith, P.G. Steward and P.M. No. 26, it was resolved that the subject of Commuted Payments for Life Membership be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to consider and report thereon to Grand Lodge.

3. The Board have, in accordance with this reference, very fully and carefully considered the subject, and have given due attention to various communications which they have received from brethren who take an interest in the matter. They have learned with regret from some of these communications that, in consequence of a misconception as to the Masonic law upon this point, private lodges have in some instances professed to confer life membership in return for a single commuted payment.

4. The law upon the subject is however clear, and does not depend upon single or isolated passages of the Book of Constitutions. Continual subscriptions as a member of a private lodge is insisted on throughout its provisions as the essential qualification for the continued enjoyment of the privileges of the Craft, and in order to enable these privileges to be enjoyed for all future time in consideration of a single payment, extensive alterations would have to be made therein.

5. The Board were however quite prepared to have recommended these alterations, if they had been convinced that the change thereby

made would be beneficial to Freemasonry; and they felt no doubt of their ability to suggest adequate provisions as to amount of payment, mode of investment, and all other matters of detail.

6. But after full consideration the Board came to the conclusion that any change in this respect was undesirable, and at a special meeting, held on the 29th April last, they unanimously resolved as follows:—

“That this Board is of opinion that the principle of restricting the privileges of the Craft to those who continue to be subscribing members of some lodge, is not only sound in itself, but productive of material benefit to the Order, and that no sufficient reasons have been adduced to warrant a departure from the obligation in this respect prescribed by the Book of Constitutions.”

7. The Board are fortified in the opinion which they have expressed in the above resolution by finding that in the year 1869, the same subject was under the consideration of the Board of General Purposes of that day, on a reference from Grand Lodge, and that the following resolution was passed by them on the 16th March in that year:—

“That the Board, having duly considered the reference made by Grand Lodge, do not feel that sufficient grounds exist for altering the laws so as to allow of commutation for life.”

UNAUTHORISED WEARING OF MASONIC CLOTHING.

8. The attention of the Board has been called to a practice, which they are informed is not infrequent, of brethren appearing in Masonic costume at so-called “Masonic Balls,” and other public gatherings held without any sanction or permission from the constituted authorities of Masonry.

9. The Board are clearly of opinion that the wearing of Masonic clothing, or of any of the jewels or badges of the Craft, in such circumstances, is not only objectionable in itself, but is in violation of the spirit of the provisions of the Book of Constitutions on pp. 93, 94, under the head of “Public Processions.”

10. In order to remove any doubt as to whether such proceedings can be dealt with as Masonic offences, the Board very respectfully recommend to Grand Lodge that an addition be made to the Book of Constitutions which will provide for such cases, and will attach to them an adequate penalty, although somewhat less in degree than that imposed by the Book of Constitutions on page 94 for attending as therein mentioned “at any funeral or public procession.”

IRREGULAR REMOVAL OF LODGES.

11. The Board having had occasion to reprimand a lodge for an irregular removal, and having reason to believe that some misapprehension exists as to the manner in which the power of removal ought to be exercised, think it expedient to call the attention of the Craft to the provisions of the Book of Constitutions pp. 92, 93, upon this subject.

12. No lodge can be removed from one house or place of meeting to another, even within the same town or place, except in strict accordance with the regulations there laid down, and until such strict compliance has been ascertained by the Grand Secretary or (as the case may be) by the Provincial Grand Master, as mentioned on page 93, par. 3, the removal will not be recorded.

13. No degree conferred, or other Masonic act performed by any lodge at a place of meeting to which it has been illegally or improperly removed can be in any way recognised by Grand Lodge; and the lodge so offending exposes itself to admonition, fine, or suspension.

14. The President will therefore move:—

(1.) That the Report be received and entered on the minutes.

(2.) That the following paragraph be added after par. 2 of the title “Of Public Processions” on page 93 of the Book of Constitutions, that is to say:—

“If any Brother shall appear clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft at any ball, theatre, assembly, or meeting, or at any place of public resort, unless the Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, or District Grand Master (as the case may be), shall have previously given permis-

sion for Brethren to be there present in Masonic clothing, such Brother shall be liable to be suspended from all his Masonic functions for such period as the Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, or District Grand Master may determine.”

(Signed) HORACE LLOYD,
President.

20th May, 1873.

At a meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved:—

“That this Board cannot separate without tendering to their President, the V.W. Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., their sincere and cordial thanks, not only for the undeviating courtesy and kindness which every member of the Board has received at his hands, but also for the untiring zeal and attention which he has devoted to the business of the Board, and the ability and discretion with which he has conducted its proceedings.”

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER,
Vice-President.

Bro. McIntyre, in moving that this report be received and entered on the minutes, reiterated the statement of Bro. Horace Lloyd at former Quarterly Communications, that the receiving the report of the Board by Grand Lodge did not commit the brethren to an assent to anything which was contained in the report. The report was only an expression of the opinion of the Board, and not of the opinion of Grand Lodge. He then referred to the subject of “commuted payments,” which the Board had carefully considered, but could see no reason for altering the laws as laid down in the Book of Constitutions so as to allow of commutation for life. With respect to life members the report of the Board would not affect any one who had not passed the chair of a lodge. It might be the case that, acting on an opinion, some brethren might have believed that by a commutation they retained their membership for ever. In such a case he (Grand Register) felt confident that Grand Lodge would not suffer such brethren to be injured, but would allow them to retain their rights. The Board would be but too happy to take that matter into consideration, and although they were not a legislative body, would recommend that if those rights were brought about by misapprehension of what the law was, they should be retained. It was well known that a most distinguished brother, who had occupied the post of Grand Registrar, and was a Provincial Grand Master, had advised that, life-membership could be retained by the payment of a sum of money. If brethren had been misled by that, the board would take care that they should not be injured thereby. But if brethren would take the trouble to read the Book of Constitutions, they would find that not only on one page but in almost every page where the Craft was spoken of, it was stated that a brother could not be a member of the Craft unless he continued a subscribing member. He trusted that the opinion of the board would go forth to the Craft with weight, that no brother who ceased to be a subscribing member of one of the Craft lodges could retain his privileges; but that if any brother relying on an opinion, expressed by a most distinguished Mason, had acted upon it, they would take care that his privileges should not be altered. (Cheers.)

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded the motion.

Bro. W. Smith wished to know whether this was the proper time to move that the matter be referred back to the Board.

The acting Grand Master replied that it was not, but still if Bro. Smith wished to make any remarks, it was quite competent for him to do so.

Bro. Smith, after a few observations, said he did not consider that the subject had been properly dealt with by the Board, as Grand Lodge was led by the 6th paragraph of the report to believe it had been, and he would therefore move that it be referred back. If it was necessary he would give a notice of motion to that effect.

The acting Grand Master said that if Bro. Smith was really in serious earnest to refer the matter back to the Board, it was within his power to do so now. He however thought that it would conduce to the convenience of Grand Lodge if it was brought forward by distinct motion at a future day, instead of being referred back now. He would not refuse to put the motion, if Bro. Smith wished it, but at the same time he did not think it would be convenient.

Bro. W. Smith, would be sorry to take up the time of Grand Lodge by putting the matter to the vote, but he would, at next convenient opportunity, move a fresh resolution, in the meantime withdrawing his amendment.

The reception and entering of the report on the minutes was then agreed to.

Bro. McIntyre next moved the second paragraph of the report on the subject of the “unauthorised wearing of Masonic clothing,” and read the section from the Book of Constitutions upon that point, and the punishment to be awarded for a breach of that rule. No doubt, he said, that was a very heavy punishment, which seemed to him to have been promoted by old Masons to prevent the appearance of Masons in the streets in “clothing” without first having the permission of the Grand Master or his deputy. Some brethren thought this law might be evaded by their not going out into the streets in the clothing, to theatres, or balls; and, in one case where permission had been refused, the brethren felt justified in carrying their clothing in their pockets and putting it on when they got to the place of amusement. He would, therefore, beg leave to propose, in order to meet cases of breach of Masonic discipline in this respect, that the following paragraph be added after par. 2 of the title “Of Public Processions” on page 93 of the Book of Constitutions, that is to say:—

“If any Brother shall appear clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft at any ball, theatre, assembly, or meeting, or at any place of public resort, unless the Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, or District Grand Master (as the case may be), shall have previously given permission for brethren to be there present in Masonic clothing, such brother shall be liable to be suspended from all his Masonic functions for such period as the Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, or District Grand Master may determine.

Bro. Bulley, G.S.B., seconded the motion.

After a few observations from Col. Cole and Bro. Browning, which called from the Acting Grand Master the remark that he could not suffer any brother to go back to the question of the reception of the report, already decided, a brother asked whether it would be a breach of the law if the brethren dined in Masonic cloth-

ing, as it frequently happened in the provinces that lodges were held at public halls, where there was no convenience for dining, and then went to an hotel at some distance from the place of meeting, where they re-clothed and dined.

Bro. McIntyre said the banner of the lodge covered the banquet.

The Earl of Limerick asked whether if they marched in clothing from the lodge to the hotel the banner would cover the proceeding.

Bro. McIntyre said it made no difference whether the lodge was closed, or called off for refreshment the banner still covered it, and he apprehended that if it was a reasonable distance it might be allowed.

Bro. W. Smith, had had experience of country lodges, where no accommodation for dining was to be found in the halls where they met, and the hotel where they partook of refectation was at a considerable distance. He thought Bro. McIntyre's suggestion could never be carried out; and he hoped it would be distinctly understood that the brethren were not to walk through the streets in clothing.

Bro. McIntyre added, that if what had been the rule had the sanction of Grand Lodge, it would not be interfered with, but the new proposition did interfere with brethren in this respect, that they should not go into balls, theatres, or other public assemblies in Masonic clothing without the sanction of the Grand Master.

The motion was thereupon put and carried *nem. con.*

Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., in the absence of Bro. Joseph Smith at his duties as Scrutineer, brought forward the annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in which were suggestions for the following alterations of the laws:—

"That Article 2, page 11, of the Rules and Regulations for the Male Fund be altered, by substituting the figures '£40' in lieu of '£25.'"

"That Article 2, page 13, of the Rules and Regulations for the Widows' Fund be altered, by substituting the figures '£30' in lieu of '£20.'"

"That Article 7, page 12, of the Rules and Regulations for the Male Fund be altered, by substituting the figures '£40' in lieu of '£25,' and Article 8, page 14 of the Rules and Regulations for the Widows' Fund, by substituting the figures '£30' in lieu of '£20.'"

The motion, that these alterations be made, was put and carried without a dissentient voice.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., moved—

"That any grant made by the Lodge of Benevolence for the benefit of any brother, or the widow of any brother having been passed by the lodge at one meeting and confirmed at the following one, and recommended to Grand Lodge, shall, upon its being sanctioned by Grand Lodge, require no further confirmation."

Bro. Stewart said his object was to cause as little inconvenience as possible to brethren applying for relief. At present they had frequently to wait a long time after the grants were made to them before they got the gifts into their possession, owing to the existing laws requiring confirmation of the grants made. He fully explained the position of matters under the present system, and illustrating it by referring to cases which had happened. In conclusion, he thought the alteration would be gratifying to the brethren who assisted their needy fellows.

Bro. H. Browse, P.G.D. seconded the motion.

Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., rose in opposition, explaining that many years ago he was instrumental in removing some of the obstacles which stood in the path of brethren seeking immediate relief. The routine of the old days he thought was too great, and that was the cause of his moving an alteration. He objected to the form of Bro. Stewart's proposition, which, being positively an alteration in the law, could not be put.

The acting Grand Master ruled otherwise, and said the motion was on precisely the same footing as any other motion. Grand Lodge would decide whether they should receive it.

Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., after explaining the present position of grants over £50, which required confirmation, ventured to suggest to Bro. Stewart that his motion was not a formal one, but asked him to submit one that was more formal.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart consented, and withdrew his motion.

The scrutineers here returned and declared the result of the election of members of the Board of General Purposes to be in favour of Bros. Finch, Grady, Greening, Johnson, Mullens, Parkinson, Scriven, Bywater, Levander, March Poynter, Rucker, Griffiths Smith, Long.

Bro. W. SMITH, Steward, P.M. No. 26 moved.

"That inasmuch as 'The Freemasons Calendar and Pocket Book published annually for the benefit of the Charity Fund under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, and by the command of the M.W. Grand Master, is neither so complete nor useful for Masonic reference as it should be, nor is it as profitable or beneficial to the Charity Fund as it might be, the attention of the Board of General Purposes is called thereto, and that it be an instruction from this Grand Lodge that they do make such changes or modifications in and additions to the said publication in the next issue as will increase its usefulness to the General Body of Freemasons, and greatly increase the profits from each issue; and to enable them to judge aright, they are to invite and receive evidence in support of the motion," and

"That inasmuch as the installation of the M.W. The Grand Master, the appointment of the Grand Officers and the nomination of Grand Stewards, as also the appointment and election of the Members of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board for the year, all take place between the end of April and the beginning of June in each year, 'The Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book' as at present published under the sanction of Grand Lodge is, for the period of from six to eight months in each year, incorrect or inaccurate in many essential particulars, it be an instruction from this Grand Lodge to the Board of General Purposes (or the Calendar Committee), either to publish the Grand Lodge Callendar on the 1st of July in each year, so that it may contain correct lists of all office bearers of the Grand Lodge for the Masonic year, or to issue the Calendar twice in every year, as from the 1st day July respectively, and that they are to invite and receive evidence in support of this motion."

He stated that his reason for bringing forward these motions was that the Calendar might become a more useful book of reference for Freemasons than it was now. It was published in January, and in April, when the Grand Master was installed, the Grand Officers were changed, and the book was of no further use if any one wanted to see who the Grand Officers were. Then again, the members of the different Boards were, as the brethren had just witnessed, elected

at the Quarterly Communication, and this further rendered the Calendar useless as a guide to the Craft, as to who were on those Boards. He had suggested to the Board to take these questions into consideration, and he trusted that now Grand Lodge would entertain the subject.

Bro. Mc Intyre on the part of Bro. Horace Lloyd, would give these motions his most respectful yet determined opposition. The Board of General Purposes no doubt would have great pleasure if the resolution could be carried out in its integrity. But Bro. Smith should put in writing before the board the certain things which he thought would be conducive to the interests of the Craft, and increase the sale of the Calendar. He had not done so, at least he Bro. Mc Intyre had no recollection of it. If the board did not choose to attend to the suggestions, then he might come to Grand Lodge. Bro. Smith's motion was really an indictment framed against the Board. He was the only brother who was prepared to make suggestions to the Board, and that only now, after all the years he had been a Mason; and when he came to Grand Lodge about it, he merely came with allegations, and without reasons to support them.

The motions were then put and lost, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

The summer half-yearly communication of Grand Lodge in the Mark degree, was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, and was so numerously attended to prove beyond doubt the widespread popularity of Mark Masonry in this country. Before the proceedings commenced, a Grand Lodge of Instruction was, according to custom, held, which was well attended by London brethren and representatives from the province. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.O., as usual, presided, and performed the ceremony of advancement with his accustomed ability. The full musical accompaniment with which the ceremony was worked was performed by Bro. John Read, P.G. Organist. At the conclusion of the advancement Bro. Stevens called on Bro. James Smith, Prov. G. Sec. for Kent, to deliver the lecture of the three degrees, which he did with great fluency and in a most impressive style. Before the lodge was closed many of the brethren expressed themselves highly satisfied with the instruction that had been afforded, and hoped that the Lodge of Improvement would be continued to be worked on all occasions of the meeting of Grand Lodge.

Before Grand Lodge met Earl Percy, who was to be installed as Grand Master, was installed as the Grand Master of Royal Ark Mariners, the degree being now given under the authority of Grand Mark Lodge by the Mark Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock by the M.W.G.M., the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., the following brethren occupying the different official posts:—Earl Percy, M.W.G.M.-elect; the Earl Limerick, Deputy G.M.; F. G. Irwin, S.W.; James Stevens, J.W.; the Revs. P. H. Newnham and W. M. Heath, G. Chaplains; Capt. C. J. Burgess, G. Reg.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; the Rev. D. Shaboc, P.G.C., M.O.; K. Lawson, S.O.; W. Foulsham, J.O.; H. C. Levander, S.D.; Thos. Hargreaves, J.D.; S. Rosenthal, G.D.C.; T. J. Sabine, Asst. Do.; John Read, G. Org.; D. M. Dewar, G.I.G. Among the other brethren present were:—Bros. the Rev. John Huyshe, the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, J. H. Wynne, A. D. Loewenstark, W. H. Warrington, Le Gendre N. Starkie, E. T. Inskip, Emra Holmes, Col. Whitwell, S. Funkenzstein, and the Revs. D. J. Drakeford, and J. H. Jukes,

After Grand Secretary had read the minutes and balance sheet,

The M.W.G.M. rose and said that before proceeding further, there was one circumstance to which he desired to make allusion. Since the last meeting of Grand Lodge the Craft had sustained a very great loss in the removal by death of Lord Zetland, who had, for many years, presided over Grand Craft Lodge. Lord Zetland was a nobleman, for whose character and abilities as a man and a Mason every brother had the highest possible respect, and he thought it would be hardly fitting if an assemblage of Masons like Grand Mark Lodge omitted to pass a vote of sorrow that it had pleased the Almighty to deprive them of so worthy a Mason. He would, therefore, move that such a vote be entered on the minutes, and that the Grand Master should be entrusted to convey the same to his lordship's family.

The Earl of Limerick seconded the motion, and agreed with the Grand Master that it would not be fitting to separate without expressing the sense of Grand Mark Lodge of the inestimable loss they had sustained in Lord Zetland's death. He did not feel it necessary to go at any length into a recital of the virtues of the deceased brother, as many of the brethren present had heard, in words which he would not attempt to emulate, on another occasion and in another place, the feeling of the Craft expressed by the two distinguished brethren who now presided over the Craft in this country.

The vote was then carried unanimously.

Grand Secretary read the report of the General Board, from which it appeared that during the last half-year a larger number of Mark Masons had been made than at any previous period on record; that during the same time Cheshire and North Wales had been erected into a Province; that the Royal Ark Mariners' warrants of constitution had been issued; and that a favourable termination had been come to of the difficulties which had existed between Grand Mark Lodge and that grand body. The report recommended the obligating of the Grand Master as a Royal Ark Mariner before his installation as Grand Mark Master, and congratulated Grand Lodge on its friendly relations with other supreme jurisdictions. It further stated that the business of Grand Secretary's office continued to increase greatly and rapidly, and that Grand Lodge had secured premises at 2, Led Lion-square, at an annual rental of £75. An account was also given of the money invested since last Grand Lodge, and the report concluded with a statement that reports of proceedings of foreign Grand bodies had been received from Iowa and Columbia.

The report was received with applause.

Capt. Barlow proposed, and Rev. D. Shaboe seconded, the following motion.—“That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of this Grand Lodge to the Portal Testimonial Fund.”

The motion was carried amidst great applause.

Capt. Burgess moved “That the sum of £45 be voted from the funds of their Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and placed on the list of Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C., who has offered to represent the Mark Degree as Steward at the festival in January, 1874.”

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

Grand Secretary having read the notice of Bro. Levander's motion, that the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine should be admitted into the tripartite treaty.

Bro. H. C. Levander rose to bring the motion before Grand Lodge, and in doing so observed that the time had now arrived for this step to be taken, and as other orders had been admitted, it did not require any observations to recommend the motion. He did not expect any opposition, and should therefore simply make the motion.

Bro. S. Rosenthal seconded the motion.

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark said a few words in opposition, but after a few words from Earl Percy and the M.W.G.M., stating that they saw no danger in the alliance, and that it did not affect Grand Lodge in the slightest degree, the motion was carried without a dissentient.

The M.W.G.M. moved the recommendation

of the General Board, that the affairs of the Royal Ark Mariners degree should be managed by the Grand Mark Master, (who should be obligated first as an Ark Mariner), with the advice and assistance of a council of twelve brethren. He said that negotiations between the Grand Mark Lodge and the Grand Ark had gone on for a long time, and they at last came to an amicable understanding, whereby Grand Mark Lodge consented to be assisted in its management of Ark Mariners business by a council of Ark Mariners. The terms of arrangement had been carefully considered, and he could see nothing in them which would militate against the Mark degree, but he could see a great deal that would strengthen it.

Bro. H. C. Levander seconded the motion.

In answer to Bros. Irwin and A. D. Loewenstark, the M.W.G.M. said, the proposition had been submitted to Bro. Morton Edwards as the ultimatum of Grand Lodge. Bro. Edwards had said he would be perfectly satisfied with the resolution, provided those brethren who had held office in what he claimed, but Grand Mark Lodge denied to be a Grand Lodge, should be the first members of this Grand Master's board of advice in Ark matters. He (the M.W.G.M.) saw no objection to the adoption of this request, and on that footing the matter rested.

The motion was carried.

Grand Secretary read the Treasurer's report, which showed:—

Balance at last Meeting ...	£286	16	9
Receipts for last six months ...	417	19	0
	£704	15	9
Expenditure ...	263	11	3
	£441	4	6
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.			
Last Balance ...	£275	13	5
Donations received to 31st March 1873 ...	53	5	0
	£328	18	5
Disbursements on that account:—			
Purchase of £300 Canadian Bonds and Brokerage ...	£313	10	0
Balance ...	£15	8	5

To which would have to be added the half-year's dividends received in January, and those which would be received immediately after the 30th inst. The announcement of the financial statement was received with cheers.

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark then proposed Earl Percy as Grand Master for the ensuing twelve months.

Bro. James Stevens seconded the motion, which was thereupon put and carried.

The Earl of Limerick, in presenting Earl Percy to you Brother the Earl Percy, who has been duly elected to preside over Mark Masonry for the ensuing year. I need not state to you the many eminent qualities that have so well fitted him for this post, and I am sure the degree in which Mark Masonry has flourished under your headship will continue under the headship of the brother who has been elected to-day. All Mark Masons regretted the cause which prevented him from coming among us up to the present time, but at the same time rejoice that Mark Masonry has not suffered from his absence, as during that unavoidable period it has been presided over by one so universally beloved as yourself. (Hear, hear.)

The M.W.G.M. :—Bro. Earl Percy, it is with great pleasure that I have heard the nomination, and received the presentation just made by our Bro. Lord Limerick. Having had myself the honour and very great pleasure of initiating you, my lord, into Masonry, I have naturally watched your career with very great interest; and I can truly say, that from your exertions for this degree in your own Province, in Northumberland and Durham, and from the energetic support it has always received from you as my deputy since you have held that office, I consider that you have every claim for the high honour which the Grand Lodge has conferred on you, and on the other hand, I think the Grand Lodge most

fortunate in having the services of so worthy and well-esteemed a brother as yourself.

Earl Percy was then obligated by the Grand Master invested and installed, wherefrom he was greeted in the usual form adopted by Mark Masons.

The M.W.G.M. :—Most Worshipful Grand Past Master and Brethren, I feel unwilling to detain you very long with any observations of mine at the present moment, because I believe I may have to address you again this evening, perhaps more than once; but I am sure you will hear me with much greater pleasure after dinner than you will before. But at the same time, I cannot allow this occasion to pass without thanking you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the very kind way in which you have spoken of me, and for the terms which you have been pleased to apply to my poor services to Masonry, and I have to thank you, brethren, for electing me to this high office, and especially because you have had, I am sorry to say, to wait some time before I could obey this summons, which you were kind enough on a former occasion to lay upon me. I need not say how highly I feel the honour of being placed in this great position. This degree has now assumed proportions which make the occupation of this chair a prize which all, even the highest, Masonry may well be proud to hold. I therefore feel greatly the honour you have done me; at the same time I feel that our Order has now so widely extended, and its interests are so important, that I should shrink from accepting the onerous duties which this post will carry with it, were it not that I feel certain that the officers who are selected to sustain me in my position will ably perform their duties, and that you, brethren, will extend to me your kind indulgence and support upon all occasions when I shall need them. (applause). Before I proceed to invest my Grand Officers, I have a very pleasing duty to perform; it is to present, in the name of the lodge, our Past Grand Master with a distinguishing jewel of that office (hear hear). Bro. Portal, it gives me the very greatest pleasure to invest you with this jewel in the name of this Grand Lodge. My own private feelings perhaps may appear intrusive at the present time, but I cannot help saying that I look upon you, and always have done, as my father in Freemasonry and and if I have been able to be of any use to the Order, or if I have risen to the post I now hold, I feel that it is entirely owing to your kindness and consideration in aiding my steps and instructing me in the duties of Freemasonry. On behalf of the lodge, I think I may fairly say that you, sir, have held your term of office with a lustre of distinction which was not surpassed by any Grand Master who has ever preceded you. Greater steps have been made in Mark Masonry than ever were made during the term of office of any other Grand Master. Much valuable time and much exertion have been given by you to the advancement of the Order; and I am sure I speak the feelings of all here when I say that the jewel which I have now presented you with, in the name of the Grand Lodge, is but a poor testimony of the gratitude they owe you for all your exertions. (Cheers.) I will now proceed to appoint my Grand officers. I appoint Bro. Lord Limerick as Deputy Grand Master. I am sure this selection will be gratifying to Grand Lodge. I rather feel that he ought to be in the position I now hold.

The following officers were then appointed:—

Le Gendre N. Starkie ...	G.S.W.
Colonel Whitwell ...	G.J.W.
The Rev. D. J. Drakeford...	G. Chap.
" J. H. Jukes ...	" "
J. R. Stebbing ...	G. Treas.
Capt. C. Burgess ...	G. Reg.
F. Binckes ...	G. Sec.
S. Bryant ...	G.M.O.
W. H. Prince ...	G.S.O.
J. H. Scherling ...	G.J.O.
W. O. Walker ...	G.S.D.
E. T. Inskip ...	G.J.D.
Emma Holmes ...	G. Sup. Wks.
Thomas Cubitt ...	G.D.C.
James Crispe ...	G.A.D.C
T. W. Collin ...	G.S.B.
E. Worrell ...	G. Org.
S. Funkenzstein ...	G.I.G.

Grand Stewards for the year:—Bros. Clement Skelton, Leicester; Benjamin Cox, and — Gillard, Somerset; Greatorex, No. 3; W. A. Scott, Carnarvon Lodge, Somerset; G. Page, Holmesdale; John Boyd, No. 1; — Parker, No. 144.

The M.W.G.M. then presented each Grand Officer with the patent of his appointment. He then nominated the following brethren to serve on the General Board.

The Rev. G. R. Portal, W. A. Gumbleton, T. Meggy, James Stevens, Capt. Burgess, H. C. Levander, and S. Rosenthal. Grand Lodge nominated Bros. J. H. Wynne, T. J. Sabine, F. Davison, George Neall, and D. M. Dewar.

The M.W.G.M. then presented the following brethren who were last year's Stewards of the Benevolent Fund Festival with their jewels. The Rev. W. B. Church, George Neall, the Rev. P. H. Newnham, Major George Barlow, Capt. Burgess, and the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw.

The M.W.G.M.—Brethren, I wish to inform Grand Lodge that by virtue of the power vested in me, I have appointed Bro. Drummond, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the United States of America, to be Past Grand Senior Warden in this Grand Mark Lodge.

Bro. James Stevens:—M.W. Grand Master, the proper period has now arrived at which in discharge of my functions as Chairman of the Committee, appointed on the 5th of December, 1871, when your Lordship was nominated as Grand Master, I have to ask you on behalf of that Committee, to perform what I am sure will be to you a most pleasing duty, and to the Committee and members of Grand Mark Lodge generally, will afford considerable satisfaction. It was proposed in Grand Lodge on the date to which I have referred, that to mark the appreciation of the eminent services rendered to the Order of Mark Masonry, by our now Immediate Past Grand Master during his Grand Mastership, a distinctive memorial should be offered to him on his retirement. The proposition was cordially received and it was intended that the presentation should be made at the ensuing communication of Grand Mark Lodge. The serious illness of your lordship, which permit me most respectfully to say caused great regret and sympathy amongst your brethren, only equalled by the joy and satisfaction with which they now again find you in their midst, prevented so speedily a consummation of their wishes, and consequently a long period of time has elapsed since the project was first mooted. But if anything had been wanting at any time to strengthen the reasons for acknowledging the good services of our Bro. Portal, it has been supplied in consequence of your personal inability to undertake the duties of your appointment until this evening, for during the prolonged interval the progress of the first three years of our Brother's Grand Mastership has been increased to the manifest advantage of the Order. My Lord, I will not further delay Grand Lodge by reiterating what has been already enlarged upon and is so well known to all of us, but shall now content myself by stating, as the mouth-piece of the Committee of whom I have had the honour to be a member, that they have been supported in their endeavours to carry out the wishes of Grand Mark Lodge, so as to enable them to place before you this magnificent jewel and tankard, upon which are suitable inscriptions, and which I am to ask you to make still more valuable to our Bro. Portal by yourself presenting them to him.

The M.W.G.M. then received from Bro. Rosenthal a massive gold P.M. jewel and tankard, and read to the brethren the following inscription:—"Presented, together with a distinctive jewel, to Brother the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., on his retirement from the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., by lodges and members of the Order, to mark their appreciation of eminent services, 1869-73.—3rd June, 1873."

The M.W.G.M., addressing Bro. Portal, said:—"Most Worshipful Sir, I do not know that I can add anything to the words which have already been used, in presenting you, on behalf of Grand Lodge, with these testimonials of their

sense of the services which you have rendered us. It would be superfluous, in the presence of so many who know what you have done, to recapitulate all the services you have rendered, or to point out how greatly the position of Mark Masonry has improved since you have ruled over it. I have only one sentiment to express. It is one which in one sense is personal; but in another I am sure it is shared by every member present. It is that you may not only long be spared, and long be willing to render that assistance both to myself and those who shall succeed me in this office and generally, to all the Grand Lodge and brethren of our Order, that assistance which is so valuable, which has been so readily rendered in former times, and without which I myself could not have dared to sit here. (Cheers.)

Bro. G. Raymond Portal, P.G.M., in receiving the present from the hands of the Grand Master, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, I can assure you that it is no platitude I use when I say that I cannot find words to express my deep sense of the kindness of the whole of the brethren who have presented me with this very magnificent present. I feel that it is owing to you that I should give a very brief account of the progress of our Order during the time that I have had the honour of presiding over you, because I think that, as a general rule, it is the duty of all those who are in high office to do their duty to the best of their ability, and that, except in very exceptional cases indeed, any such testimonial ought scarcely to be given. In what I am now about to say, I hope Grand Lodge will distinctly understand that I claim no credit whatever to myself. I have been, all through, supported by my Grand Officers, by the General Board, and by Grand Lodge itself, in the most cordial manner; and if it had not been for the confidence Grand Lodge had reposed in me, and for the readiness with which they agreed to the several steps I proposed for the welfare of our Order, we should not have arrived at the satisfactory condition we are now in. Therefore, in what I am going to say, I hope I shall not be suspected of egotism, but shall be credited with merely wishing to lay before you the progress of the last four years—a progress, owing very much to those who went before us, and owing still more, as I have said, to the kindness I have received from Grand Officers and Grand Lodge from time to time. When I was first placed in the chair of Grand Lodge those who acted with me found that the Grand Mark Lodge was without one single ally in the whole Masonic world, and not only that, but there was a very powerful Mark organisation existing in this country exercising authority from time to time, which, though not threatening our existence, threatened our supremacy—the Mark degree as practised in this country under authority from the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Now it was useless to attempt by ourselves to get the Grand Chapter of Scotland to withdraw their warrants, or even to promise to issue no more; their natural reply was, you are a self-styled body, not recognised by anyone in the world. We, therefore, thought that the next point was to ally ourselves with other non-recognised bodies; and I make bold to say, in opposition to our Bro. Loewenstark and those who voted with him, that the beginning of our whole success was our alliance with the other non-recognised bodies in England. Having got that, we were able to approach the grand bodies working the Mark degree—the Grand Chapter of Ireland, the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the Grand Chapters of the United States of America, and to say to them that we, as Mark Masters and a Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, desired to be recognised by Grand Lodge of England. I need scarcely tell you that those bodies have branches extending through the United States, and the leaders there in one body are leaders in every other body, and if they found that their brethren were recognised here would be much more likely to recognise us. The consequence was that our application for recognition by the United States was immediately acceded to, and we are now, as you know, recognised by and have exchanged representatives with Canada and the United States. I have no doubt that at their next meeting the other grand

bodies will recognize us also. Grand Chapter of Ireland have acknowledged our certificates as valid for admission into their lodges, that I attribute to the first step we took of getting recognised by the non-recognised Masonic bodies. Then came the time when there was a great rage for new degrees, one of which was the Ark Mariners. There was also a great rage for the degree of Royal and Select Masters, which, in America has extended very widely. We thought if these degrees were worked in this country, at all, they should be worked in concert with ourselves, knowing as we did that it was not prudent to have numerous supreme jurisdictions. Therefore, Grand Lodge after some hesitancy had sufficient confidence in us to give us the power to confer on Mark Lodges under our jurisdiction the privilege of working the Ark Mariners degree. Then, brethren, there is no point in my administration of your affairs which I look back to with greater satisfaction than the institution of our Mark Benevolent Festival. That has been singularly successful. We have lately invested a large amount of money on that account, and the report of the Treasurer, which has been read to you, must have been very satisfactory. We have moreover, while holding those annual festivals, adopted a plan, which has been well received and strongly supported, that of admitting the ladies of our families and friends to our festival banquet. We have also felt—when I say we, I mean those who act with me—that it is unfair on Colonial brethren that we should be taking their fees while they had no share whatever in the honours of Grand Lodge, and therefore you were good enough to confer on me the power to give past grand rank to brethren who had distinguished themselves in the colonies. We have appointed upon the recommendation of their colonial brethren, and no step could have been taken by us which could give greater happiness or satisfaction to the residents in our colonies. I have been fortunate enough to secure the services of no less than nine brethren of distinction to take charge of the provinces in this country, South Wales, Northumberland and Durham, (our W.M. in the chair) Lancashire, Somersetshire, Middlesex and Surrey, West Yorkshire, Kent, Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Cheshire, and though it may seem invidious to single out one brother on this occasion of the Installation of the Grand Master for distinction above others, I cannot refrain from saying we never should have overcome the Scotch difficulty, which has been overcome by Scotch lodges, in the most handsome manner, agreeing to work under us and throwing in their lot with us, if it had not been for our Bro. W. Romaine Callander, of Lancashire, Lancashire being one of the strong holds of the Scotch jurisdiction. I feel that our best thanks are due to Bro. Callander, and that we are under a deep debt of gratitude to him, for in so important a province as that of Lancashire the Scotch lodges would never have consented to work under any other brother than our much esteemed brother Romaine Callander. I have now come, I think, to an end of my history of the trust you reposed in me four years ago. I need not say that during that time 69 lodges have been warranted, and over 3,000 certificates have been issued. I believe that in no degree has such progress been made as in the Mark degree, and I am quite sure that in the hands of so worthy a brother as I have had the great pleasure of installing to-night in this chair, not only will our degree suffer no loss, but it will go on and prosper in a manner hitherto unseen. I beg once more to thank you for this most noble present. I assure you no words of mine can express the great value I set upon it; and I only hope you will believe me when I say that any services that I can any time render to this degree will always be as cheerfully rendered in the future as they have been in times past. (Great cheering.)

Letters of apology from absent brethren having been read by Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, a report of which will appear in our next impression.

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THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN THE UNITED STATES.

(Continued from page 359.)

We shall now turn our attention to the Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

This Order teaches that as Christ passed through the gates of death, we also like him, may rise to life everlasting by the exercise of Faith, Hope and Charity, which are the pillars of the New Law, hence the desire to be enrolled as a Christian Knight must be founded on true Christian principles, by performing good works, such as giving food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, and clothing to the naked, to be faithful in the house of the Lord, to love all Christian Knights, and especially to protect the Holy Sepulchre, and defend it against all the enemies of the Christian faith.

The novitiate having pledged himself to the performance of these duties, is permitted to unfurl the banner of the cross, and to be enrolled as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, as a member of which Order he learns that the grand mystery of Christian Masonic Knighthood is a sincere belief in Jesus, the Saviour of men, and that Christian Knights should occupy their time in the erection of spiritual buildings, instead of material edifices, as did our ancient brethren.

Let me now direct your attention to our traditional history. The historian Eusebius mentions the fact that after Constantine had witnessed his remarkable vision of the cross, with the motto, "*In hoc signo vinces,*" he caused all the debris to be removed from a certain neglected grave hewn in a rock, which was said to be the identical one in which Christ had been buried.

History also informs us that at that very time Helena, the mother of Constantine, made a visit to the Holy City, and learned from aged Christians that the cross upon which Christ suffered had been thrown into a pit near the place of crucifixion, whence it had been removed.

Helena caused strict search to be made, and eventually a pit was discovered containing three crosses, one of which she recognised, by certain tests, as the cross of our Redeemer.

Over the spot where the crosses were found, St. Helena and Constantine caused a stately church to be erected, and from that circumstance is derived, and from that period we date the origin of the Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

These Knights were selected only from the members of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, and each upon receiving the accolade, and taking the vows of Knighthood, was bound to guard the Holy Sepulchre, protect pilgrims, and repel all attacks of the enemies of the cross of Christ.

The Holy Sepulchre remained an object of Christian solicitude until about the year 614, when Chosroes II., a Persian monarch, swept over Palestine with his army, and captured Jerusalem, slaughtering the inhabitants and destroying the churches.

Modestus, Vicar of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, afterwards rebuilt the churches on their ruins.

Adamantius, in the seventh century, described the pit or grave in the solid rock, over which the church was built, and St. Willibald, in 765, also gave a very minute account of the Holy Sepulchre.

In 969 the Caliph Muezz ordered the buildings to be destroyed, and during the Caliphate of Hakem, in 1010, the Church of the Temple was entirely demolished, and special efforts were made to destroy the sepulchre itself, by means of fire.

This church was again rebuilt in 1048, by the successors of Hakem, and in 1099, was enlarged and beautified by the Crusaders, the captors of the city.

At the time of the Persian invasion, of which I have just spoken, the true cross was carried away by Chosroes II., but was recovered by Heraclius, in 629, who, on September 14th of that year, marched barefoot and in sackcloth into Jeru-

salem, carrying on his shoulders this piece of holy wood.

Age after age we trace its course, until it falls into the hands of the Crusaders, over whom its influence is felt at the battle of Hittin, where the Knights of St. John fought so nobly, under command of Guy, King of Jerusalem.

At the beginning of the next century, when the Christians entered Jerusalem with Godfrey, Robert the Monk, says that the soldiers or Knights of St. John "went to the Holy Sepulchre of our Lord, in which he was buried."

In 1160, Benjamin, a Hebrew, makes honourable mention of it as a place of worship, and calls it the Holy Sepulchre.

In 1550, Father Beniface was appointed guardian of the Holy Sepulchre, by order of Pope Julius III., and undertook the work of repairing the same.

In 1808 the entire mass of buildings was again destroyed by fire.

An eminent writer thus describes the conflagration: "The heat was so excessive that the marble columns which surrounded the circular gilding, in the centre of which stood the sacred grotto, were completely pulverised." The lamps and chandeliers, with the other vessels of the church, brass and silver and gold, were melted like wax. The molten lead from the immense dome, which crowned the Holy Sepulchre, poured down in torrents. The chapel erected by the Crusaders was entirely consumed. Half of the ornamental paintings in the ante-chapel were scorched, but the Holy Sepulchre itself received not the slightest injury internally, the silk hangings and paintings of the resurrection remaining unscathed by the flames, the smell of fire not even having passed over them."

From these and additional historical facts that could be produced, it is self-evident that the sepulchre or grave which Constantine uncovered; and from which his mother, Helena, procured the cross, was the veritable tomb of Christ—the identical spot where the feet of our risen Saviour first pressed the rock of the world He had redeemed.

Our ritual instructs us that during the period of the Crusaders the Order of the Holy Sepulchre flourished; that since the loss of the Holy Land it has continued to exist in several countries in Europe, and that its ancient ritual and ceremonies had been preserved intact to this day.

We now come to the investigation of the Order of St. John the Evangelist.

This Order is unconnected with that of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, or those which took possession of Malta.

It is the Order of St. John of Palestine, whose teachings are intimately connected and interwoven with those of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

The writings of St. John the Evangelist develop all the essential truths of the Christian religion.

It was reserved for this highly gifted Apostle to declare in unmistakable terms who and what constituted the divine Logos or Word.

He disclosed and promulgated the hitherto mysterious secret that the Word was with God from the beginning, and was truly God. That it was He who made all things, and for Whom all things had been made. That He was incarnate in the person of Jesus, Who was born of a Virgin, and suffered death on the cross.

We may remark that one of the mysteries of Christian theology is the equality of the three divine persons composing the mysterious Trinity co-equal and co-eternal, hence these Orders of Knighthood are unfitted for Master Masons.

The substantiality of the Father and the Son was established by the Council of Nice, composed of three hundred Bishops, who were convened by Constantine, and in which Eusebius took a very prominent part.

The doctrine of the Trinity has been unanimously received as a fundamental principle of the Christian faith by the Greek, Latin, Oriental and Protestant churches, and it is upon this settled doctrine that none but Knights Templar can be received into our communion, a holy communion in which with loving hearts we eat the bread of love, teaching us to support each other, and drink pure wine, that we may remember our vows and learn to sustain each other.

It would be inconsistent with my vows and my duties as your Grand Sovereign to speak of our traditional history of the Gospel of St. John, of the manner in which it was brought to light, or of its remarkable and providential preservation. Suffice it to say that he who devotes his time and talents to the attainment of our mysteries is amply repaid for his faith and zeal, by the reception of that sanctified knowledge which St. John proclaimed, when he declared that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

May we not truly say that among all the degrees of Masonry or Orders of Knighthood, there are no three which are so intimately connected as those of the Knights of the Red Cross, of the Holy Sepulchre, and of St. John, all tending to the same end, and teaching the same glorious and eternal truths.

Let us then, Sir Knights, as members of this Christian Order of Knighthood, all strive to make this world a Temple of Love and Peace, by dedicating our hearts, our talents, our lives, our all, to the service of our Great Master Immanuel, whose title may be read upon the cross, the emblem of our redemption.

These ancient and valuable Orders of Knighthood have been transmitted to America by the Earl of Bective, through our esteemed and illustrious frater Sir Alfred Creigh, LL.D., under whose enlightened direction and government, as Chief Intendant General of the United States, Christian Brotherhood has so largely increased both in numbers and influence.

Honoured Sir, I bid you a cordial and hearty welcome to this our annual Grand Council, and I here assure you that for the zeal, ability and faithfulness with which you have ever laboured to advance the well-being of our beloved Masonic family, you have, as you justly merit, the high respect and deep gratitude of every member of our fraternity.

May your useful life long be spared, that from your extensive research, long experience, and mature wisdom, we may gather much instruction in the noble and holy work in which we are all engaged, the reward and wages of which are "the gratitude of the Craft and the approval of God."

ALTHOUGH Count Renard did not achieve his anticipated victory on Wednesday, it must be owned that his countryman, Mr. A. Ahlborn, of Regent-street, secured a real triumph, as very many striking costumes in the Grand and Private Stands were of his design and manufacture. Specially observable was a well-known toilette of yellow and black—the colours of the winner—the beauty of which seemed to herald the approaching triumph of Doncaster.—*Court Journal.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 12, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, June 7.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4, Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, June 9.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern (Haverstock-hill), at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottlieb, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155 Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, June 10.

Lodge 167, St. Johns', Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
 " 549, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 " 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel.
 " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
 Chap. 857, St. Marks', Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, June 11.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
 Lodge 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
 " 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham Green.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. Johns' Wood.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.
 Grand Metropolitan Rose Croix Chapter, Freemasons' Tavern.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, June 12.

Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Volunteers, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
 Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 " 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st.
 New Temple, K.T. Encampment, The Inner Temple, London.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Avengers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, June 13.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
 " 33, Britanic, Freemasons' Hall.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30 Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
 For the week ending Saturday, June 14, 1873.

Monday, June 9.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170 Buchanan-st.
 " 362, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-st.
 " 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barhead.
 Tuesday, June 10.
 Lodge 413, Athole, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st.
 " 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-st. Renfrew.

Wednesday, June 11.

Chapter 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Lodge 128, St. John, Shetleston.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Chapter 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.
 Thursday, June 12.
 Lodge 88, Old Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
 " 203, St. John's Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

Friday, June 13.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambush Kenneth.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, June 14, 1873.

Monday, June 9.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
 " 1350, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Tuesday, June 10.
 Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 " 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, June 11.

Lodge 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 86, Lebanon, Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
 " 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, June 12.

Lodge 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

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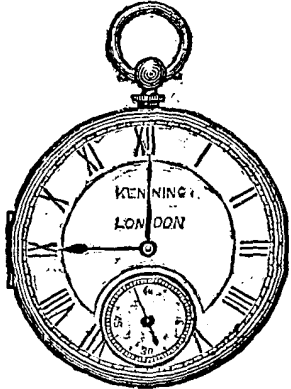
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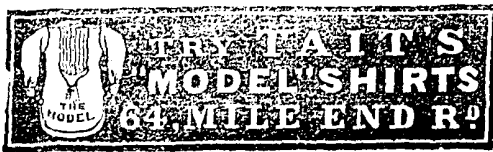
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—*The Mariner's Lodge* (No. 249). The brethren of this venerable lodge held their usual monthly meeting on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Edwin Hughes, W.M. There was a full attendance of officers and members, together with a large muster of visitors. Indeed, it is the boast of members that their lodge receives during the year a larger number of visitors, especially of Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, than any other in the province. The principal business to be transacted was the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, the appointment of Auditors and Trustees of the lodge, and also of the Lodge Committee. The latter is one of the very best features of this carefully managed section of the fraternity, being formed for the special purpose of making inquiries into the character, standing, and peculiar fitness of every candidate for initiation before his name is allowed to be placed upon the circular, or go to the members for ballot. After the usual ceremony of initiation had been gone through by the W.M. and his officers, and due consideration paid to the cause of charity, Bro. Hughes, W.M., addressing the lodge on the subject of the election, begged the brethren to follow carefully the time-honoured system of that assembly by rewarding merit in the officers who had so faithfully performed their duty heretofore. It was, he said, at all times disastrous to the best interests of the Craft to promote feuds and disorders by unnecessary changes, and he sincerely hoped the brethren would seriously exercise the important duty they had before them. This was uttered with the special intent of guiding the junior brethren. The W.M. and the whole of the P.M.'s present then signified their desire that their names should not be included amongst the candidates, and the ballot, upon being taken, resulted in the almost unanimous return of Bro. J. J. Rose, the S.W., who was at once declared duly elected W.M. for the coming year. Bro. Hughes warmly complimented the lodge upon the choice which it had made. Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 1094 and 249, was urgently pressed to resume the duties of the Treasurer, and after receiving his consent he was re-elected by acclamation. The business being disposed of, a notice of motion respecting an amendment of the bye-laws was adjourned until the next meeting, and it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. Dr. Smith, P.M., "That a Lodge of Instruction, in connection with the Mariners' Lodge, should be formed," and of this Bro. Hamilton, one of the most capable and respected members, was appointed Secretary. The lodge was then closed in due form. At the banquet, held subsequently, a most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being first given in their entirety, Bro. Nicholas gave his new "A. B. C. Song," which, embracing as it did local and Masonic matters entirely novel, convulsed the brethren with laughter. In response to the warmest appeals, Bro. Nicholas followed with Tom Hood's poem of "Mary's Ghost," in a most spectral and midnight style. Several

other brethren ably assisted to make melodious this happy evening, and at a timely hour the "Tyler's Toast" was given. It is worthy of notice that of late years this old lodge has not only been the means of forming others, but also has, by most careful management and admirable working, succeeded; whilst being famous for giving large sums in charity, in keeping up its funds and keeping up its character as second to none in the extensive province of West Lancashire. On Saturday, the 7th inst., a Lodge of Emergency was held for the purpose of disposing of general business in arrears. Bros. Barrow, Tickle, and Walker were then passed, and Gardner, Roberts, and Carrington raised to the higher degrees.

LIVERPOOL.—*Neptune Lodge* (No. 1264).—The annual gathering of this excellent lodge was held on Friday last, the 6th inst., the principal business being the installation of the W.M. Elect, and the investiture of officers. The gathering was particularly large, and perhaps one of the most influential ever held in connection with the "Neptune," as there was an unusual array of brethren holding past and present rank. The lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock by Bro. P. Merriman Gee, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. J. Taylor, P.M.; A. Davies, S.W.; J. S. Dixon, J.W.; J. Healing, Treas.; J. Pemberton, Sec.; T. Singleton, S.D.; W. Roberts, J.D.; J. Korn, S.; A. Cotter, S.; W. Royle, S.; W. H. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Ashworth, T. G. Wilkin, W. Barr, R. B. Bott, T. N. Jackson, P. West, H. Williams, J. Williams, E. T. Jones, E. Balson, W. Brewer, J. Cotterall, R. Farrell, J. Hughes, G. Smith, J. Hill, G. Cain, D. R. Davies, W. Heath, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Skcaf, P.G.O.; J. T. Callow, W.M. 673; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M. 721; T. Leighton, W.M. 1325; W. Archer, P.M. 1086; T. Evans, S.W. 1356; R. W. Holt, 1276; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; W. Shortis, W. M. 724; W. Doyle, P.M. 667; R. Ing, W.M. 594; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 249 and 1094; W. Jones, W.M. 220; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. Hocken, P.M. 673, and others. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. J. Hamer, as installing officer. Bro. Arthur Davies, W.M. Elect, was then presented for installation by Bro. Gee, I.P.M., and Bro. Taylor, P.M. After the usual ceremonials in connection with installation, the following brethren were invested as officers:—Bros. P. B. Gee, I.P.M.; J. S. Dixon, S.W.; T. Singleton, J.W.; J. Healing, Treas.; J. Pemberton, Sec.; W. Roberts, S.D.; A. Cotter, J.D.; W. Royle, I.G.; J. Hill, Org.; J. Taylor, P.M., M. of C.; Korn, Fish, and Hughes, Stewards. Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hamer for his services as installing Master. The W.M. subsequently presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Gee, who said he felt deeply the gift which had just been made. Nothing could have given him greater pleasure than that mark of esteem, and he could assure the brethren of the Neptune Lodge that he would cherish the remembrance of it till the close of his life. He also cordially thanked the officers for the active and valuable help they had rendered him during his year of office. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet.

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INAUGURATION OF THE DE SHURLAND CONCLAVE, No. 92.

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The founders of the new conclave are chiefly Naval Officers, and comprise Sir Knts. J. Hancock, the first M.P.S.; Lieut. R. C. Jolliffe,

R.N., Viceroy; Staff-Surgeon James Johnstone, R.N.; Lieut. Albert R. Wigham, R.N.; Lieut. Harry F. Yeatman, R.N.; Assistant Paymasters J. M. Bruce, and T. Russell, R.N.

The deputation from the Grand Council was composed of Ill. Knts. R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, M.A., G.H. Almoner; J. Lewis Thomas, G. Architect; and J. G. Marsh, P.G. Architect; the G. Recorder, Dr. Woodman, and Sir G. E. Campbell, Bart., Inspct. Gen. of Hospitals, being at the last moment unable to attend. A procession having been duly formed, the knights entered the conclave chamber, when the chair was taken by Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, who delegated Sir Knts. Marsh to act as V.; H. C. Levander, as H.P.; and Thomas as G. Recorder. The splendid rite of inauguration was then proceeded with, and nothing could exceed the precision and solemnity of the whole ceremonial.

The conclave was thrice dedicated, and after the invocation and an appropriate hymn, the "De Shurland," No. 92, was declared duly formed, and its members authorised to receive brethren faithful and true into the pale of Christian Knighthood.

Sir Knt. Hancock was then enthroned as M.P.S.; Sir Knt. Jolliffe inducted into the chair of Eusebius, and the officers were then appointed.

The following brethren were then installed as Knights of the Order:—Bros. Edward Penny (1089); Alfred Ingleton (1089); Robert Draycon (1273); and Payne (158).

Comp. Parsons officiated as, and was elected to the post of Sentinel.

A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the members of the Grand Council who had attended and assisted during the ceremonies, and this compliment was acknowledged by Sir Knt. Little.

The M.P.S. then proposed, the Viceroy seconded, and it was carried by acclamation, that the Conclave should become an annual subscriber to the Masonic Institution for Girls.

After some formal business the Conclave was then closed, and the Knights adjourned to the banqueting-room, which we may remark was the lodge room of the De Shurland Lodge, and very beautifully fitted.

No pleasanter evening was ever spent in Masonic fellowship than that which succeeded, the general regret being that, owing to the early departure of the Grand Councillors for London, it was considerably abbreviated.

Toast followed toast in quick succession, speech trod upon the trailing garments of speech in rapid rotation, and at the early hour of eight, the bell—the "railway bell"—close by, tolled the hour for retiring. "Then there was mounting in hot haste," a rush for *chapeaux*, a grasping of hands, nay, the whole *posse comitatus* of new-made Knights insisted upon seeing their "Conscript Fathers" safely off by train, and, accordingly, "accompanied them to the spot," where a comfortable carriage and a quiet "smoke up" counteracted the regrets experienced by the London Knights upon leaving such jolly good company as they had found amongst the gallant sons of Neptune and "De Shurland" the bold "Baronne."

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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Conclave was then closed. A banquet, which gave the utmost satisfaction to all present, was then served, and upon the withdrawal of the cloth the usual toasts were given, and received with enthusiasm. The performances of Sir Knt. H. Parker on the pianoforte formed a most agreeable addition to the evening's proceedings, and several capital songs were sung. The Knights present comprised Colonel Burdett, Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart., Colonel Whitbread, H. C. Levander, J. G. Marsh, W. C. Lucey, M.D., C. Hogard, E. H. Thiellay, J. T. Moss, E. Sillifant, H. Parker, F. Walters, R. W. Little, H. A. Dubois, Rev. Dr. Brette, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, T. Cubitt, W. H. Hubbard, Col. J. Peters, and J. Pettengill.

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PALESTINE CHAPTER, ROSE CROSS, H.R.D.M.

—This Chapter was held on the 27th ultimo, at 33, Golden-square, when the following members of the Order attended:—Captain N. G. Phillips, 33°, Lieut. G. Com.; J. M. P. Montague, 33°, G. Sec. Gen.; Hyde Pullen, 33°; Major S. H. Clarke, 33°; R. Costa, 32°; J. Hervey, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Colonel Burdett, 32° (Ireland), M.W.S. Elect; R. Wentworth Little, 30°, P.M.W.S.; H. C. Levander, 1st Gen.; T. L. Fox, 2nd Gen.; C. E. Williams, 30°; J. W. Barrett, Raph.; J. T. Moss, Herald; E. Stanton Jones, Organist; Sir G. E. Campbell, Bart.; T. Cubitt, J. Boyd, L. Hirsch, E. Hewett, C. Hammerton, and E. Sillifant. The following candidates were admitted to the 18°:—Colonel James Peters, John Dixon, M.D., Constantino Peragini, and Eugene H. Thiellay. Colonel Burdett, who had hitherto been unable to attend, was duly installed as M.W.S. The elections for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. G. Kenning, 30°, as M.W.S., and Bro. J. Hervey, 31°, P.M.W.S., as Treasurer. The alms having been collected, the Chapter was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent dinner was served, and the evening was spent in the greatest harmony and social good feeling. Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M.W.S., presided at the banquet.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73). This old lodge had a visit from the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., headed by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. The P.G.S., Bro. A. McFaggart, M.A., having examined the books of the lodge, reported that he had found everything in perfect order, the Acting P.G.M. then addressed the lodge, congratulating them on their continued progress, he found that not only had the Secretary done his duty with the books, but the R.W.M. and all his officers appeared to be thoroughly efficient in their several duties, and it was a source of great pleasure to the Provincial Grand Lodge when they came to inspect the various lodges under their jurisdiction to find them working so satisfactorily. The Provincial Grand Lodge then retired, having another visitation to make. The R.W.M. then initiated Mr. George McBeth in the Order, after which, at his request, Bro. Wheeler took the S.W. chair, and Bro. T. Stewart passed Bro. P. McAdams to the second degree. The lodge having been raised to the third degree, Bro. Bain, P.M. of No. 3 bis., in a very impressive manner raised Bro. Alex. Neilson to the sublime degree, for which he received the thanks of the lodge and the R.W.M.

This concluded a very lengthened meeting, all the work having been performed in a highly satisfactory manner.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

We are requested to state that the numbers polled at Grand Lodge for the several candidates for the Board were as follows:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Bro. Henry C. Levander, P.M. 76	...	...	158
„ John A. Rucker, P.M. 66	...	...	145
„ Samuel Mullens, W.M. 753	...	...	139
„ Witham M. Bywater, P.M. 19	...	...	137
„ Joseph C. Parkinson, W.M. 778	...	...	133
„ Frederick G. Finch, W.M. 33	...	...	127
„ Standish G. Grady, W.M. 14	...	...	123
„ Peter de L. Long, P.M. 1150	...	...	123
„ Henry Gruning, W.M. 197	...	...	119
„ Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21	...	...	119
„ J. Bagot Scriven, W.M. 5	...	...	116
„ Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902	...	...	107
„ William Johnson, W.M. 1201	...	...	99
„ Edwin March, P.M. 99	...	...	88
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Bro. Samuel May, P.M. 780	...	...	76
„ Edwin Sillifant, P.M. 217	...	...	69
„ George Kelly, P.M. 63	...	...	47
„ Walter H. Wilkin, W.M. 1	...	...	46
„ William Smith, P.M. 26	...	...	38

Original Correspondence.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of the proceedings of the Grand Mark Lodge in the last *Freemason*, you state, "Before Grand Lodge met, Earl Percy, who was to be installed as Grand Master, was installed as Grand Master of the Royal Ark Mariners, the degree being now given under the authority of Grand Mark Lodge by the Mark Lodges under its jurisdiction; and you have omitted my name as one of those Past Grand Officers present at the Grand Mark Lodge.

Perhaps you will allow me to add, for the information of all Royal Ark Masons, that I had the very great pleasure of presiding as W.C.N. at a special lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, at which the Earl Percy, the Grand Master elect of M.M.M., was elevated to that ancient and honourable degree, in the presence of, and assisted by, Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.G.M.M.M.; F. Binckes, R. W. Little, A. D. Loewenstark, G. Neal, S. Bryant, S. Funkenstein, and others; and I afterwards opened a special assembly of Commanders, assisted by Bro. F. Binckes as J., and Bro. R. W. Little as S., when Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal and Earl Percy received the degree of Commander. Bro. Earl Percy was then invested and enthroned as Grand Commander of Royal Ark Masons, and saluted by the brethren present. It is with the greatest satisfaction that I am enabled to say that all Royal Ark Mariners may look up to the M.W. the Earl Percy as Grand Commander or Grand Master of Royal Ark Mariners, and to say that all matters between the two Grand Lodges have now happily been settled; and that the members of the new Grand Council of Royal Ark Mariners are to be selected from those Past Grand Officers of the Order who have qualified themselves.

In conclusion, I am quite sure that this very beautiful and ancient degree will—under the control of its new Grand Commander, Earl Percy, and its future Grand Council, and attached to the Grand Mark Lodge—receive the hearty support of all Mark Master Masons.

Yours fraternally,

MORTON EDWARDS,

P.G. Commander.

7, Gower-street, Bedford-square,
June 7th, 1873.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. ROGERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"B. B." is mistaken if he thinks that the testimonial to Dr. Rogers has anything to do with Masonry. The subject I know, was

transferred to your columns, and when I saw mention of it there, I thought that the officious person who had sent it to you would have done well to leave it alone. The testimonials which has been on foot for some long time now, is got up by members of the Grampian Club, a body of Scottish gentlemen, anxious to promote the publication of works on Scotland's history. It is in recognition of the Doctor's efforts in this direction that the testimonial is proposed, and the "Masonic Educational Institutions" "B. B." is so desirous to puff are not likely to suffer one jot by it.

Query.—Was the original paragraph in *The Freemason*, about the testimonial, sent by "B.B." himself, to give him an opportunity to write against it next week, and so obtain a cheap advertisement for the "excellent Masonic Educational Institutions?"

Yours fraternally,

F. Y.

CHARITY JEWEL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you inform me what right and privileges, as to wearing the charity jewel or clasps belong to a brother who has served the office of Steward at an anniversary festival of the Boys' School, and has contributed personally the sum of ten guineas.

Yours fraternally,

P. M.,

Steward and Life Governor, R.M.B.I.

THE "ORDER OF THE TEMPLE" AND BRO. HOLMES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am quite at a loss to know if our learned Bro. Holmes's letter, at page 356, is intended as an answer to Bro. Dr. Hodge's communication, to Bro. Rev. P. H. Newham's pointed questions, or to my short review. I say "intended as an answer," because the letter does not appear to me to be a reply to either of us, but is an evident attempt to draw us into a consideration of matters quite irrelevant to the present inquiry.

However interesting a consideration of the "Masonic Red Cross Degrees" may be, and though the discussion between Bro. John Yarker and myself was in some respects an important one, I fail to see why either should be examined to any extent now, seeing the points in dispute are wholly distinct from the aims and endeavours of our Bro. Holmes. I am ready at a suitable opportunity to discuss the historical position of the "Red Cross of Rome and Constantine;" meanwhile we have to do with the new Templar organisation, which I think Bro. Holmes has failed to prove either to be Masonic or desirable, and certainly not ancient or chivalric; although I cheerfully acknowledge his capital history of the Knights Templar to be an able production, apart from its Masonic bearings.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

UNVEILING THE REREDOS IN GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

(From the *Gloucester Journal*.)

A public ceremonial in which the Masonic Craft takes part is of so rare occurrence that a great amount of interest necessarily attaches to it. The presentation of the magnificent reredos, which has been so liberally subscribed for by the Masons of the province, as their contribution towards the Cathedral restoration, which has been for some time in progress, naturally afforded such an occasion. It is scarcely necessary to remark how appropriate comes such a contribution towards the restoration and decoration of a fine building like our ancient Cathedral from such an august body as the Freemasons, which may almost be said to date its existence from time immemorial; for writers on Masonry, themselves Masons, affirm that the Order has had being "ever since symmetry began, and harmony displayed her charms." The Craft has been traced by some to the building of Solomon's

Temple; and it is said the architects from the African coast, Mahometans, brought it into Spain about the sixth century. Its introduction into this country took place about 674. The Grand Lodge at York was founded in the year 926. The finishing, if, not the erection of many of our gothic cathedrals has been attributed to Freemasons, who, without considerations of pay, nobly devoted their lives and talents to the work of raising these "grand poems in stone," to their eternal "Grand Master." It is only from such devoted souls, living in a sort of atmosphere of religious fervour that we could possibly have the first conception of the exquisite form, exquisitely wrought out so conscientiously by patient and laborious hands, as far removed from the contract spirit in which modern public buildings are erected as it is possible to conceive. The most venerated and sacred spot of all in a church was, of course, the altar, and here it was in ancient times that the most solemn and impressive ceremonies of the church were performed, and none but the favoured few dare enter its sacred precincts. Beneath the altar, as the most perfect place of safety, were deposited relics and treasures, space for their reception being specially left in the shape of recesses beneath the walls, generally sunk below the level of the floor, reached by lock-guarded doors, which were let into the screen. The lavish manner in which many of the altars of our church in mediæval times were enriched with gems, precious metals, exquisite carvings, and pictures—the offerings of the wealthy devotee—indicate pretty accurately the spirit which prevailed. Our richest decorations, in comparison with them, appear dim and tame, though we may claim a purer, because a simpler, taste. The magnificent reredos, however, well recalls some of the glories of our ancient altar-pieces; while it has the merit of being in perfect harmony with the character of the venerable and stately building in which it is erected, with whose surroundings it blends most pleasantly, and in accordance with the strictest canons of taste in gothic architecture, as interpreted by the highest known authority, Sir Gilbert Scott. The Freemasons have therefore good reason to be proud of their generosity being directed into so fine a channel; and we are sure their gift will be regarded with pleasure and gratitude alike by the church authorities, by all admirers of noble architecture, and by the public at large, who look upon our cathedral with feelings akin to veneration.

The importance which has attached to the formal opening of this grand work justifies us in going somewhat into detail in describing its history and completion. We will, however, first briefly refer to the reredos and screen which previously existed on the site of the present new one. Between 40 and 50 years ago an altar screen from designs by the late Mr. Smirke was erected. This consisted chiefly of stone panelling, and had no pretensions to architectural or sculptural display. It was put in place of the older work, which Fosbrooke states was formerly behind it, in fresco. The latter old altar-piece is stated to have been removed to the parish church of Cheltenham. In 1718 it appears that a curious picture in distemper was discovered against the east wall of the nave, behind the wainscoting. This was removed to the triforium at the south transept, where it remained for many years. In the account of the cathedral published by the Society of Antiquaries in 1809, it was stated that "it is supposed this picture once made part of the decorations of the high altar, as its dimensions agree with the original altar screen now remaining, behind the modern one set up in the seventeenth century." It was nine feet seven and a-quarter inches in height. It had been painted on a white plaster ground laid on oak planking three-quarters of an inch thick. Portions only of the frame remained. It consisted of a striking though somewhat rough representation of the Last Judgment, a large number of figures being represented. Mr. Scharf considered it one of the most important specimens of English painting he remembered to have seen. It was a coarse epitome of the famous altar piece at Dantzig, of the date of 1467. He considered it to have been painted at the end of the reign of Henry VIII., or Edward

VI. Although not found *in situ* at the altar, the conclusion drawn from its dimensions, that it once occupied that place, seems to be a fair one. About two years ago, before the commencement of the present work by Sir Gilbert Scott, the screen which had been erected by Mr. Smirke was removed, and Mr. Waller, the resident architect of the Cathedral, who has always taken a special interest in all that appertains to the ancient work it contains, discovered the foundations of the original reredos, with two doors of approach between the reredos and the back screen. Each of these doors leads by three curved steps to a floor of a lower level, forming what is known as a feretory, in which it is supposed that valuables were deposited, three recesses apparently for that purpose exist beneath the altar, and two beneath the wall screen at the back. We understand a very correct plan of this ancient work has been made by Mr. Waller, who also found there the foundations of the two Norman pillars, one on each side, showing clearly, as the crypt indicates, the original form of the Norman Church, prior to the erection of the present Lady-Chapel. The lower portion of the walls nearest the east window is considered to be a part of the old chapel, and the main walls of the building, which were erected by Abbots Hanley and Farley about 1472-1498, are brought gradually from a much greater width to the same dimensions, so as to interfere as little as possible with the light to the great east window. There is no doubt that the ancient reredos which existed on the site of the present new one was a fine structure, gorgeously painted, probably in a similar style to the four sedilia on the south side, the colouring of which may be traced. These have been beautifully restored from designs by Sir Gilbert Scott, but of course without the colouring which covered the originals. The canopy work has been made to surmount twelve statuettes, by Mr. Redfern, which have an exceedingly fine effect. These represent the founder and several successive abbots who have taken the most prominent part in the construction of the building, in their order of date, the oldest standing towards the east.

The reredos is of Painswick stone, and screens of the same material are attached to it, reaching to the north and south walls of the choir. A small portion of an embattled cornice of the ancient work, which was attached to the north and south walls, gave the position and leading features of the design; the place and width of the doors were also found from the remains of the ancient work. The doors are of polished oak, and elaborately panelled and carved.

The lower stage of the reredos contains three large niches, and four smaller ones, the bases of the niches resting on a shelf which is four feet six inches from the level of the altar step; in each niche there is a pedestal of a semi-octagonal form with carved cornice and cresting, being two feet in height from the shelf. The pedestals in the large niches support groups of sculpture, while single figures rest on those in the small ones. To each niche there is an elaborate canopy, delicately panelled, and with pinnacles of a highly ornamental character at the angles. The arches to the canopies are richly moulded, cusped, and crocketed, the bosses to the arch of the central one being formed of angles, while the vaulting is of a very intricate nature. An ornate cresting completes the cornice of these canopies, and the niches are separated by panelled pinnacles, each having three rows of gables, and widened at the lower part by slightly projecting buttresses. At the extreme ends of the reredos are two large pinnacles of a similar character, and attached to the rest by flying buttresses, cusped and crocketed, the distance between these being seventeen feet, seven inches. Over each of the large niches is a lofty canopy, with pierced tracery on each side, and crockets at the angles, the central one being higher than the rest, and surmounted by a richly-carved and well-proportioned cross, while the other two have carved finials. The cross is upwards of twenty-six feet from the level of the altar step. Each of the canopies has three niches, divided as before with pinnacle buttresses, each having a tall canopy, with cusped ogee arches, and ornamented with crockets at the angles. All the canopies are vaulted, and under each pedestal is

an angel bearing in his hand an emblem or instrument of the "Passion." Commencing on the north side the first carries the dice, the next the crown of thorns, and the third the whipping post and scourge. In the central canopy the angel carries the nails and hammer, the one in the centre bears the cross, and the third the sponge. In the canopy on the south side the first angel holds the chalice, the second the spear, and the third the ladder. In the lower stage of the reredos, the first figure commencing on the north side, is Moses bearing the tablets of the law. Next him is a subject representing the "Nativity"—a ministering angel stands behind the figure of the Holy Child, and S. Mary kneels in an attitude of adoration beside Him, while S. Joseph completes the group. Next to this is a figure of S. Peter, the Patron Saint, bearing his emblem, the keys. In the centre is represented the Ascension of Our Lord, His hands slightly raised in the attitude of blessing His disciples, who are kneeling in the foreground. Next to this is the figure of S. Paul bearing his emblem, the sword. Then follows the entombment of Our Lord, S. Mary Magdalene kneels in front, while figures of the Blessed Virgin, S. John, and S. Joseph of Arimathea, occupy the back ground. The series is completed by the figure of David playing on the harp. The group are two feet nine inches wide, and the single figures are three feet six inches high. The design for the reredos was given by Sir Gilbert Scott, R. A. the masonry and carving were executed by Messrs. Farmer and Brindley, of London; and the sculpture is by Mr. Redfern, of the same place. The stone is from the quarries belonging to Messrs. Wingate, of this city. The contracts for the work amount to about £1,200, which is all covered by the subscriptions given by the Freemasons. A brass-plate at the back of the reredos bears the following inscription:—"Glory to God in the Highest! This reredos was erected and presented by the Freemasons of the Province of Gloucestershire, June, A.D. 1873. The Rt. Hon. Henry Legge Dutton, Baron Sherborne, P.G.M.; George Fred. Newmarch, D.P.G.M.; Thos. Gill Palmer, P.G. Treas.; Edwd. Trinder, P.G. Sec.

A list of the subscriptions has been beautifully illuminated on vellum by Mr. J. Turner, and bound in black morocco, forming a handsome volume. The following is a copy of the title-page, as far as lettering goes:—

"On the fifth day of June Anno Domini, 1873,

THE REREDOS

Of the Cathedral Church of Gloucester, having been erected at the cost of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Gloucestershire, was presented to the Dean and Chapter by the Right Honourable James Lord Sherborne, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, in the name and on behalf of the Masonic body. Provincial Grand Master: The Right Hon. James Lord Sherborne. Deputy Provincial Grand Master: George Frederick Newmarch. Provincial Grand Treasurer: Thomas Gill Palmer. Provincial Grand Secretary: Edward Trinder."

This, as the title page of the volume, is elaborately and beautifully illuminated. The initial letters of the first two words are in crimson and blue, the rest of the letters being in blue, on a finely foliated background in orange. The interlaced ornament is firmly, though finely, painted, and the colours harmonise well. The names of the chief Masters of the subscribing lodges, which come next, are also brought out in brilliant colours, and surrounded by ornament. A representation of the sun in gold surmounts the lettering; and the whole is enclosed in a border of gold, shaded with brown. Encircled by the initial letters are represented various symbolic objects, an interpretation of which, as given by a Masonic authority, we append. "The three lesser lights of Masonry indicate the sun, the moon, and the Master of the lodge. The sun, the centre of light and heat, turns the thoughts to God that made it. The initial letter T has represented enclosed within it the moon, with the square and compass resting upon the tesserae of a Masonic pavement. "The square is an emblem of our duty to God and man. Inequality by its two sides, the greater and the lesser, it teaches duty, by reminding us

that all our actions should be guided by the strict rules of rectitude. The compass teaches that as by its means we describe a circle which is confined within the boundary of its circumference, so we should at all time keep our desires within due bounds." Both the square and the compass are also emblematical of the sciences and the useful arts. The moon represents the Mason receiving his light from above; and as the moon is sometimes eclipsed, but regains her former brilliancy after a while, the Mason is reminded thereby when through accident or infirmity of nature he has fallen from his moral rectitude, to return to the path of light. In the initial R of the next word is another design, the letter enclosing a representation of the mallet, chisel, and plumb, resting on an unhewn block of stone, by the side of which lies a rule. "The rule directs that we should punctually observe our duty, press forward in the path of virtue, and incline neither to the right nor to the left. The plumb line teaches moral rectitude, to avoid dissimulation in conversation and action, and to direct our steps in the path which leads to immortality. The chisel demonstrates the advantages of discipline and education. The mind, like the diamond in its original state, is unpolished; but as the effects of the chisel on the external surface of the stone present to view the latent beauties of the diamond, so education discovers the latent beauties of the mind, and draws them forth to range the wide field of matter and space. The plumb admonishes us to walk upright in our station, and to hold the scales of justice in equal poise. The mallet teaches us to lop off excrescences and to correct irregularities. What the mallet is to the operative Mason, enlightened reason is to the passions of the speculative mason; it curbs ambition, represses envy, moderates anger, and encourages good dispositions." Then follows a list of the subscribers to the work, under the heads of the respective lodges to which they now belong, or have previously belonged, with the addition of some few non-members who have been subscribers to the work. Precedence in the list is given to the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham, as being the oldest lodge established in the Province. Foundation Lodge, No. 82, Cheltenham, which comes next in order, is an older lodge in point of establishment, but was brought up from Berkshire. Then follow Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge, No. 270, Berkeley, where the Right Hon. Lord Fitzhardinge heads the list. Next come the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, Gloucester; Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester, which embraces the names of the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne, the Provincial Grand Master, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.; Sherborne Lodge, No. 702, Stroud; St. John's Lodge, No. 761, Dursley; the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, Gloucester, which has the largest number of subscribers, and the largest amount; Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855, Wotton-under-Edge; St. George's Lodge, No. 900, Tewkesbury; Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 951, Stow-on-the-Wold; Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, Newent; Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067; Tynedale Lodge, No. 1363, Chipping Sodbury. A ribbon containing the name of the designer, Mr. J. Turner, brings the elegant volume to a close. The binding is ornamented with Masonic emblems in gilt—a double square on the face, and square and compass at each corner, with a foliated border, and similar emblems on the back.

THE CEREMONIAL.

Great preparations had been made at the Cathedral and the vicinity for the opening ceremonial. The reedos was hidden from view by a white cloth, which was suspended by cords from the triforium. When the unveiling took place these were loosened, and the covering slowly descended. In order that as many of the general public as possible might witness the ceremony, arrangements were made for the occupation of every part of the Cathedral, including the nave and triforium, from which a view could be obtained. Tickets for these latter places were obtainable by the general public on application to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Mr. Tinder. Although all the best places were early occupied, there was space in the nave for more spectators than were present. The choir

was reserved chiefly for those taking part in the service and procession. Outside the Cathedral, ropes were stretched round portions of the College-green to preserve space for those entering by the south porch and west door. A large body of persons assembled, notwithstanding the rain which was falling, and had a good view of the procession as it wound round from the College Gardens into the western entrance. Most of the windows in the vicinity commanding a view were also occupied by interested spectators. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Michael's gave early intimation of a day of rejoicing, and rang merry peals at intervals during the day. Besides the numerous Freemasons coming from different parts of Gloucestershire, and from distant counties, many strangers were attracted to the city, which presented a scene of bustle and excitement, in which the gay dresses of a large number of ladies were conspicuous, reminding us of the times when the city is *en fête* at the Musical Festivals. Unfortunately the weather was not so fine as it had been hoped and expected it would be. The morning broke dull, and threatening clouds hung about. Soon after midday rain began to fall, and though not heavy, it continued at intervals until after the procession had entered the Cathedral at half-past three o'clock.

The day's proceedings, as far as the Freemasons were concerned, were initiated by the holding of a Provincial Grand Lodge, at the Bell Hotel, at twelve o'clock, by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne. Provincial Grand Officers were directed to wear their provincial grand clothing; other brethren Craft clothing, the officers Past Masters and P.M.'s wearing their collars and jewels. The Chapter Room and North Cloister were the place in which the brethren were directed to assemble prior to the starting of the procession, the time fixed for which was three o'clock. It was arranged that the Mayor and corporation should head the procession, proceeding round the Cathedral Gardens, and College Green, and entering the Cathedral at the west door. Here the Provincial Grand Master was to be met by the Lord Bishop, the Dean with the canons, clergy, lay clerks, and choristers preceding him with their choir, followed by the Provincial Grand Officers, the members of the lodges of the province, following in inverted order, according to their seniority. Soon after three o'clock the procession left the north cloister, and arrived at the west door in the following order:—

Two Prov. Grand Officers with wands.
The Mayor and Corporation, preceded by the Mace Bearers and Cap of Maintenance.
Brethren not Prov. Grand Officers nor members of any Lodge in the Province.
Members of Lodges of the Province in the following order:—

Tyndall Lodge, Chipping Sodbury, 1363.
Forest of Dean Lodge, Coleford, 1067.
Zetland Lodge, Newent, 1005.
Prince of Wales Lodge, Stow-on-the-Wold, 951.
St. George's Lodge, Tewkesbury, 900.
Lodge of Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge, 855.
Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, Gloucester, 839.
St. John's Lodge, Dursley, 785.
Sherborne Lodge, Stroud, 702.
Cotteswold Lodge, Cirencester, 592.
Royal Lebanon Lodge, Gloucester, 493.
Faith and Friendship Lodge, Berkeley, 270.
Foundation Lodge, Cheltenham, 82.
Royal Union Lodge, Cheltenham, 246.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE:

Bro. G. Rennie Powell, Prov. G. Purst.
Past Prov. G. Pursts. of all Lodges.
Bro. G. Woodward, Prov. G. Org.
Past Prov. G. Sword Bearers.
Past Prov. G. Directors of Cers.
Past Prov. Grand Superintendents of Works.
Bro. Redfern, Prov. G. Supt. of Works.
Past Prov. G. Deacons.
Bro. E. Trinder, Prov. G. Sec.
Past Prov. G. Registrars.
Bro. W. Gaisford, Prov. G. Reg.
Bro. T. G. Palmer, Prov. G. Treas.
Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., C. Partridge, and others.
Past Prov. G. Wardens.
Visitors of distinction, including
Prov. G. Officers of other Provinces.

Bro. J. E. Dorington (senior) and Bro. H. Jeff's (junior) Prov. G. Wardens.
Bro. W. Warren, Junior G. Deacon.
Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, Prov. G. Chap.
Bro. Newmarch, the Dep. Prov. G. Master.
Prov. G. Sword Bearer.
The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master Lord Sherborne.
Bro. S. Green, the Senior G. Deacon.
Bro. Wiggins, Prov. G. Tyler.

Owing to a slight hitch in the arrangements a little delay occurred in the reception of the procession, the first part which made a slight halt in the nave for the clergy, &c., to pass them, and then continued their advance into the choir, and took up the places allotted to them, a voluntary being played by Dr. Wesley. The Bishop, wearing his full scarlet canonicals and doctor's hood, and accompanied by his chaplains, took his place in the procession, with the Dean, canons, lay clerks, and choristers, the Grand Master, &c., following, and as they moved forward the choir commenced singing the well-known hymn "The Church's one foundation" to Dr. Wesley's *Aurora*. Two lines of the hymn were sung without the organ accompaniment, but at third line, commencing—"She is His new Creation," with some of the softer stops Dr. Wesley joined in with the organ, judiciously increasing the power as the procession advanced. The sight presented by the procession, as it filed along the Cathedral, was striking and picturesque. The light blue clothing of the first part of the procession contrasted with the darker blue and purple of the latter portion, comprising the higher dignitaries of the Order, with their richer and more diversified colours and glittering jewels, the scarlet uniform of some of the brethren who were militia officers, giving additional variety to the colour of the line. The hymn was concluded by the time that all had taken up their allotted places in the chancel. All eyes were now directed towards the reedos. The Provincial Grand Master, approaching the altar, gave the signal by a wave of the hand, and the curtain concealing the reedos was gradually lowered. The Grand Master then formally made the presentation of the reedos to the ecclesiastical dignitaries, who had taken their places at the altar, the Dean acknowledging the gift by a slight inclination of the head, first to the Grand Master and then to the brethren. The Lord Bishop then proceeded to his throne, and the other dignitaries to the places assigned them. The choir then sang the "Hallelujah Chorus." This magnificent and ever welcome chorus, so full of graceful harmonies, combined with freshness and beauty was exceedingly well rendered. The prolonged notes on the words "King of kings and Lord of lords," ranging from lower A to upper G, were remarkably well sustained in the treble by the chorister boys, and by the fine "filling up" of the other parts, produced a grand and impressive effect. The scene presented by the congregation was novel and striking. Near the altar were the brethren who were not Provincial Grand Officers, wearing their blue and silver collars and aprons; the Mayor, in his scarlet robes, faced the Bishop, also wearing his of a similar hue; next to the former came the black gowns of the other members of the corporation, and further on, the white robes of the lay clerks and choristers, and below these the chiefs of the Masonic order of the Province in purple and gold collars, aprons, gauntlets, and jewels, Lord Sherborne, the Provincial Grand Master, being distinguished by a gold collar. Opposite to him was P.P.G.W., Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. Near to him, with his black gown and crimson hood, sat the Past Grand Chaplain of England, the Rev. C. R. Davy, with purple and gold collar, gauntlets, and jewels, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother Newmarch, and numerous other officers. The brighter coloured dresses of the lady portion of the congregation were dotted about, the whole overlooked by another congregation in the triforium, gazing with interest on the scene below. Through the open door of the chamber could be seen a third congregation, in a vista of pillars, the nave, diminishing like a picture in the distance—

"With rich reflection of the storied glass,"

The usual evening service was then proceeded with, Dr. Wesley's well-known service in F being used. The Rev. Precentor Clark intoned the service. The First Lesson was read by the Dean, and the Second by the Bishop. After the third Collect, Bach's anthem, "Blessing, glory, wisdom, and thanks," was sung. This grand work, originally written for eight voices, which is generally considered one of Bach's finest, among his many fine productions, was perhaps the most impressive portion of the musical service. Especially was this the case in the fine chorale, "To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," with the magnificent ending, in full harmony, "Hallelujah. Amen." The verse parts were taken by Master Thomas (treble), B. Gay (alto), Mr. Hargrave (tenor), and Mr. Woodward (bass). The grand Old Hundredth Psalm was then sang according to the old version, not only in regard to harmony, but also as to time. This is wholly at variance with modern ideas, which find it impossible to accept a style, in which each verse occupies about 75 seconds in the singing.

The Rev. C. Raikes Davy, who wore the insignia of Past Grand Chaplain of England and Provincial Grand Chaplain and a large number of Masonic jewels, then preached the sermon. He took his text from the 90th Psalm and 17th verse, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; yea the work of our hands to establish thou it." The rev. gentleman said: Such was the pious inspiration of Moses, the man of God, when he concluded the affecting review which this Psalm contains of the shortness and frailty of man's mortal life and mortal labour, in contrast with the eternity and unchangeableness of God. After the ceremonial in which we have been engaged this day, what more becoming words can we utter when we come before the Lord than these?—"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands, establish thou it." To us, my Masonic brethren, who have taken a prominent part in its proceedings, it must afford peculiar gratification that our Order has been privileged to engage in this work and labour of love in connection with this temple and its worship; and others who are here present, and particularly those who are in any way connected with this Cathedral—this ancient city—and the county of Gloucester must rejoice in the endeavour that has been made to adorn this sacred building and to promote the glory of the most High. And here a question may naturally arise—one which has often been asked, and one which is not easily answered—"What is Freemasonry?" I purpose, therefore, in the first place, to offer a few remarks on the nature and origin of our society; as on this occasion so many of its members are assembled within these hallowed walls, which were originally designed and executed by our Masonic fraternity many centuries ago to perpetuate the blessings of religion, and to transmit them to us and to generations yet unborn. Now, Freemasonry, in its primary signification, is an Art and Science as ancient as it is useful and extensive. Its antiquity and utility is generally acknowledged in most parts of the habitable globe. We may trace its foundation from the commencement of the world. Ever since symmetry began and harmony displayed its charms our Order has had a being. No art or science preceded it. It has existed for ages through various countries, languages, sects, and parties, up to the present period. It is so established that it may endure till time shall be no more. In our own country and in our foreign dominions it has flourished, and still continues to flourish, under the protection and guidance of some of our greatest statesmen, of our nobility, and even of Princes of the Royal Family. Yet it is a remarkable fact, that, though Freemasonry is so universally prevalent, the outward world is but little acquainted with its general principles, and totally ignorant of the more truly valuable parts of our time-honoured institution. A well-known learned author has given us an instance of the truth of this statement in his definition of the word Freemason. "One of a numerous society who profess having a secret to keep." But had he known anything at all of the subject, had he been favoured with one glimpse within the veil which hides our converse from the rest of mankind, had he been

in the least acquainted with our esoteric teaching, he never would have uttered an idea so erroneous. If the essence of Masonry consisted in the knowledge of any particular secrets or peculiar forms, or imaginary benefits, it might indeed be alleged that our pursuits are trifling and superficial. But this is not the case. Our ceremonies are the only keys to our treasure. From the lessons which they inculcate the well-informed Mason derives instruction. They are laid before him for inspection. He views them through a proper medium. He adverts to the circumstances which gave rise. He dwells upon the tenets which they convey. Finding them replete with useful information, he prizes them as a sacred trust. Being convinced of their propriety, he estimates their value accordingly. Such is the nature of the teaching of our lodges, which, like the Adyta of the ancient temples, are hid from the eyes of the uninitiated. But as to the possession of a secret unknown to the rest of the world, we profess nothing of the kind. Such a supposition is utterly absurd. It is true that all our affairs and transactions are conducted in secret, but we do not on that account pretend to be better or wiser than our fellow creatures. Let us look at the present state of society in general. The diffusion of knowledge is a remarkable feature of the times in which we live. The strong barriers which formerly confined the stores of wisdom have been broken down; old establishments are adapting themselves to the spirit of the age; new establishments are rising; schools are introducing new systems of instruction; books without number are rendering every man's fireside a school, either for good or evil. From all these causes there is growing up an enlightened public opinion, which quickens and directs every art and science, and, through the medium of the press, is now becoming the governing influence in all the affairs of men. In the early ages of society men were destitute of these methods of diffusing knowledge, which we now so super-abundantly enjoy. The few discoveries in Art and Science which were then made were necessarily confined to a small number of individuals. In those times the pursuit of Science was a secondary consideration to public utility and the necessities of life. As architecture was the first occupation of mankind even in a rude state, for protection and support, so it is superior to every other mechanical profession. As men extended their dominion over the works of Nature, greater efforts of human skill would be demanded, and those who required the assistance of Art would alone endeavour to obtain it. The information which they acquired individually would be imparted to others of the same profession as themselves, and thus associations would be formed for the mutual communication of knowledge and the mutual improvement of its members. Hence originated particular societies of men to whom scientific knowledge was confined, and which gradually developed themselves, and combined to form an institution that has been sanctioned by ages, embracing individuals of every nation, of every religion, and of every condition in life, all united as brethren—considering that they are springing from the same origin, are partakers of the same nature, are sharers of the same hopes, and are destined to the same end. Thus in the earliest ages of antiquity our fraternity was founded. To it scientific knowledge was originally confined. This was communicated with the greatest care and circumspection—not in schools or academies, but in certain fraternities, the rulers of which instructed their disciples, and concealing their teaching, by hieroglyphics, symbols, allegories, and figures, such as they alone could explain. By this means they conveyed their knowledge, and handed it down to posterity. In process of time these societies gradually developed themselves and combined to form an institution which, like the electric telegraph, girdles the world with its magnetic influence, and extends from pole to pole. By secret and inviolable signs, carefully preserved among our fraternity, it becomes an universal language. Beside the common ties of humanity, we are bound by still stronger obligations to kind and friendly offices. The universal principles of our Art unite in one indissoluble bond of affection, men of the most

opposite characters and habits, and of the most distant lands. The Briton meets a brother among the remote Chinese, the wild Arab, and the American savage. In every nation a Mason may find a friend, and in every clime a home. Such is the nature of Freemasonry, and he who cultivates this Science, and acts agreeably to the character of a Mason, finds a subject of contemplation that is inexhaustible and ever new. It not only enlarges the mind and expands its powers, but raises it above this world upwards towards heaven. Though it is based on morality and science, it does not end here. Having inculcate moral duties and led to the advancement of the intellectual faculties in the paths of science, it rises by degrees to higher and more heavenly themes.

(To be continued.)

Reviews.

A valuable little shilling book for tourists has just been issued by Messrs Cook & Son, the well known excursion agents, and at the present time, when so many are preparing to visit the Vienna Exhibition will prove a very valuable source of information. It comprises a Time-Table for all the principal railways, steamers, and diligences, &c., on the Continent. The Tourist is informed of the quickest mode of reaching the principal cities of the Continent from London, and Paris, without the trouble of hunting up the times of the trains from point to point from the general tables.

The special features which distinguished this book from its colleagues are:—the omission of all small and unimportant names of places, which in existing time tables serve only to perplex the traveller, in the arrangement of the time tables, a mode very little known has been adopted, one list of names of stations serves for both the up and down lines, or out and home journeys. The tables being read downwards in the one case, and upwards in the other. This arrangement reduces the matter to one half. The tables are illustrated with eight sectional maps, showing the different routes, &c.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Old Faith and the New, by D. F. Strauss.
Record of Draught of Water of Sea-going Ships, leaving ports in the United Kingdom.

The People's History of Cleveland, by Bro. G. M. Tweddell.

Descriptive notice on the Theatrico Historical Religious Labarium.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania for 1872.

Boletim do Grande Oriente do Brazil.

Obituary.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Bro. J. N. Garrod, which took place at his residence, Wyndham House, St. John's Wood, on Thursday. Bro. Garrod was a member of the Common Council for the ward of Aldersgate, which he had represented since 1869. He had long been known in Aldersgate as one who took an active part in parochial affairs, and will be long remembered there for his many acts of kindness. It was with him that the idea originated of presenting the "Aldersgate Window" to the new library at Guildhall, and he showed a lively and practical interest in its erection. Much sympathy has been expressed for Mrs. Garrod and the family in their sudden and painful bereavement.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

MACKENZIE.—June 9, at 20, Church-road, Stanley, near Liverpool, the wife of Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

RAMSON.—Book.—June 4, at St. Saviour's Church, Falkner-square, Liverpool, by Bro. the Rev. G. H. Hobson, M.A., Vicar of Guilden, Sutton, P.P.G. Chaplain of Cheshire, brother-in-law of the bride, Bro. Edward Ramson, of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, to Lucy, youngest daughter of Bro. Dr. Book, of the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 203, Liverpool. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist of West Lancashire, played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

DEATHS.

GARROD.—On the 5th inst., after ten weeks' illness, at Wyndham House, Carlton Hill, N.W., Bro. Joseph Nicholas Garrod, Esq., of Falcon-square, C.C. of the ward of Aldersgate, aged 62.

HEALING.—June 8, at 12, Great George-square, Liverpool, aged 10 years, Martha Lyon, daughter of Bro. Wm. Healing, of Lodge 1094.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending June 21.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Marie Wilton's Company in "Man and Wife."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. Miscellaneous Dramatic Performances.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Sefton Parry. Mr. Byron's new drama, "Chained to the Oar."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frece. Burlesque of "The Colleen Bawn," "The Sylphide," and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artists and Programme.

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ROYAL CIRQUE.—William Brown-st.—Equestrian and other Performances.

NEWSOME'S CIRQUE, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circus and other Entertainments.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1873.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The recent changes which have revolutionised the entire character and constitution of Masonic Knight Templarism in this country have evoked, as our readers are aware, a considerable amount of chagrin and bitterness amongst those mem-

bers of the Order who believe, whether rightly or wrongly, that the revolutionists, in their pursuit of a chimera, have sacrificed the substance to the shadow. Neither has adverse criticism, we regret to say, been confined to the limited circle of Templars who happen to disapprove of the Colquhoun regime, inasmuch as the publicity given by the daily press to the installation of the Prince of Wales as chief of the non-Masonic Templars has brought down showers of sarcasm not only upon the devoted head of His Royal Highness, but upon the new Order in general. Nevertheless, although we entertain a strong opinion as to the gross impolicy of dissociating modern Templary from its foster mother Freemasonry, we should, in all probability, have refrained from comment upon the subject, in the charitable belief that, however mistaken in their views, the Colquhoun party were actuated to some extent by *bonâ fide* feelings, and by an excusable, although preposterous, idea of placing the Order in a better position before the public.

Our sentiments of benevolent neutrality have, however, now received a rude and startling shock. Not content with stamping out—as if he were dealing with the rinderpest—every trace of a Masonic origin, every evidence of a Masonic development in his revised Order of the Temple; Not satisfied with having torn from the history of the Order its very title-page to respect—Uneasy until he had deprived Templary of its *raison d'être*, the life, the spirit of Masonry which animated and sustained the whole body—not content, we repeat, with the success of his unholy and lamentable efforts in one direction, Sir Patrick Colquhoun deliberately steps out of his way to attack another Order—long akin to the Masonic Confraternity of Knights Templar—and one which is supported not only in England, but throughout the world by the best and noblest sons of the Masonic Craft. Out of his own lips this Arch Chancellor stands condemned, and we scarcely know which excites our greater astonishment in the following epistle, namely, the grandiloquent egotism which pervades its every line, or the marvellous folly that could allow such an anti-Masonic production to see the light. Fain would we hope that the subjoined letter is a clever hoax upon the Chancellor, but unfortunately it bears too much internal evidence to permit many doubts as to its authenticity.

Nothing but a solemn retraction of this libellous and uncalled for attack upon the Supreme Grand Council 33°, of which (we may remark *en passant* our popular Deputy Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon is a member), will ever set Sir Patrick Colquhoun right again in the minds of all honest Masons, and we trust he will speedily disown the letter as a crude, hasty, and ill-conditioned enunciation of his recent policy.

Premising that we copy the communication from the *Washington Sunday Herald*, we now leave our readers to judge for themselves, believing that at the present state of the question further comment is superfluous.

"The letter from London, which we publish to-day, gives an authoritative history of the negotiations that brought to a consummation, on the 7th of April, the great change in the recon-

struction of the Order of the Temple, which was celebrated by one of the grandest and most interesting Masonic festivals that has occurred for many years in England, on the occasion of the union of the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of England and the Grand Conclave of High Knights Templar of Ireland, together with the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the United Orders.

The writer of the letter is Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Knight Commander of the Bath, (*sic?*) Queen's Counsellor, LL.D., &c., and Grand Chancellor of the Order. Sir Patrick, with all his diplomatic ability, could not prevail upon the Scotch Masons to join this great movement—hence the "pitching into" that sturdy crew of militants. It was at the suggestion of Sir Patrick that the new Order of the Cross was conferred upon J. Q. A. Fellows, of New Orleans, as Grand Master of the American Knights Templar, on the same occasion that the Cross was given to the Emperor of Germany and the King of Sweden, who are active Masons:

"2, King's Bench-walk, Temple,

"London, 13 April, 1873.

"To John Scott Cunningham, U. S. Navy.

"Langham Hotel, London.

"My Dear Sir: The questions you put to me require a somewhat lengthy reply, in making which I trust you will excuse inevitable prolixity.

"When the Ionian Islands (where I had been Chief Justice) were surrendered by Mr. Gladstone to the Crown of Greece, I returned to England, and found the Order of the Temple more or less in a state of disorder. The Grand Chancellor, Mr. John Halsey Law, a barrister and Fellow of King's, was anxious to resign his office, and the Grand Master Stuart, desirous to find some lawyer of standing to succeed him, the office was proposed to me and I accepted it. I, however soon found that there was everything to be done in the way of administrative reconstruction; official order and routine had been neglected, and the whole body in danger of lapsing into anarchy. I, however, applied myself seriously to the work, and by slow steps restored order and discipline, for the materials were for the most part good. The first step was to decentralise and render the provinces responsible to the governing body; in other words to make the Provincial Commanders responsible for their provinces, on a constitutional basis. Thus the Grand Master's authority penetrated to the youngest knight in a legitimate manner.

"Honours and dignities were no longer distributed by favour, but by merit, and the Provincial Officers became real entities instead of ornamental and unmeaning dignitaries. This system was followed out in all its consequences order began to revive, and the body was purged of many abuses.

"Convinced that the Prince of Wales must some day become a Mason and join the body, I conceived the idea of His Royal Highness being constituted its head, and directed my efforts to that end.

"The first step was to combine the three Kingdoms by a solemn compact of reciprocity. This done, soon after, His Royal Highness, as I

foresaw, was made a Mason and Templar by the King of Sweden. I lost no time in waiting on His Royal Highness and inviting him to visit our Grand Conclave as a guest to judge for himself. He was graciously pleased to accept the invitation, and approve of the mode in which business was conducted. At another interview His Royal Highness consented to become a member of the Early Encampment of England of Faith and Fidelity. Again His Royal Highness sent for me and expressed his desire to attend Grand Conclave as a member of our body with His Highness Prince John of Glucksburg, (Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales's uncle,) who was elected a member of the Early Encampment of England. Shortly after His Royal Highness accepted the command of that Encampment, and was duly installed by the Earl of Limerick. The Grand Master Stuart of England, being desirous of resigning his office, from his advanced age and failing health, I applied to the Prince to assume the supreme command of the Three Kingdoms, and statutes were passed to that end. The three Grand Masters were to become Great Priors of their respective nationalities and the Prince Grand Master of all the Empire. The Duke of Leinster at once resigned the name he had hitherto held, in the Prince's favour, the Grand Master Stuart did the same, but the Scotch, a small and unimportant body, in violation of their solemn compact, stood aloof, to the astonishment of all, and doubtless bitterly regret the step they have taken, and the disloyalty they have evinced, to their own detriment. The important section of the Irish Templars, on the other hand, showed an animus which demonstrates the real character of the upper and respectable class of Irish society, working heartily to the great consummation you witnessed on the 7th instant.

The principle accepted was that the body is not in itself Masonic, but has a Masonic basis and qualification, in other words, that nothing was Masonic in the strict sense, except the Craft, from which body alone Templars could be taken. This is so in Sweden, and originally also here, it was, therefore, a mere assertion of an existing principle. In Sweden the Order has State and Court recognition.

You inquire also how we can have Grand Crosses, Commanders, &c., in this Order. I reply that these dignities stand on the same basis and bear the same analogy to the Order as the Order does to Masonry. These honours can only be conferred on Templars, a status which is a condition precedent to those dignities. Just in the same manner as no one can be a bishop except he be a clergyman, no one a judge except he be a barrister, none a member of the military division of the Order of the Bath except he be a soldier, none a Provisional Prior except he be a Templar and Preceptor. It is also in some measure a substitute for Past Rank, that ridiculous aping of Craft Masonry with which it has no connection. Thus at present, if any member accomplish a worthy act, the Grand Master has the power of rewarding him, without the absurdity of appointing him to a temporary office which he does not perform; on the contrary, he directly and at once recognises and places a signal stamp on his deserts. The system heretofore adopted

is as ridiculous as though a man were to go about styling himself Past President of the United States.

"As we profess to be a chivalric body and cannot be so in the sense of the 11th and 12th centuries, let us be so according to the usages of the 19th century. A voluntary body, bound by a vow of profession, modified so as to meet the exigencies of our age, we want no assistance from the law; no charter of incorporation. We all swear to obey our own internal laws or suffer the penalty our own constituted judicial authorities may inflict. We do not trade on our Order, we trust each other as a body of gentlemen.

"The Supreme Council of the so-called Ancient and Accepted Rite, has taken another view of their degrees, it has incorporated itself as a trading company for the sale of degrees under the Limited Liability Act, thus exposed itself to the interference of the ordinary courts of law. It has set up a shop for the sale of Masonic or quasi-Masonic Degrees, and thus exposed itself to the danger of having its title questioned, and its right to sell, the question of consideration raised, its accounts and transactions overhauled, and may be wound up by order of the court.

"We stand on a firmer basis; we do not seek the autocratic and irresponsible power of a self-elected body, considering ourselves safer under a limited monarchy so constituted as to combine representative government with military discipline, which enables us to amalgamate with other similar bodies, whereas the principle adopted by the Ancient and Accepted Rite only allows them to contract with others, as one mercantile firm does with another, and that only within the power contained within the four corners of its deed, whereby all elasticity and development is taken away or restricted.

"We could amalgamate with the United States of America, which the Ancient and Accepted Rite could not; we might form the most powerful organisation in the world by bringing under one head all speaking the same language or tongue. We might make one people out of various nationalities, while they must remain confined within their own narrow sphere. Ours is a truly cosmopolitan organisation, susceptible of extensions to any degree, and as in ancient times there was but one Grand Master, so now there is nothing to prevent even different nationalities assembling under one Supreme Head, divided into tongues or nationalities as of old, without any interference with their individual political allegiance.

"The first step has been taken by the late amalgamation. It may receive further development, at least it is capable of it.

"These, my dear Sir, are my views of modern Templarism—large and liberal views, based on conservative principles, tending to render the Order powerful and nationally useful to its members and mankind in general.

"Believe me, yours fraternally,

"P. COLQUHON."

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

REFORM IN THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

BY A PAST MASTER.

At the regular quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Monday, the 6th of May, 1873, a motion, of which due notice had been given, was made and carried by a majority, "that at the beginning of next Masonic year, the Grand Lodge be composed of Right Worshipful Masters, actual Wardens, and Past Masters." It is almost impossible to over estimate the importance of the change thus effected in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a change which cannot but be hailed with delight by Freemasons in general throughout the Scottish jurisdiction, and regarded by their brethren in England and other countries as greatly conducive to the advancement of the interests of Freemasonry in Scotland. It is a complete reform of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, a reform calculated to put an end at once and for ever to abuses which have long prevailed, and have grown to great magnitude; to make the Grand Lodge a body such as, according to the principles of Freemasonry, it ought to be, worthy of the respect and confidence of the brethren throughout Scotland; truly representative of the lodges within its jurisdiction, composed of free, independent, and intelligent members, having the interests of the Order at heart, and not likely to be influenced by petty and personal considerations. The step which was taken on the 6th of May is one which can never be retraced. It may be matter for some wonder that it was taken, that the Grand Lodge agreed to reform its own constitution; but it would be matter of far more wonder if the Grand Lodge, such as it will be after the beginning of next Masonic year, were to listen with any degree of favour to a proposal for a return to the proxy system, now happily abolished.

We have so often pointed out the evils of the proxy system which has hitherto prevailed in Scotland, that it is not necessary to say much on the subject now, even to show what cause there is to rejoice over its abolition. It has been a fertile source of abuses which have brought dishonour on Scottish Freemasonry; it has made the Grand Lodge weak, and subject to the domination of a small clique, mindful of their private interests, more than of those of the Brotherhood; it has been a cause of weakness that has been felt throughout the whole Masonic body to the utmost limits of the Scottish Jurisdiction. The Proxy System was, so far as we are aware, peculiar to Scotland, nothing like it ever existed in England, nor anywhere else in the world. The change now made in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, assimilates it to that of the Grand Lodge of England, and of the Grand Lodges of other countries. It is henceforth to consist, like the Grand Lodge of England, exclusively of all the Masters and Wardens of lodges, and of Past Masters. Hitherto lodges could either be represented in the Grand Lodge, either by their actual Masters and Wardens, or by other brethren of any lodge within the jurisdiction, the lodge appointing a Proxy Master as one of its representatives, and he appointing two Proxy Wardens, who thereupon also become members of the Grand Lodge. This system was at first adopted, it would seem, in consequence of the tediousness and expense of travelling, and the consequent inability of the Masters and Wardens of lodges in distant parts of the country to attend regularly the communications of the Grand Lodge in Edinburgh. But practically, instead of securing the representation of all lodges, it only gave opportunity for packing the Grand Lodge, in order to the carrying of any particular motion, or the maintenance of a scheme of policy upon which a few active members of it, agreed in private.

Many lodges were not represented at all, neglecting to avail themselves of a privilege which they had no reason to regard as of great value. When therefore it was desired to accomplish a particular object in the Grand Lodge, those who combined for its accomplishment were accustomed to meet and consider how the members of the Grand Lodge might be expected to vote, and what addition to the number on their own side would secure them a victory. Then

they set to work. Letters were written to unrepresented lodges recommending to each of them some trusty brother, and asking that he might be appointed Proxy Master, and soon as he had received his commission, he proceeded to appoint two Proxy Wardens. In the selection of Proxy Masters and Proxy Wardens, the one thing attended to was the certainty of a vote on the right side. Masonic knowledge, Masonic experience, and all other things worthy of consideration as entitling a man to the honour of a place in the Grand Lodge, were utterly disregarded, indeed a mean subserviency was a great recommendation. Thus the Grand Lodge came to have amongst its members, many who had just recently been admitted into the Brotherhood, and could not be supposed to know much about the questions which were likely to come before the Grand Lodge, or to make up their minds upon them intelligently and wisely; many of imperfect education, and of social position very far from elevated. It was not uncommon for men to be made Masons in order that they might be presently brought into Grand Lodge, to give their votes on the most important questions—questions of such a nature as they had never before heard of. An active member of the Grand Lodge went about among his acquaintances, particularly those of rather inferior station in society than himself, and after perhaps sounding them a little, suggested the idea of their becoming Masons, and getting into Grand Lodge.

To be members of the Grand Lodge was an honour much to be desired, but there was a difficulty in the way—the payment of the fees. This was quickly removed, the fees were to be paid for the new member, and the honour was to cost him nothing. However, a clear understanding was come to on the subject of voting, and the brother who feared he might be at a loss how to vote, was either instructed as to some particular question, or told that all would be right if he held up his right hand when he saw his friend do so who procured for him the appointment of Proxy Master or Proxy Warden for some lodge of the existence of which he had never before heard, situated in some village, the very name of which was new to him, and its geographical position unknown. And all was made right accordingly. In this and no better way were many motions carried in the Grand Lodge. What wonder that the Grand Lodge failed to command the respect which it ought to have received from the whole brotherhood in Scotland? What wonder that its affairs were grievously mismanaged; and that the lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges were often aggrieved by its proceedings? What wonder that the abolition of the proxy system is a subject of general rejoicing and mutual congratulations? It may be thought somewhat wonderful, however, that the motion for a thorough reform of the Grand Lodge was carried in the Quarterly Communication of 6th May. This was not accomplished without an effort, but it was by means of the most honourable kind; by an awakening of the interest of Freemasons throughout the country in a matter so deeply concerning their interests and that of those of the Order. Lodges were thus led to send up their Actual Master and Wardens to the Grand Lodge, in such numbers, that a majority in favour of the motion was obtained. New life was infused into the Grand Lodge, and means were at once adopted to insure its continued vigour—means very simple, but than which no better could possibly be employed.

The only reason which could ever be advanced in favour of the proxy system—that which has already been stated, has ceased to have the force it once had.

Travelling is now so rapid and inexpensive that the Masters and Wardens of lodges, even in the most distant part of the country, may easily attend the communications of the Grand Lodge. It may be mentioned that the Grand Lodge, at one of its quarterly communications, appointed a new office-bearer, a Grand Director of Excursions, who may be expected to make arrangements with railway companies, not only concerning excursions, but also the travelling of members of the Grand Lodge to and from its place of meeting on occasion of its communications.

Masters and Wardens of lodges will thus have the opportunity of taking part in the discussion and decision of all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, and those in which any lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge is particularly interested, are sure to receive due attention. Great advantage may also be expected to result from their saying how the Grand Lodge is worked, and thus acquiring Masonic knowledge and experience which they may afterwards turn to account in their respective spheres. Hitherto the means possessed by Scottish Freemasons in general of making such acquirements have been very limited. Great advantage may also be expected from the very diffusion of interest in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and the concerns of Freemasonry, by Masters and Wardens returning from its meetings to their own lodges.

A most important part of the reform just accomplished is the new position assigned to Past Masters. The office of Master of a lodge is made more worth aspiring to by the permanent right of membership in the Grand Lodge now conferred upon Past Masters. This, which has long been the rule in the English jurisdiction, is new to that of Scotland.

Hitherto in Scotland, through a blind mistake seriously detrimental to the interests of the Order, Past Masters have been shelved, and the knowledge and experience which they have acquired as Masters of lodges and in the inferior offices through which they ascended to this, has never been made available in any special way. As members for life of the Grand Lodge they will now be able to render valuable services; and much benefit may be confidently anticipated from the presence in the Grand Lodge of a large number of really well trained Masons, instead of its being in great part composed, as hitherto, of Masons as untrained and ignorant of Freemasonry, as any to be found in Scotland, who have never held any office in any lodge, and some of whom their own lodges would never think of appointing even as Stewards. It is not to be supposed that any man can attain a thorough knowledge of Freemasonry in a day. Years of careful study and observation are requisite, before anyone, however intelligent, becomes acquainted with all its laws, regulations, and modes of working.

The change now made in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge will give a fresh impulse to the study of Masonry amongst the younger brethren, with whom it will be a matter of honourable ambition to qualify themselves for those offices in the Grand Lodge which give the right of membership of the Grand Lodge, and especially for the office of Master which gives that right for life. A secondary advantage, but not an inconsiderable one, will be the discontinuance of the practice prevalent in many lodges of re-electing the same brother as Master year after year, by which the younger members are discouraged and made careless of all that concerns Freemasonry. Whilst well trained Masons take the place of untrained Masons in the Grand Lodge, or in Masonic phrase, smooth ashlar of rough ashlar—the process of training will be more assiduously carried on everywhere, and smooth ashlar will become more numerous in all lodges.

If lodges in the colonies wish any matter to be brought under the consideration of the Grand Lodge they will now have an opportunity of entrusting to the care of a Past Master, really capable of attending it well. The names of Past Masters will of course always appear in the Grand Lodge roll, from which a list of them can easily be obtained.

Of course in the motion carried on the 6th of May, the term Past Master must be regarded as denoting those who have been actually Masters of lodges and them only. There is a Masonic honour peculiar to Scotland, known as a Past Master's Degree, conferred on brethren who have never filled the office of Master of a lodge. On them no right of membership of the Grand Lodge is conferred. They were certainly not contemplated in the motion.

They are Past Masters only nominally, not really. It were to be desired that the conferring of a Past Master's Degree should be discontinued.

There is absurdity in styling a man Past Master who never was Master, and the confusion of the nomenclature is inconvenient.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

On Tuesday week, at the conclusion of the business of the Grand Lodge, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, when about sixty brethren sat down to table, headed by Earl Percy, M.W.G.M.M.M., who had on his left the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, P.G.M.M.M., and was supported by most of his newly appointed Grand Officers.

At the clearing of the cloth, the choir provided by Bro. John Read, P.G.O., sang grace, and the toasts of the evening were immediately proceeded with.

The Grand Master, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," said that the Institution which he should couple with the name of Her Majesty was one which was well worthy to be in such good company, the great institution of Mark Masonry, which was as widely spread as the British dominions. It had flourished under the rule of successive Grand Masters, but never more so than under the Grand Master who had immediately preceded him. He felt that he should have a very onerous task before him to emulate the works of these Past Grand Masters; but he was certain of this, that whether he could or could not in any way benefit Mark Masonry, it had now made such a start that it was sure to flourish, and would flourish in spite of everything.

The Rev. G. Raymond Portal, P.G.M., then proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," and said he knew it would give the brethren as great pleasure to drink it as it did him to propose it. The Grand Master did not come before them as an unknown man. First of all they had known him as their Deputy Grand Master for some years, the duties of which he had fulfilled to their entire satisfaction. He was also Provincial Grand Master of that most important Province of Northumberland and Durham, and the great success which had attended Mark Masonry hitherto would continue, they might safely prophecy, from the excellent proofs he had already given of the regularity and rigour of his administration.

The M.W.G.M., who, on rising to acknowledge the toast was received with great applause, said:—Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and Brethren, I thank you very much for the cordial way in which my health has been proposed, and for the very kind way in which you have accepted it. I confess that I rise upon this occasion with feelings of more shyness, if I may be allowed to use the expression, than ordinary, because I feel, in the first place, that you have done me a kindness this evening which is not often accorded to one of your Grand Masters. When you were kind enough last year to elect me as your Grand Master, if I had been able to accept at once the honour which you designed for me, I should have felt that I had received great honour and great consideration at your hands; but when you were content to wait my time, as it were—although, perhaps, it might not strictly be called my time; yet when you were contented to wait to have to rule over you—though I do not give you much credit for that, because I know you had over you one in whom you placed more confidence than in most of those who rule the Craft, yet in some sense a state of uncertainty—and I think I should be very wanting in proper feeling if I were not to express to you my gratitude for the kind way in which you waited till I was able to occupy this chair, and then were kind enough to ratify your decision on the first occasion, and raise me to this proud position. I have said before, in Grand Lodge upstairs, that I should have been unwilling to occupy the position which I do, were it not that I felt that I should be supported both by Grand Officers and Grand Lodge. But I should like to add this one remark to what I have already said, and it is, that according to our constitutions, admirable as they are, we have Grand Officers selected, not, as it were, from the immediate cognisance of the Grand Master, but by the recommendation of lodges in the provinces. (Hear, hear.) The consequence of that

must necessarily be that the Grand Master is not so intimately acquainted with the Grand Officers as he would be if he were to appoint his own personal friends; at the same time, I believe that for the good of the Order in general, it is much more advantageous that those who really know the merits of brethren scattered all over the kingdom should send up those who are eligible for office in Grand Lodge. I only say this to show that I trust to the good feeling of the brethren, as much towards the office I hold and to the prestige that lies upon it, and those who have held it before me, as I do to the personal feeling which I am proud to think many of you have towards me—some of you, doubtless, it is impossible you should have, knowing, as I do, that you are almost unacquainted with your Grand Master. At the same time, I know that you so far trust the holders of this office that you will support them with the utmost cordiality. I do not think I need further dilate upon the toast which you have just drunk so kindly. I will only say one word more on this subject, that you will find in me one who will try his utmost to benefit and advance the prosperity of the Order, and who will give his utmost attention to consulting the wishes of the brethren in any Masonic matter. I do not want to sit down without proposing another health, one which, I am sure, you will drink with pleasure, and that is, "The Past Grand Masters," and especially I shall couple with it the name of Bro. Portal. (Cheers.) The prosperity of our Order, as we have heard to-night, is unexampled in the history of Freemasonry, considering that we are, under our present organisation, somewhat a new one. And I wish to remind you, though doubtless you do not require to be reminded of it, that that prosperity is due to our Past Grand Masters. (Hear, hear.) They had consistently upheld the principles of our Order, and they have never been found wanting on any occasion when the interests of the Order required their attention or their zeal. I may say in passing that I am sorry that there should be none of them, except our immediate Past Grand Master, present on this occasion; but we are rather unlucky in the choice of a week for our festival when every one is taking a holiday. I will pass now to the name which I shall couple with this toast. Bro. Portal has done more, I will say, to raise this Order to its present position than any other Past Grand Master who has held this chair. I do not say that in an invidious sense, because I believe that, luckily for himself and Mark Masonry also, he succeeded to that chair at a time when energy, tact, and strict attention to the business of Mark Masonry were more than doubly necessary than at any other in the history of our Order. He has raised this degree to that position which will compare with any degree, not excepting the Craft at the present moment—I say not excepting the Craft, because you must look not to the number of lodges, or at the number of Masons, but whether they are good men and true, whether the Order is in a flourishing condition, and whether, considering the time that has elapsed since our organisation, our Grand Lodge was started we have not made wonderful progress—when I say progress, I think the goodness of our Masons and the soundness of our lodge, they will compare with any other body. The M.W.P.G.M. informed you this evening of the progress which Mark Masonry had made during his tenure of office. I do not know that I can add anything to it. I can only say what he did not say, which is, that it was to him, seconded by the efforts of his officers, that that progress is entirely due; and I can only assure all Mark Masons that they will ever find in him a true friend, a good Mason, and one who will readily and kindly assist them in every Masonic and social duty; and I speak from experience. I ask you therefore to drink this toast of "The Past Grand Masters," and especially our Immediate Past Grand Master, Bro. Portal.

The Rev. G. Raymond Portal:—I have already detained you so long in Grand Lodge that I feel I ought not to say very much more now, except I thank you for the kindness with which you have received this toast, and to assure you that I shall endeavour to make the only return in my power for the kindness that I have always experienced at your hands as Grand Master, and

also for this magnificent present, which you made me to-night—I shall, I say, endeavour to make you the only return in my power by sticking as closely to the business of Grand Lodge in the future as I have done in the past. And it was with that view that I was willing to accept the office of the President of the General Board at the hands of the present Grand Master: in short, if I may borrow a simile from legal phraseology, I shall treasure that jewel as my retainer, and that cup as my refresher. (Laughter.) There are often some things very appropriate in the song put down upon the list to follow the toasts, but now and then the song selected is perhaps inappropriate; and I will venture to promise that the song which will now follow will be found to be very inappropriate indeed to my future conduct—"Sleep, Gentle Lady," I will promise to be as distant from my intentions as it is adverse to the interests of the Order. I shall pursue as diligently as heretofore the course which appears to your interest. I thank you for the kindness with which you have received me, and in conclusion, I assure you that amongst the most pleasant evenings of my life are those which I have passed among Mark Masters. (Cheers.)

The tankard which had been presented to Bro. Portal was here passed round as a loving cup.

The M.W.G.M. next proposed, "The Deputy Grand Mark Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." With regard to the Deputy Grand Master, he did not believe he could have chosen one who would more efficiently discharge his duties, or who would be more acceptable to Mark Masons in general. (Hear, hear.) During that miserable year in which he (the Grand Master) might be said to have been in abeyance, the Deputy Grand Master had performed the duties of the Deputy Grand Master, and for a year or two previously, and he could not help feeling that his lordship would have a claim to be their Grand Master instead of himself. At the same time he hoped there was a good time coming, when the Earl of Limerick would be their Grand Master, and he was sure that would be a good time for the Mark Degree: at any rate he was certain of this, that whether he himself did or did not properly fill the office it would not be for want of cordial, hearty, and efficient support on the part of the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers. As in times past they had always been ready to give advice and assistance to the Grand Master, so he had no doubt they would be found ready to aid the present occupant of the Master's chair.

The Earl of Limerick in reply said:—The M.W.G.M. a short time ago pleaded shyness in rising to respond to the toast of his health. I think I might do the same, and naturally I should have a better right to do so, as I am constitutionally of a modest disposition and my countrymen are proverbial for it. (Laughter.) But fortunately those with whom I am associated in this toast are a tower of strength, and it does not therefore require much to be said in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, especially the Past Grand Officers, for what the Past Grand Officers have done for Mark Masonry speaks for itself. Brethren, as has been noticed before, the Grand Officers, from the mode of selection, represent all phases of thought, and all portions of Mark Masonry. They do, I am sure, all that in them lies, to the best of their ability, to further the interests of our Order. It is not their peculiar virtue to do so, because I am sure that every brother in Mark Masonry does the very same. The M.W.G.M. has been pleased to speak very kindly of myself. I can only say that during the time that I have been connected in any way with Masonry, whether as a Mark Master or in other branches of Masonry, I have endeavoured always to make myself acquainted with the history—if I may term it, the philosophy—of Masonry, and to work to the best of my ability. I, of course, and it is an Englishman's privilege, whenever I have got an opinion on a subject, have stated it, and we all do the same, and I have never found that any brother had a worse opinion of another brother for doing the same. We all meet together, we all know that every brother has the best interest of the Order in which he is meeting at the time at heart; we all express

our opinions, and when we meet each other afterwards, each one knows they all had the same object in view—the general good of the degree. There are, no doubt, older Mark Masons than myself present to-night. I think it is twelve years this evening that I became a Mark Master. At that time Mark Masonry was in a very different state to what it is now. You had then to look far and wide before you found an English Mark Lodge. We have now greatly altered that, owing to the zealous services of our Immediate Past Grand Master, and following his example, I have made up my mind to do all in my power to promote in every way the best interests of English Grand Mark Lodge. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. next proposed, "The Provincial G. Masters," and complimented them on their usefulness in promoting the good of the Order. Without the Prov. Grand Lodges and their support the Grand Lodge would be as nothing. Accordingly as Mark Masonry had flourished, the creation of Provincial Grand Lodges increased. The Past Grand Master had stated in Grand Lodge, that during the last four years no less than nine Provincial Grand Lodges had been created under his rule in England alone. As a Provincial Grand Master himself, he did not like to say much on this subject, because it appeared like proposing his own health; but he was happy to say his Deputy was present, and he was glad to say in that province they had met with great success. (Cheers.) The other provinces had also been very prosperous, and it was with great pleasure he proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Masters."

Bro. Sieklemore responded, and after a few other toasts the brethren separated.

DUBLIN MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

The June meeting of the Governors of this Institution was held at the Schoolhouse, on Tuesday morning, June 3rd, and was numerously attended.

The chair was taken by the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, as senior Vice-President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and also those of the adjourned meeting—at which was adopted the resolution of the Committee "that they could not recommend the Board to co-operate with the Committee of the Boys' School in carrying out the proposition of securing the services of the same brother as the Assistant Secretary of both Schools."

The Reports from the Several Committees of the School were submitted. From the Finance Committee's Report it appeared that the Receipts during the month were £626. This sum included a donation of £100 from Serendib Lodge, No. 113, Colombo, Ceylon. The letter enclosing this donation contained the following extract from the minutes of the Lodge:—

"Bro. Captain W. J. Gorman, in pursuance of notice given by him at the last meeting, said,—That in view of the Special Appeal on behalf of the Orphan Daughters of Masons whose home is established in Dublin, he would propose that the Lodge 112 should shew its sympathy by voting a liberal sum. There was no charity more deserving, and in proportion as our sisters were weak and helpless should our aid be strong and generous. He did not wish to dictate, but hoped for an unanimous vote. He thought one hundred pounds would not more than indicate the sympathy and good will of the brethren of Serendib Lodge, 112."

"Brother Symons, in seconding the motion bore testimony, from personal observation, to the merits of the Institution."

"It was then unanimously agreed that £100 should be given, to be divided in sums of £10, to qualify the Officers and Past Masters of the lodge as Life Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin."

It was then unanimously resolved—That the best thanks of the Board be presented to the Serendib Lodge, No. 112, Colombo, for the kind expressions of sympathy towards the School conveyed in the letter enclosing their magnificent donation.

The following contributions were also ac-

knowledged:—£114 6s. from the brethren of Cork, per Anderson Cooper, Esq. (including £10 from Thomas Greer, Esq. and £20 from the Mourne Preceptory No. 1); £10 from brethren of Lodge No. 44, Clonmel, per Charles Ffennell, Esq.; £25 from brethren of Wexford, per A. Davis, Esq.; £19 from brethren of Lodge 18, Newry, per H. W. Wallace, Esq.; £11 from brethren of 101, Athlone, per John Hodson, Esq.; William M'Comas, Esq., Lodge 4, £10; Jun. Warden, Furnell Chapter, No. 4, £10; Jun. Warden, 187, Manorhamilton, £10; Jun. Warden, Lodge 7, Belfast, £10; £22 from brethren of Lodge 47, Dundalk, per W. R. Rogers, Esq.; £23 from Belfast brethren, per F. Kinahan, Esq.; £5 4s. 6d. from brethren of Lodge 130, Bandon, per G. W. French, Esq.; £21 from Sligo brethren, &c., per B. Ferguson, Esq.; £16 6s. from Waterford brethren, per J. Sleator, Esq.; W. M., Lodge 357, Downpatrick, £10; John Warnock, Lodge 84, £10.

The Report from the Education Committee recommended that permission be granted to one of the elder pupils, to accept a situation which offered for her as governess in a family at Ambleside. The Committee also recommended that the Annual Meeting and Distribution of Prizes should be postponed until autumn; both of which recommendations were adopted.

The Report from the Scrutineers of the Ballot for the Election of three pupils was then read as follows:—

"We, the undersigned Scrutineers of the Ballot for the Election of Three Pupils, have to report that with the aid of the Assistant Secretary, we have examined the several Voting Papers sent in, and find that—

151 Brethren voted as Life Governors,
690 " " Annual Governors,
and 321 " " Official Governors.
Of these papers we had to reject 7 as not properly signed, 33 from brethren whose subscriptions were unpaid, and 39 received after the day fixed for their being returned.

The total number of votes recorded was 3,428, viz.:

For Laura Anne Ballantine	189
" Catherine Brett	145
" Jane C. Crymble	322
" Susan Mary Curran	64
" Annie Wilson Cutter	85
" Elizabeth Mary Gill	183
" Florence Hendley... ..	253
" Eliza Janet Kewley	23
" Margaret M'Intyre	136
" Agnes Owen	282
" Edith Jane O'Reilly	361
" Frances Smith	568
" Elmina Banks Weldon	817

We have also examined the rejected papers, and find that if the votes given by them were recorded, it would not make any difference in the relative position of the candidates.

Dublin, June 2nd, 1873.

JOHN A. HOGAN, }
GEORGE HILL MAJOR. } Scrutineers.
SAMUEL B. OLDHAM, Assist. Sec.

Elmina Banks Weldon, daughter of the Rev. Percival Banks Weldon, of Lodge 646, Durrow; Frances Smith, daughter of William Smith, Head Constable, R. I. Constabulary, of (Old) Lodge 310, Killeshandra; and Edith Jane O'Reilly, daughter of Matthew G O'Reilly, Sub-Inspector, R.I. Constabulary, of Lodges 217, Ballina, and 13, Limerick, were declared duly elected as Pupils of the School.

Bro. Joseph Faviere Elrington, LL.D., Q.C., Past Grand Deacon, and Representative from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was unanimously elected Honorary Secretary of the Institution.

Bro. W. E. Gumbleton proposed the alteration in the Rules of which he had given notice, of which the following were adopted:—

Vice-Patrons—Every individual donor of £60 in one sum, or in two sums of £30 each, or of £100, in payments of not less than £10 each, shall be a Vice-Patron.

Vice-Presidents—Every individual donor of £30 in one sum, or of £50 in sums of not less than £10 each, shall be a Vice-President.

Extra Votes—All payments made by any brother after he has become a Vice-President shall entitle him to double the number of votes which such payments would usually give.

The consideration of the other proposals was postponed, and a Committee appointed to rearrange the Rules embodying the proposals which have been adopted.

Bro. James Tyrrell, Lodge 143, handed in £50, as an additional donation to the School Funds, making in all £100, and was announced as the first brother who had qualified as Vice Patron.

Bro. Gumbleton also stated, it was his intention to transfer to the School, shares in the Masonic Hall Company, to the value of £80, making his contributions in all £150.

A MASONIC HALL IN JAMAICA.

We take from the *Anglo Jamaica Advertiser*, the following account of a Bazaar, held at Montego Bay, in aid of a project for the erection of a Masonic Hall, in that remote quarter of the globe:—

"The W. Master of the Friendly Lodge, No. 383, Montego-Bay, has achieved a success—both in its demonstration and sale of articles—which, we venture to assert, no other man at the present day would have obtained in such a limited space of time. The undertaking was, indeed, a great and hazardous one, and the amount of success obtained by the hearty response of the community at large, and the ladies in particular, must be exceedingly gratifying to the cause of Masonry. One like Mr. S. S. O. Jacobs, who has endeared himself, to the community in which he lives and moves and has his being, must obtain that subsidiary and substantial aid for which he appealed to them. And though this was at first thought by some as likely to have been a failure, we are glad to find they have been sadly mistaken.

"It would have puzzled any one with extraordinary vision to find out where the money came from, that for three consecutive days the attendance never flagged but continued superfluous—in fact the room was so crowded that no one could walk comfortably from stall to stall without coming in contact with some person or other, and there was an amount of business done as would be almost incredible if stated. It is worthy of note that the same friendly feeling which pervaded its opening continued to its close. Harmony and goodwill seems to have been the motto with all concerned, made doubly so by the lively interest exhibited by the community. Few in the humble position of life which the above-named gentleman occupies, would have undertaken such a gigantic task and carried it through, *par excellence*, as he has succeeded in doing—and that in times like the present, while his predecessors, in more flourishing days, thought and spoke of the purchase of a lodge room, but had not the courage to attempt. In point of grandeur its fittings-up surpassed anything of the kind ever yet placed before the public, and had only to be seen to be admired; support following admiration.

"It would be impossible to enumerate the amount of articles sent in as presents both from abroad and home. Among them we noticed a highly-finished lute table, tastefully and artistically worked up with different kinds of Jamaica wood, made and presented by Mr. William Kerr, cabinet-maker and coach-builder of this town, and a member of the Craft, which tedious and masterly work was executed within two weeks, and which was valued at £12, and met ready purchase.

"Success, then, has been achieved in the bazaar, and we sincerely trust the like success may attend the future exertions of this worthy brotherhood, and also that health, prosperity, and a long life of usefulness may continue to follow this large-hearted and much-esteemed gentleman throughout, that the means to the end may be gained for the purchase of that lodge room, hereafter to be a lasting memento to his present and future brethren, and held as a tribute for ever of his zeal for the Masonic cause, when he shall have quitted this earthly tabernacle.

We cannot conclude, however, without according that meed of praise to the lady stall keepers who presided over the several stalls. Too much praise—in fact our pen falls short of language sufficiently adequate to do ample justice to their several merits—cannot be awarded them for their attention towards, and endeavours to please,

every individual who visited their stall, from the *élite* down to the meanest peasant girl. On the whole they acquitted themselves nobly. Indefatigable in their exertions, polite in their demeanour, agreeable in their manners, and charming in their bewitching smile and appealing look—a look that would touch the coldest heart, and a smile that would draw the last shilling from any man's purse, be he ever such a miser, and who, if he escaped one could not resist the other—they left not one loop-hole, through which a penny could be gained for the cause they had in hand, untouched. Each one threw herself heart and soul into the noble work to raise money, and so these ladies accomplished their arduous task, handing over the proceeds of their sales to the Worshipful Master. Overcome in part by exhaustion, physically and mentally, as well as by the overpowering efforts of these amiable ladies, silence being obtained, this worthy gentlemen, for whom so much was done, stood up and returned thanks to the inhabitants for their kind co-operation and support, and the lady stall-keepers, individually and collectively, for the very kind feeling displayed towards him, and the able manner in which they had acquitted themselves. This was followed by loud cheers, the band playing 'He's a jolly good fellow.' The bazaar was then closed. Public auction of the few remaining articles followed the next day.

"The amateur band was in attendance each evening, and discoursed some very pleasant music.

"We learn that the next matter on the Master's Trestle Board, during his term of office, to expire in December next, will be the consecration of the New Lodge Room to be afterwards named 'Riponville,' and the laying of a memorial stone, so soon as the same shall be sanctioned by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England."

BRO. AND MADAME FRANK ELMORE'S CONCERT.—Frank Elmore, well known in connexion with many City companies' and masonic banquets gave, in conjunction with Madame Streinburg-Elmore, a grand concert at St. James's Hall on Wednesday week. The programme was a most select one, and was carried out to a successful issue by some of our most popular artistes, amongst whom were Miss Edith Wympe, who admirably sang Clay's song, "She Wandered down the Mountain Side," and was encored; Madame Osborne Williams; Mdles. Girardi and Victoria Bunsen; Madame Thaddeus Wells, Signor Caravoglio, and Bro. Frank Elmore himself were the vocalists. For instrumentalists, Mr. F. Chatterton played his "Remembrances of Italy," on the harp, and Mr. Richard Blagrove his concertina *fantasias* with their well-known effect; and a young lady (Miss Sanders), a pianoforte pupil of Madame Elmore's, played a theme from *Le Prophète* with great power and firmness of touch for one so young; while Madame Elmore herself contributed to the applause which to some extent she conducted to by playing some of her exquisite solos. The humorous trio, "I'm Not the Queen," sang by Mesdames Wells and Williams and Mr. Elmore, concluded a most successful entertainment. The accompanists of the evening were Signor Mazzoni; Messrs. Man, H. Parker, Ganz, Osborne Williams, and W. Carter.

Mr. Michael James Whitty, formerly proprietor of the *Liverpool Daily Post*, was seized with paralysis at eleven o'clock, Tuesday morning, and died at five p.m., without having recovered consciousness. He was in his 79th year.

Coming as it does in the very height of the season, the Ascot race meeting, with its Royal and aristocratic patronage, fairly over-shadows, for the beauty of its accessories, all similar assemblages in any part of Europe. This year the toilettes of the lady visitors have been more bewilderingly beautiful than on any previous anniversaries, and Mr. A. Ahlborn of Regent-st. who now takes foremost rank for the beauty and taste of his costumes, had the satisfaction of designing several for leading members of the aristocracy, which were the observed of all observers on the "Stakes" day.

Masonic Tidings.

A meeting of Freemasons was held at the Masonic-hall, Lonsdale-street, Bro. A. K. Smith presiding, when a resolution was carried unanimously that it was desirable to form a Grand Lodge of Victoria. It was also agreed that a memorial should be sent home to the three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, pointing out the necessity of having a Grand Lodge here, and praying the home Grand Lodges to recognise it.—*Melbourne Argus*.

Excellent woodcuts of the Masonic Temple of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and of the interior of Gloucester Cathedral, the latter showing the Reredos presented by the Freemasons of the Province, appeared in the *Graphic* of the 7th inst.

BROS. DEFRIES AND SON were entrusted with the decorations and illuminations of the streets at Wigan and Bolton on the occasion of the recent visit paid by the Prince and Princess of Wales. The devices were of an unusually effective character, and the banqueting pavilion, also erected by Messrs. Defries, is described as "a marvel of decorative upholstery."

BRO. SHERIFF PERKINS has presented Stuart's painting of "The Battle of Trafalgar" to the Art Gallery of the Foundling Hospital.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.—Many contradictory assertions have been made as to those who were most energetic and successful in saving life in connection with the terrible loss of the "White Star" Steamer *Atlantic*. From details gathered from recently received American papers, it appears that Bro. Quartermaster Thomas was the first to arrive on the mainland and give the alarm to the inhabitants. Procuring a rope, and accompanied by a number of the people, he returned to the scene of the disaster, tied the rope round his waist, and went out to the rock, by which means 60 persons were saved. Twenty-six of the crew and passengers, it appears have made a special declaration to the effect that it was mainly to the instrumentality, undaunted courage, and endurance of Bro. Quartermaster Thomas, that they owed their lives.

THE MASONIC CIRCLE.

BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. P.Z., 177
We're all alike pledg'd, in degrees though we differ,

The 'Prentice, the Craftsmen, the Master are here

Though the circle with some is not yet completed,

All may work with effect, each one in his sphere.

Oh 'Prentice drink deep of the spring ever flowing,

In copious streams, from the fountain divine,
That Virtue and Truth may unceasingly guide you,

And give you a part in our common design.

The Craftsman's more skilled, but yet he's not perfect,

Though Nature and Science their myst'ries impart,

He must still labour on, for another degree,
The highest, the proudest, the hope of his heart.

'The pride and the hope of his heart is attained!

In the Masters' Degree the circle's complete,
He's rais'd to a new life of labour and hope.

May his hope and his labour in unity meet.

We're unequal in rank, but united as one,
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THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION EXHIBITION.—The Exhibition of the Palestine Exploration Fund, at the Dudley-Gallery, Egyptian Hall, was opened to the public the 2nd inst. Among the visitors at the private view of Saturday were the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute, Lord Colville, Sir Henry Rawlinson, Lord Jocelyn Percy, Lord Wharnclyffe, Lady Milton, and a distinguished gathering of savants interested in the work of the society. The most important feature in this Exhibition is a large and beautiful collection of water-colour drawings by Mr. A. H. Harper, chiefly lent by Lord Dudley, Lord Wharnclyffe, and Sir Richard Wallace. Next in interest come the tracings of the new map of Palestine, with the recently received casts of the Hamath stones, the models and photographs of the Ordnance Survey of Sinai, and a collection which wants nothing but a lecturer constantly explaining the importance of the objects to make it one of the most interesting ever exhibited. We understand that the Princess of Wales, who recently visited the Gallery has expressed the gratification which her visit gave her. The Palestine Exploration Fund wants an exhibition of this kind from time to time—their last was held four years ago—to show the world what, in their quiet way, they are doing.

TRADES GUILD OF LEARNING.—A conference is to be held in the large room of the Society of Arts, John-street, Adelphi, for the purpose of establishing this guild and determining its constitution. The chair will be taken by Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P.

The Fête to the Shah of Persia will take place at the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday evening, the 23rd.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 20, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, June 14.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
- " 1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.
- " 1423, Era, Kings' Arms Hotel, Hampton-court.
- Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st. Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, June 16.

- Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 1159, Marquis Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155; Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, June 17.

Board of General Purposes at 3.

Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 176, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

" 933, Doric, Andersons' Hotel, Fleet-street.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, June 18.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6, precisely.

" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.

" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.

" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, June 19.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.

" 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh, Stockwell.

Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tavern, Hampton-court.

Observance K.T. Encampment, 14, Bedford-row.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Arg'lers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Elbury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, June 20.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James.

" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.

" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 176, Caveac, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

St. Georges' K.T. Encampment, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

Invicta Rose Croix Chapter, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st. Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c. For the Week ending Saturday, June 21, 1873.

Monday, June 16. Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6. Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30. Tuesday, June 17. Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6. Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 6. Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7. Wednesday, June 18. Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7. 30. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6. 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5. Thursday, June 19. Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5. Encampment William de la More, New Court House, Prescott. Friday, June 20. Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW. For the week ending Saturday, June 21, 1873.

Monday, June 16. Chap. 122, Thetis, 25, James-street, Kingston. Tuesday, June 17. St. Mungo Encampment, Knights Templar, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. Wednesday, June 18. Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick. Chap. 79, Commercial, 25, Croy-place. Thursday, June 19. Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street. 130, Commercial, Oban, Argyle-square. Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st. Friday, June 20. Lodge 12, Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock. 109, Sir Wm. Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

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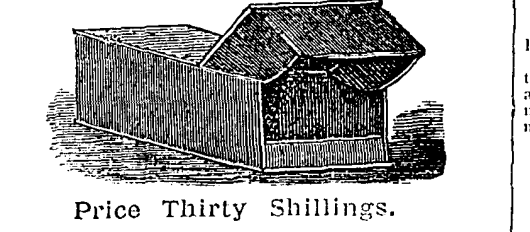
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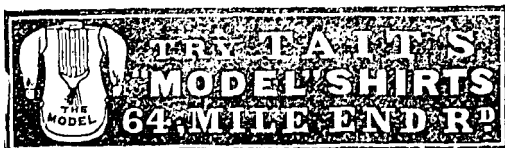
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—*Croxeth United Service Lodge* (No. 786).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 12th instant, when there was a large gathering of brethren who are specially and notably identified with the volunteer movement. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. Owen, W.M., the lodge was duly opened by Bro. G. L. Blundell, P.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. P. A. Coulter, P.M., acting as S.W.; W. J. Newman, J.W.; G. G. Stopford Taylor, Sec.; J. B. Wallace, Treas.; E. C. Stevenson, S.D.; W. B. Caw, J.D.; W. H. Holt, I.G.; R. Neville, Tyler; J. Edwards, W. Tomkinson, J. J. Johnstone, A. W. Ronald, J. Bernheim, W. A. Tyerman, H. Joyner, W. R. Thomas, J. P. Wright, and W. Marwood. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. C. Mott, P.G.S.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; J. Mc Kune, P.M. 216; J. Jones, P.M. 216; J. Kenyon, W.M. 1013; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724 and 1267; T. Leighton, W.M. 1325; J. Mercer Johnson, P.M. 155, and P.G. Steward; R. Bennett, Sec. 1209; S. Kisch, 216; J. Foster, 1013; T. W. Sergeant, W.M. 203; H. James, P.M. 203, and others. After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Blundell most effectively initiated Mr. Dale into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. A. C. Mott then ascended the throne, and Bro. Captain Wm. John Newman, W.M. Elect, was presented to him for installation by Bros. Blundell and J. M. Johnson. Bro. Mott then proceeded with the ceremony, and performed it with an impressiveness and efficiency which has rarely, if ever, been equalled in the Province of West Lancashire. The following brethren were subsequently invested by the W.M. as his officers.—Bros. G. L. Blundell, P.M. as S.W.; G. G. Stopford Taylor, J.W.; E. C. Stevenson, S.D.; W. B. Caw, J.D.; W. H. Tyerman, I.G. Bro. Sergeant Neville was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the "United Service." The lodge was subsequently closed, and the assembled brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the W.M.

HERTFORDSHIRE.—*Gresham Lodge* (No. 869).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th June, at the Four Swans, Waltham Cross. There were present:—Bros. Capt. W. C. Barnes, W.M.; F. D. R. Copestick, S.W.; J. Copestick, J.W.; A. C. Wylie, S.D.; W. H. Etherington, J.D.; E. G. Pottle, I.G.; J. Forsyth, P.P.G. Sup. of Works for Herts, P.M.; R. Bruce, P.P.G.D., P.M.; O. F. Vallentin, P.P.G.D.; T. Lewis, G. Baker, A. Barnes, C. B. Cheese, J. J. Cox, James Bruce, S. S. Neck, R. Tustin, Thomas Perry, T. Stephens, and others. The lodge was opened in the first degree, when the W.M., Bro. Barnes, initiated two gentlemen into Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and three brethren passed to the degree of F.C. The next part of the work was the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Barnes then installed the S.W. of the lodge, Bro. F. D.

R. Copestick, P.P.G.S.B. for Herts, into the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner, which gave great pleasure to all who witnessed the ceremony. The W.M., Bro. Copestick, appointed his officers as follows, viz.—Bros. Joseph Copestick, S.W.; A. C. Wylie, J.W.; W. H. Etherington, S.D.; E. G. Pottle, J.D.; T. C. Chapman, I.G.; F. G. Grocott, Treas.; W. G. Gompertz, P.P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; Thos. Stephens, Org.; T. Perry and H. Luter, Stewards; Thomas Hoare, Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. Barnes, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M. jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), expressing a wish on behalf of himself and the brethren, that he might long remain amongst them. Bro. Barnes replied and thanked the brethren for their good wishes. The lodge was then closed. The brethren then inspected the beautiful grounds attached to "Ye Olde Fourre Swannes," belonging to Bro. Hunt, the esteemed host. Afterwards the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, supplied by Bro. Hunt, in every respect perfect. The hour being late the toasts were necessarily short, and, after spending a most enjoyable day, the brethren separated with mutual regret that time and trains wait for no man. Amongst the visitors present were the following, viz.:—Bros. Dr. W. King, 1364; G. J. Smith, 30; T. Hyman, P.P.G.O., 403; Kilsby, 871; J. Glass, P.P.C.D. Essex; H. Birdseye, S.W. 715; W. Kibble, P.M. 715; J. Storey, 1107; E. Roberts, P.M. 192; S. P. Carter, 211; J. Cumming, 534; S. Smith, 742; W. C. Canton, 879; E. Parker, W.M. 1327; G. Cardwell, P.M. 3; J. W. H. Hill, 45; E. B. Warner, P.M. 325; G. Billiy, P.M. 345; S. H. Wagstaff, P.M., 1216; J. M. Kelway, P.P.G.W. Somerset; C. D. Tustin, P.M. 1178; S. Muggeridge, 192, and others.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—The election meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, June 6th. Bro. H. Keeble, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes were read and confirmed. The ballots for admission of Bro. E. W. Mackney, W.M. 134, as a joining member, and for some candidates for initiation, were declared to be in favour of their admission. The work done was raising Bros. R. W. Williams and H. Schartan, 871; initiating Messrs. A. Woodward, W. F. Gardiner, and F. Bessant Williams. The elections resulted in T. R. Darke, S.W., for W.M.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., and Treasurer; and J. Gilbert, Tyler, being unanimously elected. The Audit Committee was appointed. A splendid chair for use of the W.M. was presented to the lodge by the united subscriptions of Bros. Henry James Green, Reginald William Williams, and Charles Woolmer Williams, and for which a vote of thanks (and the same to be entered on the lodge books) was given to them. Some candidates and joining members were proposed, and the lodge closed. There were present, besides those already named, Bros. G. Symon, P.M., J.W.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Guest, S.D.; J. J. Leincheer, J.D.; W. Hipps, I.G., Organist; W. Ough, P.G.P., P.M.; G. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; E. Townsend, A. Stevens, E. W. Mackney, W. Askey, H. J. Green, W. P. Tong, and others. The visitors were Bros. J. Keeble, P.M. 94; E. H. Thiellay, S.D. 145; W. Vine, 1310; W. H. Perryman, 3; A. M. Thomas, 134; J. Barton, Sec. 1364; A. J. Adams, I.G. 857; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 13, P.M. 140; T. Perridge, P.M. 79; G. W. Reed, 13; C. Raab, 1364; H. Schartan, 871, and others. Banquet and dessert followed labour.

TOPSHAM.—*Brent Lodge* (No. 1284).—The third anniversary of the opening of this lodge was celebrated on the 31st ult., and a goodly number of brethren from Exeter and elsewhere attended to do honour to the newly-elected Master of the lodge, Bro. John Moass. The lodge was opened in ancient form, and Bro. John Moass, having been presented by Bro. W. G. Rogers to Bro. S. Jones, who acted as installing Master, the ceremony was performed with due solemnity, and Bro. John Moass, in the proud position of W.M. of Brent Lodge, will occupy King Solomon's chair in that lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The ceremony of installation being over, the W.M. distributed

collars of office to the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. Samuel Jones, I.P.M.; T. Lascelles, S.W.; H. S. Yelland J.W.; T. Hutchings, Chaplain; C. Pinn, Treasurer; J. P. Harrison, Secretary; F. Pollard, S.D.; W. Godolphin J.D.; W. H. Blacking, Assistant D.C.; Charles Hooper, O.; James Styles, I.G.; A. H. Wills, S.S.; H. F. Willey, J.S.; Blanchard, senr., Tyler; Blanchard, junr., Assistant Tyler. The W.M. was unanimously elected as the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and the lodge having been closed with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was splendidly served in the New Topsham Hall by J. P. Harrison. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and, after the close of the toast-list, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Harrison's Globe Hotel, where some excellent songs were sung, and the time pleasantly passed.

ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).—The fourth installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, 11th June, at the Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar, Middlesex. There were present—Bros. J. H. Britten, P.G.S. Middlesex, W.M.; E. W. Richardson, S.W., and W.M. Elect; G. J. Loe, P.M., as J.W.; R. Limpus, S.D.; C. A. Ferrier, I.G.; George Horsley, P.G. Reg. of Middlesex, P.M.; G. Musgrave, Org.; J. W. George, T. E. Pewtress, C. G. Rushworth, H. D. Martin. The visitors were Bros. W. Myatt, W.M. 871, and Gould, 1158. The lodge was opened by the W.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed unanimously. The report of the audit committee was received and entered on the minutes. Bro. F. Walters, P.M. and Secretary (father of the lodge) took the chair, and installed Bro. Edmund William Richardson as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, who appointed and invested as his officers:—Bros. G. W. Schollar, S.W.; R. Limpus, J.W.; E. Silhant, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas. (re-invested); F. Walters, P.M. Sec. (re-invested); L. J. Waddington, S.D.; C. A. Ferrier, J.D.; C. J. Rushworth, I.G.; G. Musgrave, Org.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks, and the same to be entered on the lodge minute books, was given to Bro. F. Walters, P.M. and Secretary, for the admirable manner in which he did the ceremony of the installation. The following brethren were elected as the Stewards to represent this lodge at the Masonic charities in 1874, viz.:—R. Limpus, J.W., for Benevolent; E. W. Richardson, W.M., Boys'; and C. Horsley, P.G. Reg. for Girls. The following members were recommended to the Provincial Grand Master as those whom the lodge would like to see have Provincial honours, namely, Bros. J. H. Batten, P.G. Steward for Middlesex, P.M., for higher rank; F. Walters, P.M. and Sec., for Prov. G. Steward; and R. Limpus, J.W., for Prov. G. Org. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed. A good banquet and dessert followed. An agreeable reunion was happily spent.

LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—An emergency meeting of this young but flourishing lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, on Thursday, the 12th inst., the W.M., Bro. Charles Lacy, presiding, supported by his officers as follows, viz.:—Bros. G. T. W. Mugliston, M.D., S.W.; G. E. Slee, J.W.; T. Mortlock, I.P.M.; G. Levick, Treasurer; C. W. Ashdown, Sec.; R. G. Owen, S.D.; B. Candick, J.D.; John G. Stevens, D.C.; H. Carter, W.S.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer. The circular convening the lodge having been read by the Secretary, the ballot was taken for the Rev. James Knaggs as a candidate for initiation, which, proving unanimous in his favour, the rev. gentleman, being in attendance, was admitted, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the W.M. Bros. Brown, Morley, and Woods, of this lodge; also Bro. Ellis, of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, being candidates for the second degree, were examined as to their proficiency in the former degree, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, the candidates readmitted, and duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then closed in the second degree, and, business being ended,

uly closed in the first degree, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, separating at an early hour. The following visitors were present, viz.:—T. Austin, W.M. 933; J. Miller, W.M. 14; Thomas Johnstone, 1000; and A. Ellis. 93.

3RA LODGE.—(No. 1423.)—This young, prosperous, and flourishing lodge held its usual meeting on Saturday, June 14th, at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M., P.G.S.D. Middlesex, opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in the favour of the admission of Bros. Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.M., and Chap. 907; C. Raab, 1364; J. Faulkner, 188; A. Ealdwin, 118, as adjoining members; and Messrs. C. P. Pritchard and C. B. Robinson, as candidates for initiation. Mr. C. B. Robinson was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. F. Waters, P.M., Sec., took the chair, and passed Bro. E. W. Devereux, A Schiff, W. N. Matthews and Loos to the second degree. He raised Bros. W. C. Devereux, S. Woolff, and Jesse Smith (1326) to the third degree. The work was well done, and the ceremonies beautifully rendered. Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M., resumed the chair. He appointed and invested with the collar and jewel of office the Rev. J. M. Vaughan as the Chaplain of the lodge, who was unanimously elected to be recommended to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. F. Burdett, as the member whom the lodge would like to be selected for Provincial Grand Chaplain in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. The following were returned to serve as Stewards to represent this lodge at the anniversary festival of the Girls' School, to be held in May, 1874, viz., Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, S.D.; and A. Baldwin. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and gentlemen for initiation. Business being ended the lodge was closed. There were present, besides those named, T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Sweasy, J.D.; J. Baxter, Langley, I.G.; R. W. Little, P.G. Sec. Middlesex, and others. The long list of visitors included, Bros. J. W. Long, P.M., 569; A. Pulley, P.M., 169; R. R. Mabson, 1326; C. Hasel, 569; W. Hammond, P.M., S.D., 1326; F. Holmes, 1326; Jesse Smith, 1326, &c.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The second emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 14th inst. The officers of the lodge entered the lodge-room, precisely at the hour appointed, and the chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. James Stevens, the W.M., who was supported by the V.W. Bros. John Hervecy, Grand Secretary, P.M.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, Chaplain; and Bros. N. B. Headon, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; J. Freeman, Treasurer, Edward Moody, P.M., Secretary; Stuart Barker jun., S.D.; R. Stanway, J.D.; J. H. Guyton, I.G.; J. H. Wisbey, D.C.; G. W. Blackie, Senior Steward; W. H. Catchpole, Junior Steward; and W. Steadman, P.M., Tyler. There were also present, amongst other members, of the lodge:—Bros. W. Barber, W. Jackson, George Jenkins, W. Crickmay, J. Boulton, W. T. Macqueen, George Hooper, D. J. B. Wrightson, Owen Bower, A. Portway, H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158, and others. The following visitors also attended, viz.:—Bros. Wm. Ough, Past Grand Pursuivant; G. R. Graham, 69; E. M. Haigh, 29; R. D. Drysdale, P.M. 211; G. T. Hyde, P.M. 141; G. Yaxley and J. K. Pitt, 463; J. G. Attwood, 569; J. L. Coulton, W.M. 382; Dr. W. V. Bedolfe, and J. H. Vockins, 1329; and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, a letter from the W.M. of All Soul's Lodge, No. 170, requesting the W.M. to pass Bro. Crickman to the second degree, was read, and in accordance therewith Bro. Crickman, with Bros. Jenkins, Jackson, Baber, Kibble and Boulton having proved their proficiency as E.A.'s, were entrusted, and severally passed to the degree of F.C. Ballots were then taken for nine candidates for initiation, which were found clear, but of whom only two, Messrs. Thomas Preston, and James Tee could make it convenient to attend. These were severally introduced and admitted to the Order. The Secretary having announced

the handsome donations towards the new furniture of the lodge, which had been specially designed in oak by Bro. Kenning, and was greatly admired, the lodge was called off, and under the care of the Junior Warden, refreshment was taken and the loving cup circulated. After a short interval the lodge was called on, the bye-laws were discussed seriatim and finally agreed, three candidates were proposed for initiation, a sum of money was voted towards the assistance of the widow of a deceased brother, the lodge was closed at an early hour, and the brethren separated well satisfied with the evening's proceedings.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Chapter* (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Three Tuns Inn, Moor-lane, Bolton, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Comps. James Newton, Prov. G.R.A. Steward, Z.; Jas. Young, H.; Thos. Wilson, J.; Robt. Harwood, Past Z., Prov. G.R.A. Stand. Bearer; and other companions. The chapter having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the installation of the Principals-elect and investiture of officers ensued as followed:—Comps. James Young, Z.; Thos. Wilson, H.; Jas. Horrocks, J.; Thos. Chambers, Past Z., E.; Jno. Brandwood, Past Z., N.; Henry Greenwood, Prin. Soj.; Robert Harwood, Past Z., Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Treas.; Wm. Dawson, Janitor. A candidate for exaltation in the chapter was proposed, and the chapter was then closed.

JERSEY.—*Césaire Chapter* (No. 570).—The annual convocation for installation and investiture of officers was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Temple. The chapter was opened by Comps. Abraham Viel, Z.; Jos. Gregg, H.; Wm. Adams, P.Z., as J.; A. Schmitt, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., E.; W. H. Long, Z. 244. The companions were admitted, and the minutes of the previous regular convocation, held in March, as well as those of a special chapter, held in April, were read and unanimously confirmed. The circular convening the chapter was also read. Comp. A. Schmitt called upon the companions to assist him in forming a conclave of Installed First Principals, when at his request Comp. W. Adams installed in due form Comp. Jos. Gregg, as Z., after which ceremony, he assumed the chair, and installed Comps. Jno. Oatley, P.Z., as H., and Geo. J. Renouf, as J., according to the established rites and ceremonies of the Order. The companions were re-admitted and saluted their newly-installed chiefs. The installed Principals briefly returned thanks to the companions for the honour they had conferred upon them, and one and all pledged themselves to faithfully discharge the duties of their respective offices to the utmost of their ability. The elected officers present were invested by the S.E., Comps. Jno. Durrell, P.Z., as Treas.; P. O'Bryen, N.; Ph. W. Binet, P.S.; H. Du Jardin, Jan. The S.E. presented the annual report of the Audit Committee, which was approved. Moved by the S.E., seconded by Comp. A. Viel and carried unanimously, that another donation of £5 5s. to the Masonic School for Girls be granted by the chapter. Proposed by the S.E., seconded by Comp. Jno. Oatley, that the widow of the late Comp. P. Poisson be relieved in the sum of £2 2s., which proposition was carried unanimously. Among the visitors were Comps. Thos. C. Kelly, C.B., Capt. J. Williams, and others. The chapter was closed in love and harmony, when the companions adjourned to a supper. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given. The S.E. proposed "The Memory of our late M.E. Past First Principal, the Earl of Zetland," expatiating on his Masonic virtues, his energy, fidelity and zeal to our institution, and the extensive services he had rendered to the Craft. Two hon. members of this chapter, Ex. Comps. Dr. H. Hopkins and W. J. Hughan (Truro), were sympathetically toasted.

Mark Masonry.

LANCASTER.—*Moore Mark Lodge* (No. 146).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic-rooms,

Athenæum. The M.W., Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., Prov. G. Inspect. of Works, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. J. Sey, S.W.; E. Airey, J.W.; and others. The ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of four candidates for advancement, and Bro. Robert Godfrey of the Underley Lodge, Kirkby-Lonsdale, being in attendance, was duly advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., in accordance with the new regulations of the Grand Lodge of England and Wales, the duties of S.D. being well rendered by Bro. Edmund Simpson. The following presentations to the lodge were notified and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:—Three Overseer's Pedestals, by Bro. Capt. J. Storey; S.W.'s Wicket, by Bros. Sly and E. Airey; Minute and Signature Books and Axe, by the W.M.; Two Ashlars and Keystone, by Bro. Airey. A candidate was proposed as a joining member, and the lodge closed in due form.

Royal and Select Masters.

MACDONALD COUNCIL.—A meeting of this council was held on Monday, the 16th inst., for the purposes of installing, in due form, and under the authority of Most Puissant Grand Master, Comp. John D. Williams, of the State of New York, the principal officers, and of dedicating and constituting the newly-created council. The ceremonies were performed by Comp. Frederick Binckes, the Grand Recorder, as Acting Grand Master, specially authorised for that purpose, in the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, Capt. G. N. Phillips; the Grand Principal Conductor of Works, Capt. J. M. P. Montague; the Grand Marshall, Comp. Hyde Pullen, and other dignitaries of the Order. The Council having been duly constituted and dedicated, the officers installed were Comps. Sigismund Rosenthal, T.J.M.; James Stevens, I.D.M.; and Thomas Meggy, P.C.W.; and these were, on the completion of the beautiful ceremonies, respectively congratulated and saluted. Some matters of routine business having been discussed, and arrangements made for early admission of candidates into this interesting portion of Freemasonry, a vote of thanks to Comp. Binckes, for his services as Acting Grand Master, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and the very interesting meeting was brought to a close.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69).—This chapter met at 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, June 11th, Comp. T. D. Humphries, Ph. D., M.A., 1st P., in the chair. A lodge of Mark Masons was opened, and Bros. J. Middlechip and Wm. Bassett were advanced to that degree. At the request of the M.E.Z., Comp. Wheeler, of 73, then opened a lodge of Excellent Masters, and conferred that degree on these two brethren. The chapter was then opened in the Royal Arch Degree, with Comps. Park, Z of 122, as Z.; T. D. Hampton taking the chair of H; J. Campbell, that of J; G. W. Wheeler and J. Johnson as 1st and 2nd Soj. Bros. Middlechip and Bassett were then instructed in the mysteries of the Royal Arch Degree. Refreshment followed labour, "The M.E.Z., and the Health of the Candidates" having been given, Comp. Middlechip said that though shortly leaving Glasgow he should always remember the kindly feelings he had met with from the Masons of the city, and especially the way in which they had that night admitted him into deeper mysteries. Comp. Bassett said his only regret was that he had not come forward earlier to learn the sublime lesson he had been taught that night, and anything that he could do to forward the interests of the Royal Arch Degree he should feel to be a pleasure as well a duty. Comp. Humphries then proposed the thanks of the companions to the members of 73 and 122, who had so kindly come forward to assist him to-night, a kindness he had often before experienced, yet on that account it was only the more valued by him. Comps. Park and Wheeler acknowledged the compliment paid them, and expressed their pleasure to be able to assist a sister chapter.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144).—The first meeting of this chapter since its consecration was held in the Masonic Hall, Garnagad-road, on Friday, the 13th inst. D. Beil, Z.; J. Dunbar, H.; J. McLeish, J.; and D. Reid, Scribe E., were in their places. A lodge of Mark Masters was then opened, and Bro. D. Smith was proposed for advancement. At the request of the M.E.Z. the degree was worked by Comps. J. O. Park, Z. 122, and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73. Comps. Bell, Dunbar, and McLeish, though new to their work, were very efficient as M.O., S.O., and J.O. Being much wanted in the north end of city, there is no doubt that the new chapter will soon gain a firm footing.

GLASGOW.—*Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge* (No. 73), met at 73, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, the 12th inst., under the command of Bro. J. Balfour, N.; J. O. Park, J.; G. McDonald, S.; and G. W. Wheeler, Sec. Four gentlemen were received on board, namely, Bros. G. Bitdams, T. Middlechip, D. Douglas, and T. Boyde, and were very ably instructed in their duties by F. N. Balfour and his officers, G. W. Wheeler acting as the Pilot. The ark was again moored in safety.

A MASONIC HALL IN TASMANIA.

The *Hobart Mercury* makes the following editorial remarks on the occasion of the laying the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall in that city, on the 20th March last:—

"Yesterday the intercolonial cricket match had, in the minds of the sight-seeing public of Hobart Town, to give place to the interest felt in the ceremony attending the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall. The absence of the fair sex from the cricket ground seemed to have made the players relax their energies, for several of the best men put in an appearance simply to retire, as if their thoughts were with that 'galaxy of beauty' that lent a lustre to the Town Hall and to the site of the new building, though their presence at the latter was not sufficient to induce several of the brethren to make themselves heard. The ceremony of yesterday, so creditably, nevertheless, carried out, may be looked on as one of good omen. We regard it not from the Masonic standpoint alone. But it should be matter of congratulation to all who value the exercise of some of the nobler qualities of human nature, that an institution seeking to do good should be in so flourishing a condition as to be able to build for its own use a hall that must add so materially to the attractions of Hobart Town. Another handsome structure will be added to our buildings, and the interest attached to it will be increased by the fact that its walls are an evidence of personal care and thrift on the part of a body of men who, seeking to do one another good, find special merit in aiding a needy brother. It is not our intention to enquire into the secrets of the 'brethren of the mystic tie,' nor to discuss the issue raised by many, that the secret is so well kept because there is nothing to conceal. It is certainly impossible to conceive that successive generations of men, many of them of the highest intelligence and unblemished probity, should for centuries have lent themselves to a fraud by pretending to a mystic bond of union, while the whole affair is but a piece of masquerade and mummery. Yet a well-informed writer has said that 'the deep symbolical meaning supposed to be couched under the jargon of the Masonic Fraternity is, probably, as apocryphal as the dangers of Masonry to government and order,' which at various times were considered grave enough to subject the Craft to the anathemas of the Church, and to civil pains and penalties. The minority of Henry VI. was, on the suggestion of Henry of Beaufort, Cardinal of Winchester, remarkable for the passing of an Act of Parliament prohibiting the Masons from holding their wonted chapters and assemblies. But Henry VI. himself, on becoming of age, became a Mason. Henry VII. was their Grand Master in England, a precedent, however, which was not followed in the case of George IV., who when Prince of Wales, succeeded to the office on the death of the Duke of Cumberland, and held it till he became Regent, when he took the title

of Grand Patron, it having been considered improper that he should longer exercise personal superintendance. Whatever Masonry may be, it has at various periods of England's history had Royal members. Besides those we have named, Charles II. and William III. were Masons. Within the memory of the elder brethren, the Dukes of Kent and Sussex were Grand Masters of rival lodges, and brought about an union of the two, since known as the "United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England," of which, in our day, the Prince of Wales is a member.

"Masonry can certainly lay claim to high sanction, and yesterday its lights were not hid under a bushel. The Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, while in his sermon he eschewed all tangible reference to the 'ceremonies and traditions of Masonry,' claimed for it the title to be recognised as 'a peculiar system of morality, veiled allegory and illustrated by symbols, the moral system of Masonry being founded on the Divine law;' and he added:—'One of the very first injunctions which a brother receives at his entrance into Masonry is to study the sacred Scriptures, to regulate his actions by the Divine precepts therein contained, and to seek in them a knowledge of the duties which he owes to God, his neighbour, and himself. As regards his duties to himself, he is enjoined to cultivate a spirit of prudence, temperance, and fortitude; so to discipline his body as may best conduce to the preservation of his mental faculties, and to exercise those faculties in such studies as may best enable him to use them to the glory of God and the well-being of his fellow-creatures. In respect to this duty to his neighbour, it is impressed upon the Mason that the principles most dear to the Craft are love of the brethren, relief of the distressed, and truthfulness in word and deed.' His Excellency the Governor, who—a singular admission in the face of such acknowledged obligations—took blame to himself for having forgotten those inner mysteries and ceremonial observances known only to the initiated, declared that 'whoever reads and acts up to the constitution and charges of the ancient fraternity cannot fail of being a good, useful, and honourable member of the community in which he lives.' His Excellency added, as showing the special claims of Masonry, "I find myself bound, as a Mason, in the first instance, to fear God and honour the Queen, to aid all works of genuine charity and philanthropy, to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law. I find myself bound scrupulously to obey dictates of my own conscience, but at the same time equally scrupulous to respect the consciences of others, and to interfere in no way with the religious or political opinions professed by any individual.' With all due deference to both the preacher and the repentant Mason, all these duties have been better expressed when it was said, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.' This is the first and great commandment; and the second is like unto it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.' The initiated may better know the higher claims of Masonry to the parentage of every virtue, but to the uninitiated the Rev. Mr. Poulett-Harris's definition of Masonry as 'a peculiar system of morality' is regarded as an exaggerated estimate of its influence. Such claims put forth in its behalf, and the language of the anthem that sings of 'Masonry divine' are to the uninitiated its weak point. There was not one single effect on the life and conversation dwelt upon yesterday as emanating from Masonry that has not a higher claim on the Christian to whom 'pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.' We advance the arguments of the Mason and of the sceptic. While we offer no opinion, we may not wonder at the unbelief of those who say that, since Masonry is represented as capable of effecting so great a good, it is to be regretted that there is so much secrecy maintained as to the means of effecting that good.

"There is no probability that any discussion on the subject will lead to light being let in where darkness has been so long, and on such high

authority, maintained, though the mysteries of the Craft have within the past few years been so far enroached on, that the Grand Master has given leave to publish reports of the proceedings of grand and private lodges. Nor, perhaps, is an adherence to the practice of the past much to be regretted. The known things of Masonry give it a strong claim on the respect and approval of the well wishers of mankind. Masonry, whatever the source of its action, has unquestionably done, in times past, much good, and is as capable of beneficial results now, as ever. A writer, by no means an admirer of Masonry, has said: 'A set of passwords, and a peculiar grip of the hand, enable the initiated to recognise each other, and give a zest to their convivial meetings; and if the institution possesses any practical utility, it is in enabling a Mason, in a place where he is a stranger, to make himself known to his brother Masons, and claim their protection and assistance;' a practical utility the value of which can be hardly over-estimated, when it is remembered that, however much fable and imagination may have enshrouded the origin of Freemasonry, tracing it back to the time of the Pharaohs, the Temple of Solomon, and even the building of the Tower of Babel, its spread has been so very great as to make its existence almost universal. The Grand Lodge of England, that has given away large sums for philanthropic purposes, has upwards of a thousand lodges under its protection. A large family claims the parentage of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Royal Order of Kilwinning. But Freemasonry is not confined to Great Britain. For a century and a half it has flourished in France, though discountenanced by Louis XV. and the clergy. There it now numbers upwards of 300 lodges. Freemasonry spread from England to Russia, where it was patronised by Catherine II., the Emperor Alexander having been 'a Free and Accepted Mason.' In America its ramifications are widespread. The 'grip of the hand' will give pass to the hearts of brother Masons in Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden. The iron hand of Russia has not crushed it out in Poland. The opposition of Governments, and even the ban of the Inquisition, have not been able to keep it out of Spain and Italy. In India, in the Colonies it flourishes. In fact, wherever else Freemasonry may be, it is sure to find genial soil in every clime and country in which Englishmen congregate; and in every such country, therefore, as well as at home or in the colonies, the British Freemason who may be in distress is sure of succour and relief. Whether Freemasonry is or is not founded on the 'practice of moral and social virtue,' its distinguishing feature is most unquestionably charity, and in its widest sense; and therefore its increasing prosperity among us as an Order is a matter of congratulation. The ceremony yesterday performed is the beginning of a work which the philanthropist may well bid 'God-speed.' "

The statue of the late Prince Consort, for the Albert Memorial Chapel at Windsor Castle, has arrived. It is of white marble, and has been executed by Baron Triqueti. It represents the Prince in full uniform, in a recumbent position. Angels support the head, and a favourite dog lies at the feet. The inscription is, "Albert, the Prince Consort, born August 26, 1819; died December 14, 1871; buried in the Royal Mausoleum, Frogmore. I have fought the good fight. I have finished my course." The statue has been placed on the sarcophagus for the Queen to view it.

Lord Carnarvon, on Tuesday, presided over a conference at the Albert Hall, with a view of promoting improvements in the silk manufacture. A resolution was passed recognizing the value of such discussions in connection with the series of annual international exhibitions which were inaugurated two years ago at South Kensington.

A BOO TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

Original Correspondence.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall feel greatly obliged if you or any of your readers could inform me where I could procure the undermentioned works, by A. C. J. Arnold, LL.D.

"The Modern Eleusinia."

"The Conspiracy."

"The Mystery."

I am under the impression that these are United States editions, but know nothing more.

Yours fraternally,

J. EDMONDS.

HERALDRY IN THE NEW ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a printed paper, officially signed, I read that the cross to be worn on the mantles of members of this new Order is a "cross potence," and in a report of proceedings of the Convent General published, by authority, it is stated that the cross to be worn in the same manner is a "cross patent." Having but a small acquaintance with the science of heraldry, it nevertheless seemed to me that I had never heard of crosses of either description, and I have therefore searched some heraldic works in my library with the following result. I presume that no one can question the authorities to which I am about to refer—Gwillim (1638), Carter (1660), Bontell (1863), and Cussans (1869), are silent as to such crosses, the "Parfaite Science des Armoires" (1670) however mentions "croix potence, qui est faite à ses bouts en forme d'une potence ou de notre lettre T qui est le mesme que le Tau des anciens Hebreux." As I have been shown a cross on a mantle of a member of the new Order, which is stated to have been officially pointed out to the Convent General as a "cross potence," and the proper form of cross to be now worn, and as this bears no resemblance whatever to the letter T, it is evident that the "croix potence" is not that which is referred to under the name of "potence." What a "cross patent" can be, I am unable to conceive, unless it be so called in order to openly demonstrate the crass ignorance of the official from whom the report emanates.

The cross patée has been generally recognised as the badge of the Old Templars, and plenty of examples of it may be seen in the Temple Church in London. The "Parfaite Science des Armoires" describes this cross as having "les bouts de ses branches plus larges trois fois que leurs racines et vindées sur ses flancs par un trait d'ovale."

The Masonic Templars, on the contrary, have borne what was called a cross patée, but which was composed of four triangles with the points inwards.

I would suggest that the officials of the New Order of the Temple should not assume a pretension to the knowledge of a science which they do not possess, as they make the Order and its members, as well as themselves, ridiculous by doing so. I believe a distinguished member of the College of Heralds belongs to the new Order, and he would no doubt, with his accustomed courtesy, gladly advise these officials on any point of heraldry. In the meantime it would perhaps be more satisfactory if, instead of being perplexed by new-fangled heraldic terms invented by Sir P. Colquhoun, and which are not to be found elsewhere, the members of the Order were furnished with a description of the new cross, as well as with the reasons for its adoption.

I have been anxiously looking out for some notice of the new Order, and the alleged reasons for its creation, in the *London Gazette*, and can evidently no longer a Masonic Order of the Temple, for that Order has committed suicide, and until the Order of Colquhoun is duly gazetted, it has no status out of Freemasonry.

Yours, heraldically,

ARGENT AND AZURE.

P.S. It has been suggested to me that the new cross is a phallic emblem, which the authorities did not like to call by its right name; hence the shuffling between "patent" and "potence."

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I gather from a letter of Bro. E. Holmes, in your last issue, that Lord Eliot has retired from the Order of the Temple. I was present when our noble brother's name was mentioned as one of the recipients of the distinction of a Grand Cross; and I shall be glad to know whether it is that his Lordship has simply declined the Grand Cross, or absolutely resigned his connection with the Order. I think it must be a foregone conclusion to suppose that Lord Eliot has been influenced by any "Church organ" (instrumental or literary) in adopting any course he may have thought it right to pursue.

Yours fraternally,

C. C. W. G.

P.G. Expert of England.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am a member of the A. and A. Rite, and a Knight Templar: Sir Patrick Colquhoun also belongs to both orders.

I think that the letter bearing his signature, which appeared in your last issue, must be a forgery, as I cannot believe that a man whom I have always seen most courteous to those around him, can have been the author of such a scurrilous and ungentlemanly production.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. F. T.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Assuming the authenticity of the letter attributed to Sir P. Colquhoun, and published in your last week's issue, I wish to call the attention of your readers to the fact that we have here a plain and authoritative reply to the queries which I have been reiterating in your columns.

That reply is contained in these words, "The principle accepted, was, that the body is not, in itself, Masonic."

The old body was, undoubtedly, in principle, Masonic. Therefore, it follows that the new body differs, in essential principles, from the old one. Therefore, it further appears to me, that the O.B. taken to the old body cannot be claimed, as a matter of right, by the new one. Nay, more: even if we exercise our option, and consider ourselves as obligated to the non-Masonic Templars, there is nothing on earth to prevent us from owing allegiance, as well, to the supreme jurisdiction of any other body of Masonic Templars that we may consider to represent the original body to which we were obligated.

I respectfully invite the heads of the new body to consider this difficulty.

Yours fraternally,

P. H. NEWHAM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Whoever may be the author of the letter attributed to Sir P. Colquhoun, he has some notions which I cannot quite reconcile with Bro. Emra Holmes's theory of the "brotherhood of gentlemen."

He says, "As we profess to be a chivalric body, and cannot be so in the sense of the 11th and 12th centuries, let us be so according to the usages of the 19th century."

He then goes on to exemplify "the usages of the 19th century" by two paragraphs brimful of venomous spite and deliberate false statements.

Is this your "brotherhood of gentlemen," Brother Holmes?

POTANDER.

A DISTRESSING CASE

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am advised by several well-known Freemasons to state my case to you, in the hope that something may be done to enable me to support a sick husband and five helpless children.

My husband, who has been for many years a Freemason, has been afflicted with a severe illness, which has reduced us from comfort to

extreme poverty, his recovery was hopeless until last week, but he is now so weak that the doctors say it will be some months before he can do anything for his family. If I had a little means to place me in some small business I could support them until it pleased the Almighty God to restore him. I earnestly implore his brother Masons to assist me, and keep my helpless children from want.

My husband is at present in the Convalescent Hospital, Southport, where if he were able to remain a few months, the doctors think he might recover, but I have no means to pay for his keep there. I have received £5 from the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, which is now expended.

References may be made and contributions thankfully received and acknowledged by the following gentlemen:—Bro. Chas. Chard, P.M. 907; Bro. H. J. Lewis, P.M. 907; Bro. J. Dennis P.M. 907; and by Bro. John Albert Farnfield, solicitor, No. 90, Lower Thames-street.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

ELIZABETH W.—

Reviews.

Samuel Plimsoll, Esq., M.P., "The Sailor's Friend," has issued a record of the draught of water of sea-going ships leaving ports in the United Kingdom, reported to the Board of Trade. It contains reports from May 8, 1872, to February 26, 1873, inclusive. It also contains the "Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment." The special features which distinguish this work are the tables, which show at a glance the name of vessel, port of sailing, port of registry, register tonnage, where noted, draught, depth of hold, destination, and general remarks. It consists of 160 pages, well printed on fine toned paper. We wish it a wide circulation. It is published by Virtue and Co., London.

"A descriptive notice on the Theatrical-historical religious Labarium, the Casanova Monumental Triptic," by the Cavaliere D. Casanova.

The writer has very ably described this piece of antiquity. The utmost pains has evidently been taken in the compilation of this book; its get-up is unexceptional, every point is explained in the highest possible degree. The name, form, and subject of the monument, has been got up with remarkable care and taste. We heartily recommend this little book, and trust it will be universally received. It can be procured through Turner and Go., Printers, Saint John's Gate Works, E.C.

We have received "Abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, for the year 1872." Contents: Quarterly Grand communications for February 1, May 2, August 1, November 7, 1872; Annual Grand Communication, December 27, 1872; Appendix. In the discharge of their duty, the Committee quoted largely from all the subjects that came under their notice. They determined that they would give a chance to all to benefit themselves by presenting everything of interest they could find, and we are sure they had a mass of wisdom to draw from.

We have received "Index to Heirs-at-Law, Next-of-Kin, Legatees, Missing Friends, Encumbrances, and Creditors or their Representatives in Chancery suits, who have been advertised for during the last 150 years." It contains upwards of 50,000 names relating to vast sums of unclaimed money. It is arranged by Robert Chambers, 90, Stockwell Park-road, S.W. This Index will be found of great value to solicitors, and others, in prosecuting inquiries respecting unclaimed money.

We have just received Part II. of "The People's History of Cleveland," by G. M. Tweddell. This part contains poetry on "The Banks of the Leven;" an excellent paper on geology; the fossils of the Yorkshire hills, with a systematic catalogue of the fossils; the agriculture of the district, &c. Its pages are profusely and splendidly illustrated with plates and wood engravings, and no expense is spared to render the work one of beauty, as well as of

general utility. It is announced to be completed in 32 parts at 6d.

"A catalogue of works on Freemasonry from Spencer's Masonic Depot," contains a list with prices of rare and interesting works, many of them not elsewhere obtainable.

Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, Royal Cornwall Gazette Office, Truro.

This little book, edited by Bro. Wm. James Hughan, P.M. 131, Past Prov. Grand Secretary, is in its third year of publication. On page 3, we have the names of the Prov. Grand Masters of Cornwall, when appointed, and number of lodges then in existence. Page 4, names of Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Page 6 gives the Annual Meetings and Festivals of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall from A.D. 1863. It gives the name of town, date, and number of lodges represented. Further on, we have a list of the lodges in the Province, number, date of constitution, days of meeting, and towns in which the lodges are held. From page 10 to 32 we have the Past and Present Officers, and other members of the Provincial Lodge, which will be found very useful for reference, also the names of gentlemen who possess votes for the London Masonic Charities. The last two pages show an analysis of returns from 1869 to 1872. These pages will, at first sight, show the number of lodges, place of meeting, initiations, joining members, Past Masters, and total members. This book is well worthy of notice, it is carefully compiled, and will be found deeply interesting to all Masonic brethren. We heartily wish it a wide circulation.

The Oxford and Cambridge Masonic Almanack for 1873.

This valuable little book is the most attractive and charming we ever saw. It contains a calendar for each day throughout the year. The special features which distinguish this calendar from all others is—the reader is enabled by glancing down the days of each week to learn the exact dates on which the various Masonic bodies in the provinces of Oxfordshire and Cambridgeshire are held. It also contains lists of lodges, chapters, &c., together with the names of principal officers.

It consists of 46 pages of printed matter, executed in a highly finished style, and can be placed in the pocket without the least inconvenience. We cordially recommend all Masons to procure this excellent book. The price is 1s. 6d., and can be had through Bro. E. W. Morris, Shoe Lane, Oxford.

THE EXCURSION OF AMERICAN MASONS TO EUROPE.

This Masonic party sailed from New York, on Wednesday, June 4, and arrived in Queens-town a few days ago. Mr. Thomas Cook, accompanied by Mr. Cates, proceeded to Cork and Queenstown, on the 12th inst., to meet the Masonic brethren. The party will proceed from Cork to Killarney, and after spending a few days in the Lake District, will go to Dublin, and and from thence to the North of Ireland to visit the Giant's Causeway, Belfast, &c. At Dublin, if not sooner, Mr. Cook expects to be relieved by Mr. Alexander Howard, of Beyrou, who is engaged to accompany the Masonic brethren to Scotland, through England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Vienna, Germany, Holland, Belgium, &c., a tour of about 100 days. It is hoped that arrangements will be made for Mr. Alexander Howard to continue with the Masonic brethren to the end of their tour, and then to accompany them to America in connection with an English party for a tour to the United States, and round the world, leaving London as early as possible in September, so as to leave San Francisco not later than the 15th of October, and thus gain an extra fortnight in Japan and China, and get to Egypt by the beginning of February, in readiness for the Palestine work of the spring. Altogether it will be a magnificent excursion. There are in the party some ten ladies and about thirty gentlemen.

The Masons in Glasgow intend to give their transatlantic brethren, and the ladies who accom-

pany them, a hearty reception. A soirée, concert, and assemblage, under the patronage of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, will be held in the City Hall, on the 27th inst., when it is hoped a large number of our brethren and their friends will be present to do honour to the distinguished visitors.

SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY (LIMITED).

We are glad to report that the Directors of this Company, at their meeting on Wednesday, the 11th inst., unanimously resolved to instruct the architect, Bro. John Thomas, to prepare specifications of the plans adopted for the Hall and Masonic rooms, also to invite tenders from several eminent builders who are members of the Craft. The directors have determined energetically to carry the building forward and we trust they will receive from the Surrey Masons the support they deserve.

We are enabled to contradict a notice that appeared in a weekly contemporary, in its Masonic intelligence, "that shareholders only would be admitted to the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone" such a resolution has not yet been considered by the Directors, but merely the propriety of making the ceremony as grand as possible, and soliciting a very exalted and distinguished brother to take part in it. Should such be the case, it may become necessary to restrict the attendance of other than shareholders and eminent members of the Craft, or little room would be left for those who unquestionably should first be considered, as we do not doubt it would bring together such a gathering of Masons, such as never yet has been seen on the Surrey-side of London. We are also glad to notice that Bro. Edwin Sillifant, Public Accountant has been appointed Auditor to the company.

MASONIC HALL AT DERBY.

The Marquis of Hartington, Right Worshipful Master and Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Derbyshire, laid the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall here on Wednesday. The brethren, who assembled in great numbers, met at the Assembly-rooms about one o'clock, and, subsequently, headed by the band of the yeomanry cavalry walked in procession to the site. Prayer having been offered and the usual preliminaries observed, the stone was lowered. The Marquis then addressed the spectators according to ancient custom as follows: "Men, women, and children here assembled to-day, to behold this ceremony know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and established of old with peace and honour, in most countries to do good to our brethren, to erect magnificent structures, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have amongst us, concealed from the eye of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged; but these secrets are lawful and honourable and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to the Masons of ancient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many of the illustrious in all ages who have ever shown themselves eager to promote our interests and to defend us against all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all to assist in laying in ancient form the foundation stone of this Masonic Hall, which we pray Him to prosper for the promotion of godliness, harmony, and brotherly love till time shall be no more." The procession reformed, and returned by the same route. A banquet subsequently took place.

At the annual meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund, which was held on Tuesday, both the Archbishop of York and the Dean of Westminster earnestly spoke of the importance of continuing the work of research which has been carried on under the auspices of this organization.

Masonic Tidings.

On Saturday last, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street the staff of Messrs. Burgoyne, Burbidges, and Co., gave a complimentary dinner to Bro. J. G. Attwood, on his entering upon a new venture which will take him out of this country for a short period. Covers were laid for thirty guests.

Mr. Walter Beard, son of Bro. Thomas Beard, C.C., has this week been admitted an attorney-at-law and solicitor, and will join his father in partnership.

The funeral of the late Bro. J. N. Garrod took place (privately) on Tuesday, at Willesden cemetery.

Bro. John B. Monckton has announced his candidature for the office of Town Clerk of the City of London.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY AT BIRKENHEAD.—After several years of considerable depression, the prospects of the Royal Arch Degree in Freemasonry again look brighter at Birkenhead, "the City of the Future," and there now seems abundant reason to anticipate that the exalted degree will once more regain the high position and popularity to which it is well entitled. To Comp. E. G. Willoughby and Comp. Edward Harbord belong the lion's share of the honour of the restoration of the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 477, to Birkenhead, a work in which they were materially helped by Comps. H. Bulley, W. Bulley, J. P. Platt, T. Platt, and F. K. Stevenson, of the Lion Chapter, No. 587, each of whom spared neither body nor brains to aid in the excellent work, which has already borne excellent fruit. To a large extent, the Chapter of Fidelity has had reason to feel its obligations to Comp. F. K. Stevenson, and as a mark of their esteem and gratitude the companions have resolved to present him with a splendid drawing-room timepiece, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the Chapter of Fidelity, 477, to Comp. Frederick K. Stevenson, P.Z., in recognition of his valuable services, and of his worth as a Mason, June, 1873. A.L. 5873. E. Harbord, Z.; J. H. Johnstone, H.; S. Jones, J.; T. Dixon, S.E.; A. Samuels, S.N.; D. Fraser, P.S.; Wm. M. Asher, Treasurer." We may add, as showing the interest taken by the members in the welfare of this Chapter, that there has been presented to it a marble altar, of excellent workmanship. The altar is of pure marble, and bears the following inscription:—"Presented by Comp. Donald Fraser, to the Chapter of Fidelity, 477, Birkenhead, June, 1873. The altar is the joint production of Mr. Henry Tabiner, Price-street, and Mr. Dixon, marble mason, Conway-street, and will be on view for a few days at the rooms of the latter. The Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire under the auspices of the Right Hon. the Lord De Tabley, Right Worshipful P. G. Supt., will meet for the first time at Birkenhead in October next, and it is hoped that the Chapter of Fidelity, as the oldest chapter in the district, will, with the assistance of its juniors, take all the necessary steps to render the meeting as great a success as its importance demands.

MASONIC BALL AT OXFORD.—On Monday evening, June, 16th, a grand Masonic ball took place at the city buildings. It was also expected that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who had honoured the craft by the acceptance of the office of W.M. of the Apollo Lodge, would be present for the purpose of installation. On Wednesday the Masonic body held their annual fête in the beautiful gardens of St. John's College.

A concert and reading will be given at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 26th inst., in aid of the schools of St. John the Evangelist, Grove-road, E., of which Bro. the Rev. J. M. Vaughan is the incumbent. The concert will be under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and sheriffs, and Lord Skelmersdale, Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire; and other distinguished brethren have added the prestige of their names in support of the undertaking. Miss Edith Wynne, and other eminent artistes are engaged.

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Answers to Correspondents.

W.M.F.—We cannot give you the information asked. The following Communications stand over:—Report of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Somersetshire.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending June 28.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Dramatic Performances.

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. Arrah na Pogue.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Sefton Parry. Mr. Byron's new drama, "Chained to the Oar."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Freece. Burlesque of "The Forty Thieves," "The Sylphide," and Miscellaneous Entertainments.

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artistes and Programme.

NEW STAR MUSIC HALL, Williamson-square.—Manager, Bro. Saunders. Opera and Special Attractions.

ROTUNDA THEATRE and MUSIC HALL.—Proprietor, Mr. D. Grannell. Miscellaneous Entertainments.

ROYAL CIRQUE.—William Brown-st.—Equestrian and other Performances.

NEWSOME'S CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circle and other Entertainments.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1873.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

The Freemasons of Gloucester have done a noble work, of which they may well be proud, and we can only say we hope ere long to see the fruits in the greater estimation in which our noble Craft shall be held by the outer world who are not Masons.

In these days of utilitarianism, people are constantly asking what is the use of Freemasonry, and it is no secret that we are charged with atheism, with a selfish disregard of others' welfare, and an ostentatious display of the charity which begins at home. It is true that you have noble institutions for the education of your youth, and for the succour of the aged and distressed amongst you; but then many great public bodies with not half your pretensions do as much for their kith and kin—say they. In business relations it is often found that you favour your own brethren in preference to strangers, and whilst in some provinces you make a public acknowledgement of the Most High by attending annually some temple raised

to him; in many places the Freemasons never, as such, attend a place of Divine Worship from one year's end to another. This being so, how can you be surprised if, in the opinion of many people, you are looked upon as little better than infidels? We have often heard such remarks made, and often thought there was a great deal of truth in them.

Our Gloucester brethren have set us a worthy example in presenting the noble reredos to their beautiful cathedral, and the ceremonial of Thursday, the 5th, will live in the minds of thousands as one of the most impressive and most honourable to the disciples of the Royal Art, which has taken place of late years.

The West Country Masons have in truth set an example to the Craft generally, which might be followed with advantage; and if in this era of Church restoration, and the revival of architecture our wealthy brethren would lead the van, and, in their Masonic capacity, aid the erection and rebuilding of those historic fanes, which were the glory of the travelling Freemasons of the middle ages, much of the jealousy and suspicion with which we are viewed by the great mass of our fellow countrymen would be removed, and an answer would be given to the oft-repeated query, what is the good of Freemasonry?

Our contemporary, the *Gloucester Chronicle*, in speaking of the restoration of the Cathedral, gives the following succinct account of its history:—

No unimportant part of the history of the county for the last twelve centuries may be found written in stone in the columns and walls of this noble edifice. Wulphere, king of Mercia, an idolator converted to Christianity, is said to have planned the first "house of religion" erected in Gloucester. The foundation of this edifice is stated to have been laid in 672. Three years later Wulphere died, and the completion of the work which he had begun was carried out by Osric, King of Northumberland; and seven years after Wulphere's death the monastery was dedicated to St. Peter. In 729 Osric found his last resting-place within the walls of the church; he was buried before the altar of St. Petronille; his effigy, crowned, and holding in his hand the model of his church, now lies in a stately chapel on the north side of the choir. Kyneburgh, sister of Osric and Oswald, was the first abbess; Edburga, the second; and Eva, who died in 767, the third and last. The three abbesses, it is said, all were, or had been, Queens of Mercia. For half a century the monastery was desolate. But in 821, Bernulph, King of Mercia, restored it for the reception of secular canons. About a century and a half later these priests were ejected by Canute, and the Benedictines, the energetic pioneers of the arts and civilisation, took possession. The edifice, which had been restored by Bernulph, having been destroyed by fire, in 1058, a new minster, built by Aldred, Bishop of Worcester, whose see included the county of Gloucester, was consecrated. Fourteen years later William the Conqueror kept Christmas in Gloucester. At that time there were only two monks of age, and eight scholars, in the abbey; thirty years later the fraternity had

grown to one hundred members. Again fire raged; the monastery was destroyed; and next, in 1100, a church, which Abbot Serlo had raised, and a great part of which remains, was dedicated. Robert Curthose was buried here in 1134; his effigy, one of the most interesting features of the Cathedral, was placed before the high altar. Centuries later this memorial was broken in pieces by Puritan zealots, but the fragments were collected by Sir Humphrey Tracy, of Stanway, and kept until the Restoration, when the effigy was again put together and deposited in the chapel of the Holy Apostles, where it now rests, but is about to be restored to its ancient position before the altar. The material is Irish oak. The face is good, the figure noble and expressive it is arrayed in a short hose, ancient breeches and stockings united, from which Robert got his surname of Curthose. The arms on the base of the tomb are the arms of Edward the Confessor, the ancestor of Robert, and those of France and England as quartered after the reign of Henry IV. About 1320 Edward the Second visited the monastery, and was entertained with regal honours. Sitting in the Abbot's Hall, and looking at the pictures of his Royal predecessors, the king enquired whether his picture was among them. Abbot Thokey—in a prophetic spirit, as was afterwards said—replied that he hoped to have his Sovereign in a more honourable place than in that hall. And so it proved; for after the murder of the king in 1327, when the cowardly ecclesiastics of Bristol, Keynham, and Malmesbury refused to receive the body, Thokey brought it from Berkely Castle to Gloucester, and it was interred with great solemnity near the high altar. Some of the events connected with the king's murder and funeral are pictured in luminous glass in one of the windows of the south aisle. Stimulated by filial piety, Edward the Third and his Queen made pilgrimages to the tomb of the martyr, and presented grateful offerings for the enrichment of the monastery over which Thokey so worthily presided. On the east of the south transept is St. Andrew's Chapel, which has recently been so gloriously decorated by the pencil and from the designs of Mr. Gambier Parry, as a memorial to Mrs. Marling. In 1378, Richard the Second held a Parliament here, and monarch and court were lodged in the Abbey. A year or two afterwards the Great Cloisters—the earliest and the most gorgeous specimens of fan-tracery in the world—were built. To Thomas Sebrok, appointed abbot in 1450, we owe the tower, which is unsurpassed for its elegance and lightness. About 1460 the erection of the Lady Chapel—one of the most beautiful parts of the fabric—was commenced. Eighty years later, in 1540, the Abbey was surrendered by Gabriel Moreton, the last prior, who was awarded the dignified pension of £20. At the surrender the revenues amounted to nearly £2000 per annum.

The Abbey, beautified by the offerings of the pilgrims to the shrine of Edward, was at that time probably at the zenith of its architectural glory. It is said that when it was converted into a Cathedral it had the good fortune to be so entirely preserved that no conventual church in the kingdom, excepting that of Westminster, had escaped so well. Towards the close of the

sixteenth century, however, it had become much dilapidated, and when the famous Laud was appointed dean, in 1616, there was scarcely a church in England so much in decay. Laud soon procured an Act of Chapter, by which what appears now to be the insignificant sum of £60 a year was voted for the maintenance of the fabric. During the civil war the stately tower formed a fine target for the artillerists of the besiegers, who pounded away at it, and the church of St. Mary de Crypt, and the other prominent objects within the walls. Fortunately no Sir William Armstrong had arisen in those days, for, primitive as were the weapons of the King's forces, it is certain that they managed to hit the Cathedral, cannon balls having recently been found embedded in the exterior walls. But the Cathedral only escaped one peril to be menaced by another, as during the Commonwealth it was "in danger of total destruction from the plots and contrivances of persons who, "as one of the local historians tells us," agreed amongst themselves for their several proportions of the plunder expected out of it." Some two hundred years ago Mr. Dorney, whose name figures conspicuously in the history of the period, urged the authorities to join shoulders to "hold up the stately fabric of the College Church, the great ornament of the city, which some do say is now in danger of falling," and in 1657 the church was "granted to the Mayor and burgesses, at their own request, and Oliver Cromwell, under his broad seal, gave them an exemplification of it." Years of neglect, relieved only by spasmodic and ill-considered means of restoration, followed; works of Art in painting, glass, and sculpture, were beaten into fragments, or buried in limewash, wall, columns and floor were allowed to decay, or were ruthlessly destroyed. Ken, the designer of the present organ-screen, suggested to Bishop Benson that the decay-defying Norman pillars of the nave should be channeled and fluted, and it was only the discovery that the interior of the columns consisted of rubble that prevented the attempting of this "improvement." The duty of reparation has thus been thrown upon the present authorities, who have so far carried it out in a noble spirit.

To us Masons Gloucester is especially interesting as containing some curious specimens of Masonic Marks, which if we remember rightly, are to be found upon the Norman pillars in the nave, and also the sculptured Masons' Square, discovered we believe by Bro. the Rev. G. Roberts sometime since, and of which a description was given in the *Freemasons' Magazine* at that time. To Mark Masons these writings on stone are of great interest and significance, and some have gone so far as to assert, that in course of time we may discover through them, much of the ancient science of symbolism. Certain we are that many of these marks, as for instance at Gloucester, are in places widely remote exactly similar, and this points at once to a great solidarity in the universal mystery of Masonry.

The Masons of Bristol restored sometime since the Lady Chapel of St. Mary Redcliffe, the noblest parish church in the three kingdoms.

The Masons of Bath have helped largely in the restoration of their beautiful Abbey. The Masons of Worcester recently gave a magnificent

window to adorn that noble edifice; but what have we done in London, and what have the Masons in the wealthy and prosperous provinces of the north done towards expounding the principles of wisdom, strength, and beauty?

To our shame we say nothing, absolutely nothing! The Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral is greatly in need of funds to complete the work commenced by our Grand Master, Sir Christopher Wren, yet Grand Lodge gives nothing towards so noble an object.

Our late revered Grand Master dies in the fulness of years and full of honours, and what more natural than that the brethren of his own great province in Yorkshire should desire that some rich memorial window in their noble Minster should testify to the glory of God, and to his memory. Yet no step seems to have been made, no suggestion offered to connect the names of the Grand Master of Freemasons of England with those edifices which were reared by the piety of our ancestors, and which testify to-day to the greatness of their skill, and which we to-day emulate in vain.

To our metropolitan and northern brethren we say learn the lesson taught by the Masons of Gloucester, and "go do thou likewise."

CONSECRATION OF THE PERCY LODGE (No. 1427) AT NEWCASTLE.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., there was a great gathering of Freemasons in Newcastle, upon the occasion of the consecration of a new lodge, called the "Percy, 1427," on the roll of lodges of England and Wales, which took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, in this town, by the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the county of Northumberland, assisted by J. S. Challoner, Esq., Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, in the absence of L. M. Cockcroft, Esq., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The ceremony of consecration took place at three o'clock in the afternoon, and was most ably performed by the Provincial Grand Master, who delivered an excellent address upon the occasion, in which, amongst other things, he pointed out the right principle upon which their friends should be induced to become Masons.

After the consecration, the Provincial Grand Master installed Bro. John Hooper as the first Master of the lodge.

The Master then invested his officers as follows:—J. H. Bentham, Senior Warden; Shaftoe Robson, Junior Warden; B. J. Thompson, Treasurer; J. Nicholson, Senior Deacon; J. R. Young, Junior Deacon; H. Nothwanger, Inner Guard.

The lodge was very fully attended upon the occasion, about 150 Masons being present; and upon the dais were several distinguished brethren, amongst them being—Bros. W. Foulsham, P.P.G.R.; Geo. Thompson, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Anderson, P.G.S.W.; Straker Wilson, P.G.J.W.; R. Smaile, P.P.G.R.; J. M. Ridsdale, P.G.J.D.; E. D. Davis, P.G.D.C.; H. Hotham, P.G.S.W.; Rev. W. Greenwell, P.P.G.C.; Rev. E. Marrett, P.P.G.C.; Thos. Robinson, P.P.G.D., and others.

The building in which the ceremony took place is one of the finest Masonic halls in Great Britain. At the entrance is a vestibule, the basement of the walls of which is decorated with encaustic tiles of a beautiful and appropriate design. Proceeding inwards, to the right is a lavatory, and to the left the Tyler's room, with tile work of a similar description, and with oak furniture corresponding with the entire suite of the hall. The adjoining room, in which candidates for the Masonic mysteries are prepared, is a beautiful apartment, suitably furnished, and on the same floor is the private room of the Provincial Grand Master, furnished with every requisite to domestic comfort. On the

same floor is the Grand Lodge room, which is a most magnificent apartment, though it presented yesterday a sombre appearance, in consequence of being draped in black "in memoriam" of the late Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the late Past Grand Master of England. Notwithstanding this drawback, however, the appearance of the hall was that of splendour and magnificence, to which the grand emblems and jewels of the provincial officers, and the artistic stained glass window of the hall itself contributed not a little. Every care had been bestowed in order to do honour to Earl Percy, on this his first visit to Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Immediately above his throne was placed his crest, which was beautifully illuminated; and his Lordship sat behind a pedestal which he had himself presented to the hall on its inauguration. It is an unique piece of carving, and worthy of the donor. The chair in which he sat was presented by B. J. Thompson, Esq.; and at the right of his Worship was a chair presented by the late Earl of Zetland: the whole of the beautiful carved oak chairs on the dais had been presented to the hall by honourable members of the Craft. On the floor of the hall, to the right and left of the dais, are two superbly carved oak desks, one the gift of Major Joicey, and the other the gift of J. H. Thompson, Esq. Immediately in front of the Master's pedestal is a superbly carved oak reading-desk. In the centre of the room, on the left, looking west, is the Junior Warden's pedestal, presented by George Elliott, Esq., M.P. for North Durham, and on the opposite side of the hall is the Senior Warden's pedestal, presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Durham. Each piece of furniture is emblazoned with the Masonic emblems and the coats of arms of the donor. The very elaborate mantelpiece was designed and presented by John Johnson, Esq., the architect of the building. The illuminated stained-glass window is the only instance of the kind that has been attempted in this country: it was presented by George Thompson, Esq., as the result of his own subscription and that of friends. On the north end of the dais is a fine portrait in oil of the late Sir Wm. Lorraine; and on the south is a portrait, also in oil, of the late Earl of Durham. A portrait of St. Peter, patron saint of the lodge, is esteemed a great work of art. In the centre compartment of the south wall, are copies of the late Duke of Cambridge's three tracing boards. Immediately opposite these is a handsome time-piece, presented by Bro. Ralph Thompson, of the Royal Arcade. At the west end are two finely proportioned pillars in the Ionic and Doric styles, surrounded by the celestial and terrestrial globes. A kneeling stool and rest, in carved oak, is a new feature in Masonic lodges. The three candlesticks have a somewhat curious history. They were consecrated by the present Pope of Rome for use in a Roman Catholic chapel in this country, and were purchased by the late Bro. Fenwick, by whom they were presented to St. Peter's lodge.

Several other gentlemen have made handsome donations, amongst them being Bros. Wright, Wilson, W. Smith, J. S. Wilson, Laycock, and Straker. The hall is surrounded by a dado, above which are the crests, most beautifully emblazoned, of the Knights Templar. Above them are the warrants of the different lodges and encampments, together with the various Masonic representations connected with St. Peter's and the Northern Counties' Lodges. The coronas and brackets are in the cathedral style, and of a most elaborate description. At each of the three pedestals is a splendid oak candlestick. The side elevations and fixed seats are covered with crimson to correspond with the dais, and the floor is covered with a handsome carpet. The officers' collars and jewels, the square and compasses for Bible, and the floor-cloth were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. On the second floor is a grand club-room, which is decorated with Masonic emblems, and a peculiar portrait of an ancient Tyler.

After the ceremony of consecration, a banquet took place in the banqueting hall, and was presided over by the Worshipful Master, John Hopper, of the Percy Lodge, about sixty members being present. Bro. Challoner proposed "Success to the New Lodge," coupled with the health

of the Worshipful Master, who responded. Bro. Foulsham proposed "The Health of Bro. E. D. Davis, who had done so much for Masonry in the province. The toast was most cordially received, and very ably and feelingly responded to. Many other toasts were proposed and songs sung, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

UNVEILING THE REREDOS IN GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

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Literature, and taste, and art, and philosophy, and science may enrich the intellect. They may wield an almost magic sway over the minds of men; but they will not sanctify the heart, nor change the natural disposition. The greatest extent of knowledge will not cleanse that moral corruption, or clear away that spiritual darkness which debases the soul of every man born into the world, for these attainments are no foundation on which to build for eternity "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." From the building of Solomon's Temple, its wondrous architecture, its magnificent structure, we are led to the foundation stone of the spiritual Temple—Jesus Christ, himself of that true union which the Gospel produces, and which the Lord so earnestly desired on our behalf, even the one commandment that we "love one another as He hath loved us;" to that bright and morning star, whose rising brings health and salvation to mankind, and light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Yes, Christ is set before us as the foundation-stone, the corner-stone, the top-stone, of our Masonic structure. We are taken to look to Jesus as the captain of our salvation; to look for Him as our incarnate God and Saviour; to look to him as Christ our Prophet, Christ our Priest, and Christ our King—our Prophet, to teach and guide us into all truth, our Priest, to make intercession for us—and our King to rule over us, by bringing every thought of our minds and every desire of our hearts into captivity to his sacred vow, so that we may be enabled to crucify the flesh, to follow it boldly, to fight manfully the good fight of faith, and to continue his faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end. Such is Freemasonry, its principles, and its teachings. And now to speak with more immediate reference to the day's proceedings. We are well informed from Holy Writ that the building of Solomon's Temple was a most important epoch in the history of our order. From it we derive many mysteries of our Art and many valuable forms of instruction. When he succeeded to the throne we know with what magnificence he carried out the plans of his father David, making the Temple the most beautiful building in the whole world. It was a testimony to the majesty and glory of Jehovah, the God of Israel. As it was with the Temple in the days of old, so it is with the churches of the present day. Like Solomon, we all desire that decency and order and material beauty should pervade every part. We would have no stint of anything that would make the sacred edifice more fit for the worship of the Lord God. We would give the best we are able, to ornament, in architecture, in music, and in singing; then let us remember that all these things—all outward material ornament and decoration, and all forms of worship—are nothing when compared with the inward adornment of our heart and true sanctification of the soul. These are far more beautiful in His sight than all the triumphs of the sculptor's art, and all the colours of the rainbow upon the walls and windows of the material edifice. Without them every other apparent good is but an empty show. The heart of the true Christian is the abode in which God delights to dwell. To cause human souls to become the dwelling place is one principal use of the Church material. By the word preached within its walls is unfolded and displayed the great story of the Cross on which the Prince of Glory died. By it is infused into the minds of the people the love of Christ. They are made to know the power of His death and resurrection. This is the work of human preaching with the power of the Holy Ghost

sent down from heaven, and in proportion as the hearts and minds of the worshippers are enlightened by the word, will the offerings of prayer and praise, and the eucharistic ministrations, in front of that consecrated structure which has been unveiled to day, become more devout and acceptable in the sight of God. Let us rejoice heartily that the material house—this palace of the Lord God—has been thus so greatly beautified. Let us pray God to make it a spiritual house—a house of living stones, that the inner palace may also grow up under the teaching of the Holy Ghost the Comforter. May He find it, both now and at all times, a most fitting abode for His most blessed presence in the midst of those who worship here; and may God's holy word and sacraments be ever ministered here with comfort and power, and life to many. And may it please God that all who have assembled within these walls this day, to take part in this solemn ceremony and service may return home with their hearts warmed for His glory. Many of us, who are ordinarily separated by a long day's journey, and who are personally strangers to one another, are come together on this day into one house—the house of God, and have uttered together common words—words of prayer and words of praise. Surely it must be a glad and a holy day which speaks to us, amidst our many divisions of agreement, unity, and concord—which brings us all to the same place, and puts into our mouths the same songs, telling us that we are members one of another, members of the Lord's body, that we being many are one body in Christ, and every one members of one another. May we return home comforted in our hearts and refreshed in our spirits by the participations we have enjoyed. Let us be encouraged and thankful to work on still in the work which God has given us to do, "building up ourselves and others in the faith and fear of God," "upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner-stone, into which all the building fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord." May all of us who are here at present form part of that "building of God, that house not made with hands," wherein is all our hope of rest and happiness and blessing. We may be called upon to endure trials and afflictions; but let us remember how it is that the stone is shaped before it is fitted for the builder's use—

"Every stone by blows is squar'd
By the hammer rude prepar'd."

May we be built up in the walls of the heavenly Jerusalem, and there abide for ever. Let us implore the Lord God with our most earnest prayers that he would build us up on the most sure and precious foundation of Jesus Christ and him crucified; and now let us part with heartfelt supplication for the Divine blessing on the work of this day, and once more repeat the sacred strain, "Let the beauty of the Lord be upon it; establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands, establish Thou it."

The Bishop then pronounced the Benediction, and Dr. Wesley played a voluntary as the congregation left the building. The Freemasons, headed by the Provincial Grand Master, returned in procession to the chapter-room, where the presentations to the Dean and Chapter of the illuminated volume containing the list of subscribers, previously described, was made.

The cathedral choir was especially strengthened for the occasion. From Bristol there were three choristers, and Messrs. Franc and B. Gay, altos, G. Gay, tenor, and Merrick, Bass; from Cirencester, Mr. Green, tenor; from Hereford, Mr. Lambert, one of the vicars choral; and from Worcester three choristers, and Mr. Smith, tenor, and the Rev. Precentor Hays.

The following is a list of the clergy present at the ceremony:—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Very Rev. the Dean, Revs. Sir John Seymour, Canon Lysons, Canon Evans, Canon Powell, J. Vambourgh Law, rector of Christian Malford; W. Ballour, H. C. Minchin, J. Nisbet, J. Vaughan Payne, J. Emris, H. Fowler, W. B. Stanford, H. C. Naylor, T. W. Hardy, St. James; W. H. Girdlestone, St. Marks; C. Y. Crawley, vicar of Taynton; F. T. J. Bayly, Brookthorpe; A. Williams, rector of Icomb; George Roberts.

THE BANQUET.

At six o'clock the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and other distinguished guests, were entertained in the Assembly Room of the Bell Hotel, at the joint invitation of the Royal Gloucestershire and Royal Lebanon lodges, which are both held in this city: The banquet, which was thoroughly worthy of the occasion, was attended by nearly 150 brethren. P.M. Bro. T. Taynton presided in a very able manner, introducing the various toasts in language peculiarly graceful and well-chosen. Sitting at the raised table with him were Lord Sherborne, Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, and Bro. G. F. Newmarch, his deputy; the Rev. J. Bowles, D.D., L.L.D., Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, and Bro. H. R. Luckes his deputy; Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart, M.P.; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. the Rev. George Roberts; Bro. E. W. Trinder, P.G. Sec.; Bro. T. G. Palmer, P.G., Treas.; Bro. Riach, (Magdalen College, Oxford), P.G.S. of Oxfordshire; Bro. E. G. Woodward, P.G. Organist. The vice-chairs were occupied by the Masters of the two Gloucester Lodges, who jointly arranged the banquet, namely, Bro. Cooke W.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, and Bro. Worsley, W.M. of the Royal Lebanon Lodge. The following brethren were also present. Royal Gloucestershire Lodge:—Edward Trimmer, E. L. Kendall, W. H. Gwinnett, John Bryan, A. S. Helps, R. Moffatt, T. Nelson Foster, A. Slead, E. Tew-Smith, H. W. Bruton, W. Knowles. R. Hendewerk, A. Buchanan, Jas. Bruton, J. Campbell, F. W. Jones, W. Nickes, H. W. Hall, J. Castree, H. Bruton, H. Thomas. W. O. Watts, A. C. Wheeler, R. W. White, G. Hunt, T. Nicholas, T. H. Chance, T. Commeline, J. L. Bretherton, J. Lovegrove, B. Bonner, G. Whitcombe, A. Booth, J. D. T. Niblett, Redfern, Ashbee. Royal Lebanon Lodge:—H. Jeffs, T. Holmes, F. W. Fisher, T. J. Pooley, T. Alger, E. Niblett, J. A. Hopkins, W. B. Stocker, E. S. Josephs, G. C. Buchanan, J. Poytress, W. Waites, G. Peters, A. V. Hatton, G. Prowse, Jas. Davies, W. E. Pope, J. W. Jeens, O. B. Jeens, T. H. Rumsey, T. Powell, H. Carrington, E. Berry, &c. Among the visiting brethren were R. J. Brooks and others from Stow-on-the-Wold; J. A. Lloyd, Oxford University; Rev. H. B. Johnson, Cambridge University; James Shilcock, P.P.J.G.W. of Hertfordshire; J. Vizard and the Rev. G. A. M. Little, Dursley; J. Balcomb, Cheltenham; R. Ellett, Cirencester; H. D. Martin, Cheltenham; S. N. Dimpleby, Malvern; J. Gimblett, H. M. James, A. Gould, M. F. Carter, J. H. Greenham, T. Cadle, and S. W. Woods, of the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067; E. C. Lewell, Cirencester; W. P. Want and G. Ayliffe, Dursley; Forth, Bain, Ricketts, Haselton, and Robertson, Cheltenham; F. Moore, Tewkesbury; E. H. Edgell, Tewkesbury; E. T. Inskipp, D.P.G.M. Bristol; W. F. Barnard, Notcliff; F. Dowle, G. J. Atkins, and James Greenfield, Forth, J. B. Winterbotham and L. Winterbotham, Cheltenham; E. Cripps, Cirencester; Bryant, Cheltenham; W. F. Brown, Lovibond, Bubb, Montague, James, Cribb, Williams, Holmes, (Suffolk) &c. The above list is imperfect, but as near complete as we have been able to make it.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Bowles said grace before and after meat.

The first toasts given from the chair were "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," who is Honorary Past Master of Grand Lodge, and "The M.W. the Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon; the R.W. the D.G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; and the other Grand Officers, Past and Present." Allusion was made to the loss sustained by Masonry in the death of the late Earl of Zetland, for whom the Craft are now in mourning. Bro. Sir M. H. Beach, Past Senior Warden, and Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, responded for Grand Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Bowles, Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, who spoke with painful effort, said:—I could have wished the honour of proposing the health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne, had been confided to other hands

than mine, for I am year-worn and old, and am but now slowly recovering from a long and most depressing illness, which has left me both physically and mentally unable to do justice to this toast. But I will take comfort from the reflection that as good wine needs no bush, neither does this toast need any commendation; it speaks from the heart to the heart, and will I am sure, be drunk with all the enthusiasm it pre-eminently merits. (Applause.) Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, permit me before I sit down, to offer my most unfeigned and hearty congratulations both to your lordship and to the other Freemasons of Gloucestershire, upon the brilliant termination of the interesting ceremonial of this auspicious day—a day which will leave an enduring memorial behind it long after we have passed away, and will testify to future generations that although you are no longer practical Freemasons, you still evince your reverence for the things your fathers revered, and which their fathers revered in the old time before them. (Applause.) It was impossible to look around your magnificent cathedral to-day without being struck with the marvellous manner in which the ancient Masons exhausted their creative imagination in ecclesiastical architecture—covering Europe with monuments of their science in statics and dynamics, and giving proofs, in rich and rare abundance, of that plastic genius which from an infinity of elaborate, incongruous, and often worthless details, knew how to evoke one sublime and harmonious whole. If you desire, my brethren, to “read sermons in stones,” look upon the ancient and eloquent stones of your venerable cathedral, and you will find there is not a groining, a mullion, or a tracery which is not full of mystic significance, and in which the initiated eye does not read some Masonic enigma, some ghostly counsel, or some inarticulate summons to confession, to penitence, and prayer. What religious master-minds conceived its glories, what architects planned, what skilful workmen wrought on foliated capital, or stately column, or lofty arch, or oriel window, or cruciform plan, or central elevation, or lateral chapel, tradition saith not: but there your magnificent cathedral stands, and has stood for well nigh four hundred years, the pride, the grace, the glory of your ancient city. (Applause.)

P.G.M. Lord Sherborne, in reply, briefly congratulated the brethren on the completion of the reredos, which he said will reflect credit upon the masonic body for ages to come.

In proposing “The Health of D.P.G.M., Bro. Newmarch,” the Chairman said there was not a more worthy and thorough Mason in the province and to his constant and indefatigable efforts they were very largely indebted for the result which had that day been achieved.

Bro. G. F. Newmarch, who had a very cordial reception, paid a general compliment to the officers of the province, and declared that to the Secretary and Treasurer, and to Bro. Nelson Foster was due the greatest meed of praise. Masons had in this work shewn the world that Masonic philanthropy is not limited to their own Craft, and that Masonic charity knows no bound but that of prudence. He wished thus publicly to acknowledge the very great kindness and courtesy shown by the Dean and Chapter in this matter, in seconding all their efforts. They were entirely indebted to the Dean for the ceremony of that day, which originated from his desire to do especial honour to the Masonic Craft. Masons were not the only donors to the Cathedral restoration nor had they desired in any way to magnify the importance of their contribution to the noble work; but the Dean and the Cathedral authorities seemed determined to single them out for special honour. (Applause.)

P.G.M. Lord Sherborne proposed the health of the Chairman, in highly complimentary terms, with thanks to the brethren of the two lodges by whom he and his fellow guests had been so handsomely entertained.

The Chairman expressed his deep sense of the high honour and fraternal courtesy evinced by those who had placed him in that position, the practical movement for the reredos having originated in the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge while he was in office. He joined in the general congratulation on the successful completion of the

work, and said that was a proud day for the Province of Gloucester and for all its citizens, and he was especially pleased to remind them that the work was not only completed but paid for. (Applause.)

The toast of “The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present,” was acknowledged by Bro. Jeffs, Junior Grand Warden; Bros. Palmer, Trinder, and Gwinnett.

“The Health of the P.G. Chap., Rev. C. Raikes Davy,” was cordially drunk, with thanks for his admirable sermon.

“The Guests of the Evening” were represented by the Rev. Rev. Bowles, who specially congratulated Bro. Redfern on the fame which must accrue from his work.

Bro. the Rev. G. Roberts, P.P.G.C., responded in an eloquent speech to the toast of “The Visitors,” and spoke warmly of the noble work that day inaugurated, adding that he should like to show the distinguished visitors present the Masons' Square in the cathedral which he had discovered. Upon the reverend brother taking his seat amidst loud applause, there were calls for the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England, Rector of Long Melford, Suffolk, who responded in a humorous speech, but deprecated being classed among the visitors, as he was a member of both the Gloucester lodges. He said that he only hoped that his friend, Bro. Emra Holmes, P.G. Reg., Suffolk, whose name was well-known in Masonry, would when he went back to Suffolk, encourage the Masons there to present a reredos to his church at Long Melford, and emulate the example of the Masons of Gloucester. (Laughter and applause.) Bro. Emra Holmes said, that he felt constrained to rise, after the remarks of Bro. Martyn, to express the great pleasure he had felt in being a witness of the magnificent spectacle that day exhibited. The brethren had been engaged in a great work, a work which would redound to their honour. Some of the brethren present might know that he had elsewhere strongly advocated the restoration of churches as amongst the principal objects in which Masons might worthily engage. They would remember that our cathedrals and churches were erected by our ancestors, the travelling Freemasons of the Middle Ages, who were Catholics. In these days we, who were Catholics in a truer sense than they, though we could not help with our hands to restore these noble edifices to their pristine beauty, might yet with our money help in the noble work of restoration. He begged to thank them very warmly on behalf of the Masons of Suffolk for the courtesy and hospitality displayed towards the visitors.

Bro. Inskip, P.S.G.W., Somerset, also responded, and advocated the cause of the Masonic Charities, other toasts followed, and the brethren after enjoying one of the best Masonic banquets we have ever sat down to in the provinces, separated at a late hour.

A deserved compliment was paid to Bro. Capt. Foster for his arrangement and marshalling of the procession. The proceedings at the banquet were throughout of a most harmonious and enjoyable character.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

As already intimated in our narrative of the proceedings, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne, held a Lodge at the Bell Hotel, at twelve o'clock, which was numerously attended. His Lordship presided, and was supported by distinguished brethren in the Craft, including the Rev. Dr. Bowles, the Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire. Considering the business of the day before them, the proceedings were but of ordinary routine, and the whole of the officers were re-appointed. Bro. Redfern, the sculptor of the reredos, received a collar and jewel as a mark of deserved merit. The following is a list of the officers:—Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. G. F. Newmarch; Senior Warden, Bro. Capt. J. E. Dorington; Junior Warden, Bro. Henry Jeffs; Registrar, Bro. Gaisford; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy; Secretary, Bro. E. W. Trinder; Treas., Bro. T. G. Palmer; Senior Deacon, Bro. Samuel Green, (Cheltenham College); Junior Deacon, Bro. W. Warman; Superintendents of Works, Bros. Ashbee and Redfern; Director of Cers.

Bro. Vizard; Sword Bearer, Bro. Bennett; Pursuivant, Bro. Rennie Powell; Organist, Bro. E. G. Woodward; Tyler, Bro. Wiggins.

Among the visiting brethren who attended Prov. G. Lodge, besides a numerous gathering of the two city lodges, were:—W. Gibbs, P.M., P.G.O., Rectitude, Corsham; T. R. Lord, P.M., P.G.D., Rectitude; A. Ludlow; C. H. Bush, S.D., Tyndall; F. W. Dowding, Tyndall; T. Mace, Prince of Wales; G. W. Colleen, J. W., Sympathy; T. Cadle, Royal Forest; Lawson, P.M., Concord Lodge; H. Cribb, P.G. J. W., Herts.; F. G. Powell, P.P.G.P., Bristol; W. P. Hadley, D.C., Faith and Friendship; J. Arthur, Unity; John Bullock, P.M., D.C., G.H., Prince of Wales; J. W. Hunt, Prince of Wales; Edward Vining, J. W., St. Marks; Brook Kaye, Foundation Lodge; Henry Basevi, W.P.G.M. of Bengal; R. H. Bigsby, P.G.C., St. Kew; W. H. Davies, W.M., P.G.R. Somerset; Rural Philanthropic Lodge. There were numerous other brethren whose names were not subscribed to the roll-book, but amongst them we noticed General Munbee, Major Hartley, Bros. Kirby, Pigott, E. T. Payne, Capt. Phayre, J. E. Gill, Llewellyn, White, Osborne Dauncey, Brooks, W. Thomas, J. Hearne, Gatle, Honey, Commander Townsend, Lord Pearson, and others. The minutes of proceedings were read by Bro. Palmer, in the temporary absence of the Secretary, the Secretary receiving a cordial recognition of his services in connection with the reredos fund. Oral reports were received from various lodges in the Province, and these were mostly of a very satisfactory character, showing that Masonry is receiving numerous and important additions, although the advice of Grand Master the Earl of Ripon is being followed, and due circumspection is observed as to the reception of candidates for Masonic honours. A sum of thirty guineas was voted to be distributed among the chief Masonic charities, leaving still an adequate balance to meet contingencies. The proceedings lasted an hour, and Prov. G. Lodge was closed in regular form.

Besides the lodges mentioned above, brethren were also present from Unity Lodge, Warwick; the Stonleigh Lodge, Kenilworth; the Provincial Grand Lodge, Leicestershire; and others from lodges in Oxfordshire and South Wales. All the members wore crape rosettes, as mourning for the late Earl of Zetland, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master. The high appreciation shown by the Masons of the beautiful sculpture of Bro. Redfern was, we understand, shown by the graceful act of conferring the purple upon that gentleman—an unusual circumstance, as he is not the Master of a lodge, and but a young Mason.

The following were among the guests who partook of luncheon at the Deanery, previous to the service in the Cathedral:—The Mayor and Mrs. Robinson; the Lord Bishop; Lord Sherborne; Rev. J. J. Bowles, D.D., LL.D.; the Hon. Misses Price; Sir M. H. Beach; Sir D. Wedderburn; Lady and Misses Wedderburne; Rev. Sir J. H. C. Seymour; Mr. W. H. K. Wait, M.P.; Canon and Mrs. Lysons; Mrs. and Miss Lucy; Rev. C. R. and Miss Davy; Dr. Evans and Mrs. Pyrke; Mrs. Canon Harvey; Rev. K. V. and Mrs. Law; Mrs. George Law; Mr. Newmarch and Miss Ellett; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Palmer; Mr. Trinder; Mr. Marling; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Crawley; the Precentor of Bristol; Rev. J. P. Clark; Rev. I. Bowman; Rev. Donald Spence; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds; Mr. and Mrs. Knight; Mr. and Mrs. Innell; Mr. Nicks; Mr. and Mrs. Fryer; Mr. and Mrs. Kiddiford; Mr. Redfern, architect of the reredos.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling medicine has the happiest effect, when the blood is over-heated and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system, one pill taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fulness and flatulency, indications of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bed-time act as alteratives and aperients, they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them, overcomes all acrid humours, and encourages a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well-being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation, and beget a feeling of comfort in hot climates and hot temperatures which is most desirable for the preservation of health.—ADVT.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, HALIFAX.

The event of the week for the inhabitants of the north-westerly portion of the borough of Halifax was the laying of the corner stone of the intended new church of St. Augustine's, on Tuesday afternoon. It had been looked forward to with great interest, not only by those who will form the future congregation, but by the whole of the churchmen of the town, as was fully evidenced by the large gathering that took place around the stone. A spacious gallery accommodated many hundreds of ladies and gentlemen, whilst thousands of others witnessed the ceremony from the upper side of the ground and from various eminences adjacent. For more than five years services have been regularly held in the spacious schools, and efforts have been repeatedly made to secure a church that would be suitable for the requirements of one of the most rapidly increasing districts in the borough. The incumbent designate, the Rev. S. W. Darwin Fox, since he took charge of the district, has laboured assiduously for the accomplishment of this object, and by the liberality of Colonel Akroyd, M.P., and other churchmen, and the contributions of the members of the congregation, the new church has at length been fairly inaugurated. The building has been designed by Mr. Richard Coad, architect, of London, and the style of architecture is to be Gothic of the latter part of the 13th century. The nave of the church will be 83 feet in length, and 27 feet in width; and the aisles 11 feet 6 inches wide, with slightly projecting transepts, 21 feet wide. The church is to be 41 feet long, by 23 feet wide, with an apsidal east end, having chapels and vestry on either side. A tower, 21 feet square, is to be placed on the south-west corner of the south aisle. The material of the body of the church will be of hammer-dressed stone, from the quarries of Northowram; and the dressings will be of Ringby stone. The internal facings of the walls are to be lined with red and white bricks, in patterns. The roof will be of stained deal, framed with panels. The vestry roof will also be of the same material, and all the seats will be open. It is proposed to have lofty windows in the clerestory, as being suitable for a town church, and to ensure sufficient light in the nave. The nave, aisles, and transepts are only proposed to be erected at present, at a cost of £6,500, leaving the chancel and tower until sufficient funds are received for their erection.

At a very short notice, the members of the local lodges of Freemasons consented to be present, and take part in the ceremony. They met in the Freemasons' Hall, soon after one o'clock, and having assumed full regalia, marched in procession to St. Augustine's school. Mr. J. Fisher, P.M. of the Probity Lodge, directed the proceedings, and there were present about 50 Masons, representing the Lodges of Probity 61, St. James's 448, and De Warren 1208, Halifax; the Saville Lodge 1321, Elland; the Ryburn Lodge 1283, Sowerby bridge; and Prince George 308. At St. Augustine's school a procession was formed, consisting of all who were to take part in the ceremony. Amongst those present were Col. Akroyd, M.P., who had kindly consented to lay the stone, Col. Holdsworth, Major Waterhouse, M.P.; the Right Rev. Bishop Ryan; the Rev. W. J. Coghlan, Vicar of St. James's, Halifax; the Rev. W. H. Wawn, of Coley; the Rev. J. Palmour, Holy Trinity; the Rev. S. W. D. Fox, and the Rev. H. T. J. Lomax, St. Augustine's; the Rev. F. H. Roughton, St. James's; the Rev. C. R. Holmes, All Souls; the Rev. G. Bagott, Lightcliffe; the Rev. J. Moore, St. Mary's; the Rev. J. G. Rice, Bradford; the Rev. K. P. Manners, Bradford; the Rev. W. L. Morgan, Bradshaw; and other clergymen; Mr. W. H. Rawson, Mr. H. A. Norris, Mr. H. C. McCrea, Mr. J. R. Ingram, and others. The weather, which during the morning had been threatening, was fortunately very fine during the proceedings, and the sun shone out brightly upon the very animated scene. The clergy having taken their seats on the platform, and all being in readiness, the usual service of the Church of England for the laying of the foundation-stone of a church was commenced by the Rev. S. W. D. Fox, and continued by the Rev. Bishop Ryan, after which

a hymn was sung. Bro. W. Tasker, P.M., Probity, then placed in a cavity under the corner-stone a bottle containing the local papers, the *Yorkshire Post*, and some documents relating to the Church, with coins of the realm. Over this was placed a brass plate on which was very neatly engraved the following inscription:—"This corner-stone of St. Augustine's Church was laid on the 3rd day of June, 1873, in the name of the holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, by Edward Akroyd, of Bank Field, Halifax, Esq., M.P., merchant and worsted manufacturer, Honorary Colonel of the 4th West York Rifle Volunteers, and Deputy-Lieutenant and a Justice of the Peace of the West Riding of the County of York; S. W. D. Fox, M.A., incumbent, Richard Coad, architect." A silver trowel, supplied by Bro. Manoh Rhodes, of Bradford, and bearing the inscription, "Presented to Colonel Akroyd, M.P., on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of St. Augustine's Church, Halifax, Whit Tuesday, June 3rd 1873," and a handsome mallet, were then presented by Mr. Hitchen and handed by Mr. Coad, the architect, to the gallant colonel, who spread the mortar, and the stone being lowered into its place, he said, "Thus and thus, and thus, in the faith of Jesus Christ, we place this corner-stone, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost."

The Masonic ceremonies then followed:—Bro. Menzies, J.W. of Probity, tested the stone with the plumb-rule; Bro. Dyson, W.M., of the Savile Lodge, proved the stone with the level; Bro. Frank Crossley, P.M., of the Ryburn Lodge, proved the stone with the square. Bro. Wilkinson, P.M., St. James's Lodge, presented the mallet to Bro. John Fisher, P.M., Probity, who declared the stone duly laid. Bro. Jessop, W.M., St. James's, then scattered the corn; Bro. Marshall, W.M., Ryburn Lodge, the wine; after which the Rev. J. Hope, P.M., Probity, received the cup containing the oil from Bro. F. Whitaker, P.M., De Warren (who had carried it in the procession), and poured the liquid upon the stone, and, in accordance with the rites and usages of the ancient fraternity, the following words were spoken:—"These elements we have used as emblems of abundance and plenty, and may it please the all-bounteous Creator of the universe to pour down continually on this place and neighbourhood abundance of every spiritual and temporal blessing." Bro. Fisher then striking the stone three times, said, "May the liberal founders of this building witness its completion in joy; and may this work of charity and love redound to the honour and happiness of themselves and all near and dear to them. And, finally, may the work thus favourably begun be continued in peace—without accident or injury to life or limb of any one engaged in its construction; and may the cap-stone be speedily added in place, and the fabric itself become to all who worship within its hallowed walls the House of God, the Gate of Heaven."

The Chaplain (the Rev. B. Town, of Pellon), then offered prayer.

Bishop Ryan was then called upon, and said that, in the absence of the Venerable Archdeacon Musgrave, he had been asked to make a few remarks. He believed that all who engaged in a work like that had reason to feel strong encouragement. There never was a period in the history of England when there had been such a wave of church building as had been for the last quarter of a century, and was passing over the country at present, and he hoped that if St. Augustine's Church did not have the full flood of the movements, many little wavelets would flow towards it. (Applause). In this they had encouragement, and another point of encouragement was that when they got to the position of progress at which they were that day, they could look back and see from what small beginnings they had arisen. From what he knew of the parish, he understood that two devoted curates had tried hard to do something in a small cottage, then Mr. Fox was appointed, and a little larger building was procured. Then they erected the large and fine schools, and now they had arrived at that point—that was the laying the foundation stone of the church. He was sure that from the spirit of the Churchmen of Halifax they would not let the matter rest

there, but would go on right to the end. As to the church not being finished at once, as he had heard some talk about, he hoped that the Bishop of the diocese would soon have come to Halifax to consecrate the finished building. Halifax was increasing in that direction, and since the present minister was appointed 2,000 persons had been added to the population of the district. He hoped that the spirit of those who had to do with the building would be stirred up to do work in the cause and the house of God. (Applause.) In conclusion, he said that although their worthy Archdeacon was not present with them in person, he knew from what he had said to him that morning that he was heartily with them in spirit.

Col. Akroyd, M.P., said that although he had prepared a few observations to offer on that occasion; yet for many reasons his heart had been too full to say anything. As one of the promoters of the schools and church, however, he had been prevailed upon to say a few words. He was sure they would all agree with him that they were greatly indebted to the Freemasons for the imposing effect of the ceremony of that day. Freemasons, he believed, were always in the right places when laying the foundation-stones of public buildings; but especially were they in the right place when laying the first stone in the erection of a temple dedicated to the living God. Alluding to the history of Freemasonry, they could not forget that they were originally a guild of architects, and that we were indebted for those glorious architectural beauties of the Middle Ages to a wandering body of Freemasons, who were really members of the Craft, until in the time of Sir Christopher Wren they first became a friendly society. He was grateful to them for their presence on that occasion, and though he was not himself a Mason, he could on that account perhaps speak more freely in their favour than if he had been a member of the Order. Referring to the immediate object of their assembling there that day, he congratulated his friend, the Rev. S. W. D. Fox, on that auspicious day. He could not forget that for more than five years that gentleman had been working uphill, trying as it were to build up the foundation of that congregation. More than five years had elapsed since these schools, which they had before them, had been opened for public services. These schools were only the first of a series of ecclesiastical buildings intended to be erected by the congregation of the church, of which they now laid the first stone. The promoters, of whom he was glad to reckon himself as one were delighted to arrive at that stage of their proceedings. The parish of St. Augustine could not be formed until the church of which the first stone was now laid was opened for public services, and appealing to those he saw around him—the future parishioners of St. Augustine's—he hoped they would agree with him that it was a great day for the inhabitants of that locality. Without seeking to raise in the slightest degree any feelings of rivalry between the various bodies of Christians—he must say that the great advantage of the Church of England was that it supplemented the voluntary efforts of all other bodies. In the able charge recently delivered by the Bishop of Ripon his lordship made an allusion to the parochial system, and said:—"I believe there never has been a system better contrived to promote the interests of true religion and the best welfare of the community than the parochial system of the Church of England." The truth of that remark had been illustrated in a neighbouring church—the parish of St. Mary's. They all knew that in about two years the Rev. Mr. Judd, contrived to attract all the people to him in a manner which he did not think was equalled in any other parish in this neighbourhood (applause). The secret of that success was due to the cordial and kindly union which subsisted between the clergy and laity. If from any cause that union was wanting, then the parochial system or any other system must be a complete failure (hear, hear). In the same charge the bishop remarked that the parochial system needed development. His lordship was against very large parishes being left in the hands of one incumbent, and was in favour of overgrown parishes being subdivided, so as to put an end to the anomaly of their being only one

incumbent, for a parish with 15,000 or 20,000 inhabitants. The original parish of St. James's (from which St. Augustine's was taken) had presented that anomaly, as without St. Augustine's it numbered 17,000 souls, and this new parish of the Rev. Mr. Fox, already amounted to 5,000 souls—quite a numerous family enough for the rev. gentlemen to look after (laughter). He thought he could look hopefully forward to the future of St. Augustine's, because he recognised in his rev. friend the same earnestness which marked the career of the Rev. Mr. Judd—(hear, hear)—and he trusted that God's spirit might be shed on the future congregation of St. Augustine's, and that, in the words of the last collect, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with them all evermore" (applause).

Col. Holdsworth said he did not know that he could make any additions to what had been said by Bishop Ryan and Col. Akroyd: The words that had been spoken by them would no doubt encourage those connected with that place, and interest them in the work. He had too much faith in the liberality of the Church people of Halifax to think that they would let the clergyman of St. Augustine's struggle on for another five years before the church was completed. He was glad to know that they had that day begun a building which would be equal to any church in that district; and he called on all of them to give a helping hand to a work so nobly begun. He sincerely trusted that the church might be erected without further delay, and that the necessary pecuniary assistance would be freely forthcoming (cheers).

Major Waterhouse, *M.P.*, said he had intended to have been a silent spectator; but he could not avoid the opportunity of expressing his gratification on that auspicious occasion. He congratulated Col. Akroyd that he had been spared to lay the foundation of a second church in his native town. He also congratulated the Rev. Mr. Fox, and trusted that what they saw that day indicated a spirit that they were not about to leave a fabric in debt for several years. He hoped not only those in the district, but also those out and around it, would lend a helping hand to the consummation of the work. He also congratulated the Masons on their joining in the ceremony, and regretted that he could not participate in the ceremonies they had gone through. He concluded by expressing an earnest hope that the church would soon be completed, and that the work would be safely accomplished. (Cheers.)

The 122nd Psalm was then sung, after which the concluding collects were read by the Rev. J. Lomax and the Incumbent. Upon the call of Major Waterhouse, three hearty cheers were given for the success of the undertaking, and three more for the Rev. S. W. D. Fox, which concluded this part of the proceedings. The Freemasons then re-formed in procession, and walked to their hall, where in the evening they partook of a banquet. During the proceedings the choir of St. Augustine's, assisted by the Sunday School scholars, who were conducted by Mr. Joseph Sugden, rendered good service in the musical portion of the ceremony.

At five in the evening tea was provided in the school-room, where 800 persons sat down, the arrangements being effectively carried out. The public meeting commenced at half-past seven, and during the evening a terrific thunderstorm burst, the spacious room being twice filled with the electric light, which was of very blue colour, causing the assembly to start and give a subdued expression of alarm. The chair was occupied by the Rev. S. W. D. Fox, in the absence of Col. Akroyd, *M.P.*, who was unable to be present. There were also present on the platform Mr. F. S. Powell, *M.P.*, the Revs. W. Aitken (Everton), J. A. Coghlan, J. G. Rice, R. Prowde, Mr. F. Darwin (near Otley), Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Champney, Mr. Coad (the architect), Mr. D. Hitchin, &c.

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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT JAMAICA.

The consecration of the Seville Lodge (No. 530) under the Scotch Constitution, took place recently at St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, West Indies.

The following brethren assembled at the Court House in the town, and being formed in procession under the directorship of Bro. John Hoyes, Grand Director of Ceremonies of Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland in Jamaica, the procession moved to the church, headed by a band of music playing the "Masonic March."

The following was the order of procession:—
Bro. David Carvalho, jun., Grand Marshal.
Music.

Bro. Jas. Atkins, Athole Union, 383, and Bro. Wm. Lewis, 367, Friendly, Grand Tylers.
John Hoyes, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
H. E. Delliser and William Armour, Stewards with rods.

Charles Royes, jun. Banner. A. J. Hart.
Stewards with rods.

Corn, borne by Wor. Alex. E. Bourke, Glenlyon Lodge, No. 367.

Wine, borne by Wor. Daniel C. D. Souza.

Oil, borne by Wor. Michael Solomon, Master Elect, Seville 530.

Grand Bible Bearer, Bro. George Magnus, Prov. Grand Lodge.

Geo. Roe. Banner—Faith. Wm. R. Phillips.
Grand Senior Deacons, Bros. E. N. Hant and A. N. Sutherland.

Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. N. Lechmere Ellis.
Grand Treasurer, Bro. Alex. M. Lake, 367.
Grand Secretary, Bro. A. Noah.

Bro. W. Peat. Banner—Hope. Bro. H. Fray.
Grand Steward, Bro. James Duncan.
Grand Senior Warden, Bro. A. T. Kidd.

Grand Junior Warden, S. H. Watson, 1377,
Prov. Grand Lodge.

Right Wor. Samuel Constantine Bourke, Prov. Grand Master G. L. Scotland.

On arriving at the church the order of the procession was reversed, the brethren marched up the aisle and took their seats immediately opposite the altar.

The morning service having been performed, the Chaplain then delivered an excellent and appropriate sermon, which was listened to with deep earnestness by a large congregation, who had gathered there to witness the proceedings. A collection was made at the end of the service, which was handed over to the rector of the parish to be distributed among the poor.

The procession again formed in previous order, and marched to the new lodge, where the ceremony of consecration and dedication was proceeded with, after which the following brethren were installed as officers by the Prov. Grand Master:—

Wor. Michael Solomon	... W. Master
" Alex. McLake	... Dep. Master.
Bro. E. N. Hart	... S. Warden.
" D. Carvalho	... J. Warden.
" A. Noah	... Treasurer.
" Albert J. Hart	... Secretary.
" Geo. Roe	... S. Deacon.
" A. N. Sutherland	... J. Deacon.
" W. R. Phillips	... Inner Guard.
" Richard Watson	... Tyler.

The lodge having closed its labours, the brethren repaired to the Court House, where a sumptuous repast was provided, to which ample justice was done. The following toasts were proposed and responded to in the true Masonic spirit. The room was neatly decorated with flags and evergreens.

Several brethren of Sister Lodges were present, as well as clergymen and officials of the parish, and last, though not least a good number of the fair sex, for whom accomodation had been prepared, and if we were to judge by their smiles they seemed to have taken a lively interest in all that was going on.

The brethren separated at about 10 p.m., apparently well satisfied with the proceedings of the day.

We may add, that the Seville Lodge promises to be a very flourishing and useful lodge, having for its Master one whom the brethren have the greatest confidence in, and respect for.

The total amount of the sale of the Perkins Library, at Hanworth-park, by Messrs. Gadsden, Ellis, and Co., was upwards of £26,000. The *Biblia Sacra Latina*, first edition of the Holy Scriptures, and the first book executed with metal types by the inventors of the art of printing, a splendid copy, printed upon vellum, Moguntiae, per Gutenberg and Fust, 1450-55, sold for £3,400. The same work, printed on paper, a matchless copy, fetched £2,690.

Her Majesty has forwarded a donation of one hundred guineas towards the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

A stained-glass window, to the memory of the officers and men who perished through the foundering of her Majesty's turret-ship Captain, was placed in the north transept of Westminster Abbey on Tuesday.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 20, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, June 21.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, Nightingale Tavern, Wood Green.

" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.

" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Town Hall, Hackney.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, June 23.

Lodge 905, De Gray and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.

Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), House and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, June 24.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King-st. St. James's.

Mount Calvary, K.T. Encampment, Freemasons' Tavern, Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, June 25.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.

" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham.

" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, June 26.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End Fulham,
 Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " " 118, Northumberland, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, June 27.

Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.
 Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship Hotel, Leadenhall-street.
 " 749, Belgrave, Andertons' Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st. Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33 Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, June 28, 1873.

Monday, June 23.

Chap. 24, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
 Tuesday, June 24.
 Lodge 1393, Hamer, 2a Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 4.
 Joppa Mark Lodge (No. 5), Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Wednesday, June 25.
 Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool at 7.30.
 Thursday, June 26.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 11, (annual installation and picnic.)
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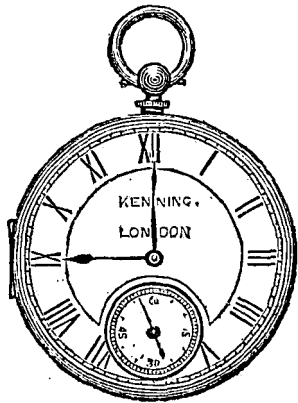
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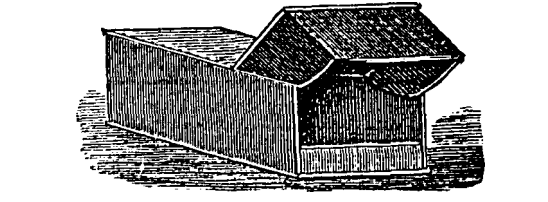
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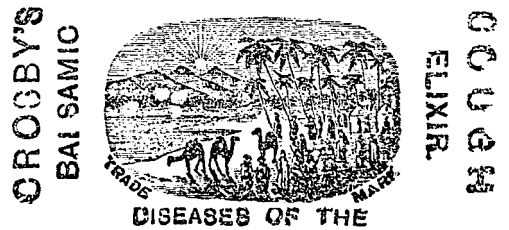
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Craft Masonry.

LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—The regular meeting of this well-established lodge was held on Saturday, June 21st, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Bro. F. Walters, P.M., Sec., opened the lodge at the specified hour. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. J. C. Jessel, 414; H. J. Green, 1275; R. W. Williams, 1275; and C. W. Williams, 1275, as joining members; and for Messrs. J. Hurst, J. Morrison, and J. R. Craft, as candidates for initiation. Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, W.M., initiated Mr. J. R. Craft; Bro. F. Walters initiated Messrs. Hurst and Morrison into Freemasonry. He then passed Bros. G. S. Streeton, B. Mayer, P. From, H. Jensen, and H. W. F. Fellows to the second degree; and raised Bros. G. Shott, J. Wallis, W. N. White, J. A. Thompson (107), F. O. Roberts (1309), and W. Simmons (201), to the third degree. The work was well done. The elections proved unanimous for—W. Hammond, P.M., S.D., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year; S. Wickens, P.M., as Treas. (re-elected); J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. W. Hammond, P.M., S.D., the W.M. elect, agreed to accept the office of Steward to represent the lodge at the Girls' School Festival in May. Several candidates for initiation, and brethren for joining, were proposed, which closed the business. There were present, besides those named.—Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; J. Gilbert, J.D.; J. Hayward, I.G.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; J. Hammond, P.M.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M.; J. E. H. Ross, E. Hopwood, P.M., C. W. Fox, E. H. Thiellay, R. Laurence, C. Heitzmann, W. Vine, and others. The visitors were Bros. T. Dand, P.G.S.B. Devonshire, P.M., 39; J. Sims, 834, and others. Refreshment followed labour.

LANCASTER.—*Duke of Lancaster Lodge* (No. 1353).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, when the W.M., Bro. J. Barrow, presided, and was supported by Bro. Bell, S.W.; Bro. Heald, J.W.; Bro. J. Acton, S.D., Acting Secretary; Bro. Williams, Acting S.D.; Bro. Coulon, J.D.; Bro. Wolfenden, I.G.; and a goodly number of other brethren and visitors. Two brothers were passed, two initiated, and one candidate proposed. After other business, the brethren proceeded to the election of a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. The ballot was taken in the usual form. Bro. Bell, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and we congratulate Bro. Bell on his elevation to so distinguished a position. The Treasurer, Bro. Holmes, was re-elected.

Royal Arch.

BRADFORD.—*Chapter of Moravia* (No. 387).—The usual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Shipley, on the 13th inst., Comp. J. Gaunt, M.E.Z., presiding, the other officers for the year being Comp. Wm. H. Holmes, H.; N. Walker, J.; Fred. W. Booth, S.E.; J. R. Riley, S.N.; F. Murgatroyd, P.S.; Chas. Roe-

buck, and G. G. Atkinson, Ass. Secs.; Thomas Denby, Treas.; and J. J. Holmes, Janitor. The business and working of the chapter was gone through in that admirable style which always characterises Comp. Grant, after which he invited the visitors and all other companions to supper, which was excellent, and well served in the refreshment-room. The visitors present were Comp. Wm. Beanland, M.E.Z., and William W. Barlow, of the Chapter of Charity, 302, and John Beanland, of the Chapter of Sincerity, 600. We are glad to hear that much new blood has been infused into this ancient chapter, and that it is in a fair way of again assuming its legitimate position in the provinces.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge St. Mungo* (No. 27) held its usual monthly meeting on the 19th at 213, Buchanan-street, G. Sinclair, R.W.M., in the chair; D. Butler, S.W.; J. Stilter, J.W. The lodge having been raised to the third degree, Bros. J. Lawrence and A. Gregory were admitted, and a request having been preferred from St. John's No. 3 Bis., Bro. J. Adams of that lodge was also admitted to take this degree, which at the request of the R.W.M. was worked by Bros. Bain, P.M. 103; McDonald, R.W.M. of 73, acting as S.D., the work was admirably performed. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Master intimated that they were honoured with a large deputation from the committee to receive the American brethren, and called on each to address the lodge. The object in view was then urged on the notice of the members—Bros. B. R. Bell, No. 0; G. B. Adams, No. 0; R. Fraser, 27; G. W. Wheeler, 73; J. Porteous, 360; and J. Johnson, 419. The lodge was then called to refreshment, when, after the usual loyal and Craft toasts had been duly honoured, the R.W.M. gave the health of Bro. F. Gadsby, of 260, Northampton, who, in reply, expressed the pleasure it had given him, as an English Mason to renew his visit to St. Mungo Lodge, where he had been so kindly received on a former occasion, also his gratification of witnessing such excellent working, at the same time regretting that there should exist so much difference in the modes of working on different sides of the Tweed. The toast of the "Visiting Brethren" was then responded to by Bro. Adam, of Mother Kilwinning, and Bro. Stracker, of 419, as representing the oldest and youngest lodges present. Bro. Johnson proposed the "Masonic Press." Bro. G. W. Wheeler, in his reply, while regretting with Bro. Gadsby the variation in the modes of working in the two countries yet, said that by the aid of the press, that, as well as other anomalies might be cured. Bro. Wheeler proposed "Prosperity to St. Mungo Lodge and long life to the R.W.M." The visitors, who at this stage of the proceedings equalled the members, having duly honoured this, Bro. Sinclair replied in suitable terms, and the Tyler's toast brought this pleasant evening to an agreeable termination.

GLASGOW.—*The St. Mungo Encampment* had their usual monthly meeting on June 16th. There was a large assemblage of the Knights present on the dais, the M.N.C., R. Bell; B. Butler, P.C.; Capt. Shanks, 18° P.E.C.; G. W. Wheeler, R; and J. Chalmers, M.D. The first business was, conferring the honour of Knighthood upon J. Chalmers, M.D. Further arrangements were then made for the reception of the American Fraters. The whole of the Sir Knights present appeared in the new clothing supplied by Sir Knt. Kenning, with which they were so well pleased, that they ordered an additional twenty, so as to be able to supply all the members who may wish to appear in the City Hall on the 27th. The case of the widow of a deceased Knight was brought before the Encampment, and her immediate necessities relieved by a small grant, and the Encampment closed in peace and harmony.

SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY.—A weekly contemporary states that Bro. Edwin Lillifant, public accountant, has been appointed auditor to the above company. The name should be Sillifant.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

Some few months ago there was a very general opinion prevalent among the Mark Brethren of the Province, that a proper time had arrived when a new Mark Master Masons' Lodge might with propriety be formed for the brethren at Yeovil, accordingly as time advanced this feeling became so popular in the district, that it was at length determined to put this expressed wish of the brethren into a practical form, by presenting a petition to the M.W.G.M.M.M., Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, praying for a warrant of constitution to open a new Mark Lodge at Yeovil, under the title of "William-de-Irwin" Lodge so named as a just compliment to the very W. Deputy P.G. Mark Master, Bro. Capt. F. G. Irwin, of the affectionate admiration of his many striking virtues as a just and upright man and true Mason, whose courteous manner, and willingness at all times to serve a brother or friend, have endeared him to all, whose privilege it is to know him. The M.W.G.M.M.M., responded to the petition by at once issuing his warrant and the R. W. the Prov. G. M.M. Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, fixed Thursday, June 12th, for the consecration of the William-de Irwin Mark Lodge No. 162 on the roll of the G. M. Lodge of England. His lordship honoured the promoters of this new lodge by holding at the same place and on the same day his annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, accordingly a very numerous assemblage of Grand Officers, Prov. Grand Officers, and other Mark brethren of the province, who were anxious to testify the high esteem in which they held his Lordship, mustered in strong numbers. His lordship's many public duties preventing him being present, the day's programme was efficiently carried out by the respected Deputy Prov. G. M.M.M., Bro. Capt. Irwin.

Shortly after high twelve the V.W.D.P.G.M., accompanied by the Prov. Grand Mark Officers, entered the lodge room in procession, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened in solemn form.

There were present, Bro. Capt. F.G. Irwin, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Major General Gore Boland Munbee (F.P.) P.M. 102, and P. Prov. S. G. Mark Warden of Somerset; F. Vizard, P.M., Prov. S.G. Mark Warden; W. S. Gillard, P.M., Prov. Grand Senior Mark Warden R. C. Else, W.M. of Lodge 156, Prov. G.M.O.; W. H. Davies, Prov. G.S.O.; Benjamin Cox, W.M. designate of Mark Lodge 162, Prov. G. Secretary; A. W. Butter, W.M. elect of Mark Lodge 128, Prov. S.G. Deacon; S. Jones, S.W. of Lodge 102, Prov. J.G. Deacon; B. Atwell, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; W. L. Gaskell, Prov. G. Organist; J. Fry, Prov. G. Steward; Himbury, and Skinner, P.G. Tylers; Bros. A. W. Scott, P.M. and Grand Steward, Grand Mark Lodge; Edmund White, P.M.; E. Earle, Thomas Sherring, the Rev. M. Shackleton, J. B. Colthurst, R. G. Long, Wm. Munro, R. S. Chant, D. Belfield, John Chaffin, Wilton Proors, Thos. H. Holroyd, H. Amor, Commander T. Townshend, J. H. Ryall, G. F. Tuckey, J. Skinner, J. J. Himbury, T. W. Male, and many other brethren.

The first business was the confirmation of the minutes of the previous lodge meeting, after which, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. T. Payne, Prov. Grand Mark Treasurer, the Prov. G. Secretary read the annual financial report, which had been audited and found correct.

In accordance with article 55, Grand Mark Lodge Constitutions, which provides that the M.W.G.M. and Prov. Grand Mark Masters shall be elected every three years, the Right Hon the Earl of Carnarvon's present term of office as Prov. Grand Mark Master of the province of Somerset, will expire at the next annual meeting. It was proposed by the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, and seconded by the Prov. S. Grand Mark Warden, that the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, present Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Mark Master for the province of Somerset, be nominated (in accordance with article 55, Grand Mark Lodge Constitutions), as the Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason, for the year 1874-5-and-6, and that the Right Worshipful Brother be earnestly requested to continue to

preside over the Mark Master's degree in this province. On the motion being put to the meeting it was carried by acclamation.

The next motion was then made by the V.W.D.P.G.M. Master, and seconded by the Prov Grand Junior Warden. "That a Charity Fund be established in connection with the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Somerset, and that a committee be appointed for working out the details, the maximum of each yearly subscription to be ten shillings." This resolution was carried unanimously.

It was then proposed by the M.W.D.P.G.M.M. and seconded and duly carried, that the Provincial Board for working out the details of the previous resolution, should consist of the V.W.D.P.G.M. Master, the P.G. Secretary, and Bro. W. H. Davies, assisted by the W. Masters and Past Masters of the Mark Lodges in the province.

The V.W.D.P.G.M. Master proposed, and Bro. Major General Munbee, acting Deputy P.G. Mark Master, seconded, the re-election of Bro. E. T. Payne as Prov. G. Mark Treasurer for the ensuing year 1873-4, and the same was unanimously carried.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren to Prov. Grand Office, (such officers having been previously approved of by the Right Worshipful the Prov. G. Mark Master) Wor. Bros. B. Cox, (G. Steward) Prov. S.G. Mark Warden; Richard Charles Else, (W.M. 155) Prov. J.G. Mark Warden; Edmund White, (P.M.) Prov. G. Mark Master Overseer; A. W. Scott, (P.M. and G. Steward) Prov. G. Mark Senior Overseer; Sidney Jones, Prov. G. Mark Junior Overseer; Rev. M. Shackleton, (Vicar of Wincanton) Prov. G. Mark Chaplain; E. T. Payne, (Past G. Deacon) Prov. G. Mark Treasurer; Benjamin Atwell, (P.M.) Prov. G. Mark Registrar of Marks; A. W. Butler, Prov. G. Mark Secretary; G. F. Tuckey, Prov. G. Mark Assistant Secretary; H. Amor, Prov. G. S. Deacon, J. D. Colthurst, Prov. G. J. Deacon; J. A. Clerk, Prov. G. Inspector of Works; T. H. Holroyd, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; Wm. Munro, Prov. G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies; Dr. Hodges, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; R. G. Long, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; W. L. Gaskell, Prov. G. Organist; R. S. Chant, Prov. G. Inner Guard; E. E. Earle, D. Belfield and T. Stokes, Prov. G. Steward; John Himbury, Prov. G. Tyler. By the especial permission of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Mark Master. Bro. E. T. Inskip had conferred upon him the rank of Past P.G. Junior Mark Warden and Bro. Commander J. Townsend, the rank of Past Prov. Grand Master Overseer.

After a few other preliminary arrangements had been made, the consecration of the William-de-Irwin Lodge was then proceeded with, the brethren of the new lodge being present were arranged in order and having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant in Masonic form, the Rev. Chaplain, Bro. Matthew Shackleton, (Vicar of Wincanton) offered up prayer to the G.A.O.T.U. Other preliminaries being over, three Prov. Grand Officers carried the cornucopia, wine, and oil, in ancient form, solemn music being performed during the ceremony, Bro. Major Gen. Gore Boland Munbee P.M., P. Prov. S.G. Mark Warden, scattering the corn of nourishment, Bro. W. S. Gillard, P.M., P. Prov. J.G. Mark Warden, and Grand Steward of Grand Mark Lodge, sprinkling the wine of refreshment, and Bro. Benjamin Cox, P.M., Prov. S. G. Mark Warden, and Grand Steward of Grand Mark Lodge, pouring the oil of joy, these elements are to Masons, symbolic of the many gifts and blessings for which we are indebted to the bounty of the G.A.O.T.U. for the first is emblematic in Masonic symbolism, of health, the second of plenty, and the third of peace. The lodge being now solemnly consecrated "to the honour of God's glory," the V.W.D.P.G. Mark Master, Bro. Capt. Irwin, Past Grand Master Overseer, dedicated it to the holy patron of our order, in proper form and declared the "William-de-Irwin" Mark Lodge No. 162, duly constituted. Bro. Capt. Irwin then proceeded with the installation. Bro. Benjamin Cox, the W.M. designate, was presented by Bro. W.S. Gillard, P.M., and being required to signify his assent to certain proposi-

tions, which contain as it were, the Masonic confession of faith, he received the benefit of installation at the hand of the V.W.D.P.G.M., in the presence of a large board of Installed Masters, Bro. Irwin, thus addressing the W.M.—Worshipful Sir, I now place in your hand this mallet, it has for a long time been the symbol of authority over the brethren, as the chisel demonstrates to us the advantage of discipline, and the mallet, when applied to it, lops off excrescences and smooths surfaces, we are thus taught to correct irregularities, and reduce man to a proper level; so that, by quiet deportment, he may in the school of discipline, learn to be content. What the mallet is to the workman, enlightened reason is to the passions; it curbs ambition, represses envy, moderates anger, and checks every rising faculty. I have now to wish you happiness and prosperity, and pray the G.A.O.T.U., of His infinite mercy and goodness, to guide and direct you in all your actions, and to preserve you from any breach of the duties of the high office to which you have been called. The new Master was then placed in the chair of Adoniram and the board of Installed Masters closed. This being done the other brethren were admitted, and Bro. Cox, the W.M., received the usual salutations, as in all past time Masons in his position have done, after which he appointed Bro. W. S. Gillard as the I.P.M.; Bro. John Howe Tarley, S.W.; Bro. John Chaffin, J.W.; and Bro. R. S. Chant, Secretary, (reserving the other appointment for a Lodge of Emergency), the W.M. then resigned the gavel to the V.W.D.P.G.M.M., and no further business being proposed the Prov. G. Mark Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the inaugural banquet. This was served up at the three Chough's Hotel, and reflected the highest credit on the catering abilities of Bro. Sharland, (the proprietor) most of the brethren who had attended Prov. G. Lodge and witnessed the ceremony of consecration and installation sat down to the banquet, under the presidency of the Deputy Prov. Mark Master, Bro. Capt. Irwin, who was supported immediately on his right by Bro. Major General Munbee, P. Prov. S.G. Mark W.; B. Cox, W.M. 162, Prov. G.S.W. and G. Steward; Commander J. Townshend, P. Prov. G.M.O.; W. S. Gillard, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W. and Grand Steward; A. W. Scott, P.M., Prov. G.S.O. and Grand Steward; R. C. Else, W.M. Mark Lodge 155, Prov. G. Junior Warden, and on his left were the Rev. the Prov. Grand Chaplain; Shackleton E. White, P.M. and Prov. G.M.O.; W. H. Davies, P. Prov. G.S.O.; F. Vizard, P.M. and P. Prov. S.G.W.; S. Jones, Prov. G.J.O.; Dr. Earle, Prov. G. Steward, and other brethren of distinction.

We regret that we are unable to give more than a bare outline of the list of toasts which comprised "The Queen." "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "The W.W.G.M.M., Bro. the Earl of Percy," "The P.M.W.G.M.M., Bro. Portal," "The D.G.M.M., and officers of Grand Mark Lodge." This toast was responded to by the W.M., Bro. Cox, Bros. Gillard and Scott, Grand Stewards of the Grand Lodge of England. The D.P.G.M. then gave the next toast, which was that of "The Rt. W. Prov. G.M.M., Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, (Past M.W.G.M.M.)" his lordship's name is a household word in the province over which he rules, ever ready, cheerfully to extend the right hand of fraternal affection to a brother in distress, zealously promoting at all times the prosperity of Masonry in general, he is of a singular merit in the eyes of his brethren, his large-hearted benevolence has endeared him to his brethren of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of Masonic brotherhood. His lordship's name, the mere sound of which is as music to thousands of Masons, not only in the province of Somerset, but throughout England. The next toast was that of Bro. Capt. Irwin, D.P.G. Mark Master, given by Bro. Munbee, in a most elaborate speech, and responded to by Bro. Irwin, in his usual complimentary way, expressing his thanks to the brethren for the honour they had done him. "The health of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," was then responded to by Bro. Major General Munbee, P. Prov. G.W.

The V.W. D.P.G.M.M. said:—Brethren, I now

propose a toast to which I beg your earnest attention, and in which I am sure you will join with the utmost cordiality, it is "The health of the Newly Installed Master, Bro. Cox." I can assure you it is a toast which deserves your approbation, and in asking you to unite with me in drinking his health, I will express my greatest personal obligation to him, for on every occasion when I have required his assistance, he has been most ready to give it to me. He is one who really has the interest and the prosperity of Masonry at heart, and who has undertaken many arduous duties for years past. I initiated into Masonry, and have conferred upon him all the other degrees which he has received; he is a Royal Arch, member of the A. and A. Rite, Red Cross Knight, K.H.S. grade in Rosicrucianism, Knight of the Black Eagle, and a Cryptic Mason, indeed the degrees which he has received are so numerous that I can hardly name them, yet notwithstanding, he has worked zealously for the Craft and Mark degrees, and has given me kind and cordial assistance. It is therefore with great pleasure that I ask you to drink the health of Bro. Cox, the W.M. of the William-de-Irwin, Mark Lodge No. 162. Bro. Cox, who was warmly received, returned thanks, and spoke very much to the point, assuring the brethren that it should be his constant aim and earnest endeavour to fulfil the duties entrusted to his care, and with the able advice and assistance of their esteemed Bro. Gillard, the I.P.M., and that of his other officers, he would endeavour to carry on the work, the foundation of which had been laid that day, so as to raise a Masonic Mark Temple at Yeovil, which he hoped would meet with the approbation of the Right Worshipful the Prov. Mark Master and his excellent Deputy. As regards the Rainbow Ark Lodge, attached to the William-de-Irwin Mark Lodge, and which had been floated that day, it would be their duty sometimes to unmoor it, so that they may receive on board such like Master Masons as might wish to see its interior beauty, and partake of the mysteries of their Craft, yet it behoves them ever to keep in mind a due selection of the quality of the cargo, otherwise it may cause the Ark to sink. Beyond all other duties, the first and foremost should be to seek the aid of the Supreme Grand Commander of the Universe to guide us in all our undertakings, to enable us to steer the Ark safely through the stormy billows of this life, so that when we arrive at the final port of our destination, we may be considered a fitting cargo, to be received into the blessed haven of rest. (Applause).

The rest of the programme was gone through, and the Tyler's Toast brought a happy evening to a close.

PRESENTATION AT STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Monday evening the 16th there was an interesting gathering in the Reading-room of the Freemasons' Club, at Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton, when a considerable number of the members assembled to present to the club a portrait of Bro. John Hunton, P.M., the president of the club, as a mark of esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and as an evidence of their appreciation of the services he has rendered to the club, and the warm interest he has evinced in its welfare. The proceedings were opened by Bro. J. H. Jackson, P.M., calling upon Bro. W. J. Watson to make the presentation. In doing so he referred at some length to the indebtedness of the club to the exertions and interest manifested by Bro. Hunton, and to the kindly fraternal feelings which had prompted that proof of their high regard for him. The portrait, which had been executed by Mr. Hopwood of Middlesbrough, was enclosed in a neat gilt frame, and was a very good likeness. Bro. Hunton returned thanks for the honour done to him in a very appropriate manner. The portrait was then suspended in the club-room, amid the hearty applause of the company.

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GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

The ninetieth annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York was opened at the Grand Lodge-room, Masonic Temple, corner of Twenty-third-street, and Sixth-avenue, on Tuesday, 3rd inst. The representatives of several Grand Lodges, and delegates from at least six hundred and fifty subordinate lodges were present.

The Grand Marshal, R.W. Bro. Charles Roome formed the Grand Officers, according to rank, in the Grand Secretary's office, and the procession moved up the main aisle, Bro. William Keating's band playing, in magnificent style, the "Coronation March," from Mendelssohn, receiving at its close deserved applause.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form, and with prayer by the Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker, Grand Chaplain, a select chorus from New and Brooklyn Lodges, under the lead of W. Bro. William F. Sherwin, P.M. of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, Grand Musical Director, singing in exquisite style, the ode, "Hail! Brother Mason, Hail."

The Most Wor. the Grand Master then delivered the following address:—

Officers and Representatives:—In conformity to a time-honoured custom, and obedient to a provision of the Constitution, we are again convened in annual communication, to deliberate upon questions of moment concerning the government of the Craft of this jurisdiction.

The auspicious event which characterises our present meeting marks a new era in the history of this Grand Lodge, now for the first time duly assembled within an edifice wholly the property of the brethren who compose its widely extended and influential jurisdiction, and, though the building is uncompleted, they regard it with pride, and justly esteem it the harbinger of the accomplishment of an undertaking dear to their hearts. Their zealous labour in the past has furnished the Grand Lodge a seat of government whence its laws will be promulgated and its judgements pronounced, and where its archives will be securely preserved to their posterity. And they will yet, in compliance with the original plan, build the Asylum—a refuge for the aged and indigent, and the widows and orphans dependent on them for protection and support. That work may be hindered and impeded by indifference and local prejudice, but their efforts will surmount all difficulties, and time, silent but inevitable, yet observant, will witness the consummation of the Hall and Asylum, projected generations since by the Grand Lodge of New York, when she will rank the first among her equals for benevolence and charity.

The warmth of your friendly and brotherly greetings, the mutual congratulations of the hour and the interest of the occasion, inspire a unity of action in respect to the matters that will be presented for your consideration, unusual to so large a body, and induce the hope that harmony will be the guide to word and deed.

The several lodges to which warrants were granted at the last Annual Communication, were duly constituted, and their officers installed either by the Deputy Grand Master or myself, or by virtue of special dispensations issued for the purpose.

Constellation Lodge, No. 404, to which the original warrant was restored, was recognised and its officers elected and installed under the supervision of R. W. William A. Brodie, District Deputy for the Nineteenth District—some questions growing out of the peculiar condition of its membership requiring official interposition.

In the matter of the petition of Bro. James R. Golding, praying the Grand Lodge to terminate the sentence of indefinite suspension inflicted by Pacific Lodge, No. 233, which was referred to the Grand Master with power, I found the facts to be as stated in the report of the Committee on Grievances, submitted at the last Annual Communication, and agreeing with the conclusions of that Committee in respect to the punishment inflicted, and the promise of future good behaviour on the part of the petitioner, I addressed a letter to his lodge, recommending his

restoration, which recommendation was complied with.

The relation of non-intercourse heretofore established between ourselves and the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg still continues, neither of those bodies having retraced its steps respecting its unwarranted interference with our own and other Grand Lodge jurisdictions of this country. Our relations with other Grand Lodges of the world, recognised as legitimate governing bodies in Masonry, are of the most peaceful and fraternal character.

The usual variety of questions of law and privilege have been submitted for decision, and in their consideration I have kept steadily in view the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and rendered decisions accordingly; indeed, the field of Masonic law has been so thoroughly cultivated by my predecessors, that I found no occasion to propagate new theories or principles of law or practice.

During the year, seventeen new lodges were organised, under dispensations issued for the purpose, twelve having been granted by the Deputy Grand Master, and five by myself. The report of the Grand Secretary will show the order in which they are granted, and the location of the several lodges organised pursuant thereto.

The district deputies of the districts in which the new lodges are located, have submitted special reports in regard to them, by which it appears that all have complied with the regulations of the Grand Lodge respecting lodges U.D., and their applications for warrants are recommended to the favourable consideration of the Grand Lodge.

A sense of duty has constrained me to refuse to grant five applications for authority to form new lodges, although the papers presented were in due form, and the petitions properly recommended. The considerations which induced me to deny the applications were briefly these: The territory sought to be occupied was already supplied with a sufficient number of lodges; warranted lodges, weakened by dissensions growing out of the attempt to organise others, were likely to be materially injured, and their existence imperilled, by the establishment of another lodge in the immediate vicinity; or, if organised, there was a lack of good material to sustain a lodge properly beyond the first few months of its existence. For similar reasons, I have felt at liberty to discourage efforts to organise new lodges in several localities, and with gratifying success.

Dispensations to confer the Master's degree in less time than the Constitution provides, have been granted, in some instances, by the Deputy Grand Master. Applications to myself have been frequent, but denied in all cases, with one exception, and that was granted early in my term, and in consideration of the fact that the requisite time had nearly expired. In declining to grant the requests, I have endeavoured to dissipate the impression which prevails that the mere payment of the required fee was all that was necessary to dispense with the law regulating the conferring of the Master's degree, but that good and sufficient cause must exist to warrant the exercise of the dispensing power.

Two applications were presented for dispensations to confer all the degrees at one and the same time, and numerous requests preferred for permission to initiate persons physically disqualified; the former were denied, and the latter, which I had no power to grant, were dismissed with an intimation that a landmark of the fraternity absolutely forbade the practice.

The investigation of a number of appeals brought to me from the action of lodges in trials for alleged offences satisfied me that the brethren charged with their commission were improperly convicted, and punishments inflicted without just cause, and in each case the action of the lodge was reversed. It ought to be well understood, by this time, that no Mason can be unlawfully convicted on insufficient testimony, nor be tried by commissioners manifestly unfriendly to him; and that the extreme penalty of Masonic law, for comparatively trivial offences, will be set aside.

Death has not been wholly unmindful of those

high in authority elsewhere, or hitherto officially connected with this Grand Lodge. M.W. Gustavus Warnatz, Grand Master of Masons in the kingdom of Saxony, was stricken with apoplexy, and died suddenly at Berlin, on the 18th day of May, 1872, soon after his arrival there to attend the Constitutional Convention of the German Grand Lodge League, appointed to meet a few days afterwards. Bro. Warnatz was born at Kamentz, in Saxony, February 27th, 1810, and was a physician by profession. In civil life he was counsellor and medical member of the Provincial Government at Dresden. He was made a Mason in 1859, initiated in the Lodge of the Golden Apple at Dresden, and in 1866 he was elevated to the Grand Mastership. He was an enlightened and zealous Mason, prominent in the counsels of the Craft, and his death was severely felt, not only by the Grand Lodge of Saxony, but by the fraternity of Germany.

R.W. William Wagner, for many years connected with this Grand Lodge in various relations, died at his residence, near New York city, on the 30th May, 1872. He was born at Fuerstenberg, Germany, in 1804. He received the degrees of symbolic Masonry in German Union Lodge, No. 54, in 1835, with which he ever afterwards continued his membership. He was Master of that lodge in 1843 and 1850, and was for several years an officer of the Grand Steward's Lodge prior to the abolition of that body; and in 1846 was accredited to this Grand Lodge as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, and as such was well and favourably known to his brethren. His services as its representative near this Grand body were highly appreciated by the Grand Lodge of Saxony, and the utmost confidence was reposed in his discretion and ability. His death was sincerely mourned by his friends, and sundered his relation as the Representative of a Foreign Grand Lodge with which we are on terms of the most friendly nature.

In March last the sad intelligence of the death of R. W. Edward Barnett, representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was officially communicated to the Grand Secretary. His death occurred at New Orleans, his place of residence, on the first of that month. He was born in New Orleans, March 15th, 1815, and from his long continued residence and upright character was well and favourably known to his fellow citizens. He was made a Mason about the year 1846, and subsequently became connected with the various bodies of the different Masonic rites, and ever had the love and respect of his brethren. He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for two years, and in 1865 was elected Deputy Grand Master, in which positions he rendered faithful and able service to the Grand Lodge.

R. W. Charles B. Wade, one of the Grand Stewards, died at his home at Walton, on the 10th day of May last, after a brief illness—his health, however, was impaired for several years past. The late hour at which I learned of the said event, and the want of sufficient data respecting his personal and Masonic history, prevents a proper reference to it. He held the office of District Deputy under Grand Masters Gibson and Anthon, and acquitted himself in that capacity with marked success. My personal acquaintance with the deceased was limited to a casual intercourse in Grand Lodge and Chapter, and yet I came to esteem him for his manly character, modest demeanor, and amiable disposition; he seemed always ready to do an act of kindness, and his heart filled with love for his brethren. His death was indeed untimely, and his brethren mourn his loss with sincere sorrow.

The demand for the public ceremonies of the fraternity has been frequent and generally permitted; and I am gratified in being able to report that the solemn and impressive rites of the fraternity with their attendant festivities were in every case properly conducted, and with beneficial results to the Craft.

On the 24th of June, on the invitation of commissioners, the corner-stone of the City and County Hall, in accordance with the City of Buffalo and County of Erie, was laid

at Buffalo, with the usual ceremonies, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience.

July 4th, R. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, Deputy Grand Master, laid the corner stone of the Soldier's Monument at Sing Sing.

On the 11th of July, R. W. John C. Boak, District Deputy for the Second District, acting under a dispensation issued by the Deputy Grand Master dedicated the fine hall erected by Wawarsing Lodge, No. 582, at Ellenville.

August 16th, the new and commodious hall of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 694, at East Aurora, was dedicated with appropriate ceremony.

September 10th, the rooms of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 273, in the City of New York, were solemnly dedicated by R. W. Ellwood B. Thorne, Deputy Grand Master.

On the 18th of September, at the request of the Board of Managers, the corner stone of the Buffalo State Asylum for the Insane, was held at Buffalo, in the presence of the chief magistrate, and other officials of the State Government and a large concourse of citizens.

October 4th, at high twelve, R. W. Elwood E. Thorne, Deputy Grand Master, officiated at the ceremony of placing the capstone of the Masonic Hall in the city of New York, in proper position. The local officers of the Grand Lodge, and many brethren were present, and participated in the exercises, which were of a very interesting character.

On the 10th November, R. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, Deputy Grand Master, in the presence of a large body of Masons and other citizens, dedicated and consecrated with solemn service the Burial Plot of the "Masonic Board of Relief of Williamsburgh," at Cypress Hill Cemetery.

November 14th, the new and elegant apartments designed for the use of the Craft of the city of Rochester, were appropriately dedicated to the purposes of Masonry.

Of the 6th December, R. W. George J. Gardner, District Deputy for the Sixteenth District dedicated a new hall suitably fitted up for the use of Centerville Lodge No. 648, at Centerville.

December 12th the new and beautiful hall of Oneida Lodge, No. 70, at Oneida, was dedicated with the usual ceremony.

On the 22nd of January, R. W. Norman Z. Baker, District Deputy for the Tenth District, dedicated the new and fine hall of Montgomery Lodge, No. 504, at Stilwater.

On the same day, R. W. and Rev. John G. Webster, Grand Chaplain, in the unavoidable absence of the District Deputy, and acting under my dispensation, dedicated a new hall for the use of Weedsport Lodge, No. 825, at Weedsport.

May 21, R. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, Deputy Grand Master, dedicated Euclid Lodge Rooms, at Stella Hall, in the city of Brooklyn.

May 28th, at the invitation of proper authority, the corner-stone of the new City Hall in the City of Rochester, was laid with the solemn and impressive ceremonies of Masonry. The large attendance of brethren and citizens attested the great interest in the proceedings.

On the 29th of May, the new and fine hall of Evans Lodge, No. 261, at Angola, was dedicated with the prescribed ceremonies of the Craft.

In March, 1872, complaint was preferred to my predecessor, through the Grand Master of Masons of the State of Pennsylvania, against Hancock Lodge, No. 552, for alleged violation of the jurisdictional rights of Freedom Lodge, No. 328, in the initiation of certain persons residing in the State of Pennsylvania, and within the jurisdiction of the said Freedom Lodge. The complaint was referred to the District Deputy for the Eighth District for investigation, who reported, "after careful search had been made, he was satisfied that Hancock Lodge was not at fault," and the report was forwarded to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania. That report, however, was not satisfactory to Freedom Lodge, and in July last, the complaint was renewed, with a demand for all moneys received by Hancock Lodge for the initiation of the persons named in the complaint.

An investigation of the alleged irregularity on

the part of Hancock Lodge, convinced me that it was in fault, and had not only violated the jurisdiction of Freedom Lodge, but also a regulation of the Grand Lodge. It appeared, however, that the offence was committed inadvertently, the officers at that time leading the lodge to suppose that it had permission from the neighbouring lodges in Pennsylvania to confer the degrees on persons residing nearer to it than to their own respective lodges. The consideration of that fact, and the disposition manifested by the present officers of Hancock Lodge to meet the question fairly, induced me to treat the lodge with some degree of lenience; it was, therefore, only required to pay over all moneys received by it for the acts complained of, and the requisition was promptly complied with, and the money was forwarded to the authorities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for transmission to Freedom Lodge. The Grand Master, R. W. Samuel C. Perkins, while acknowledging the care and investigation of the matter in question, and fully appreciating the necessity of the infliction of some punishment upon the lodge for the violation of a regulation of the Grand Lodge, and of the Masonic courtesy due between sister jurisdictions, expressed his satisfaction that punishment had been inflicted on the offending lodge, but declined to receive the money, and returned the same, as it is not in accordance with the views and practises of that jurisdiction to regard the offence as a pecuniary wrong to be compensated by a return of the moneys received. It remains, therefore, with the Grand Lodge to make such disposition of it as may be deemed proper.

On the 14th of September last I received from M. W. Dewitt C. Cregier, Grand Master of Masons of Illinois, and chairman of the late Board of Masonic Relief of the City of Chicago, the sum of 3,404.17 dols., which was awarded this Grand Lodge on the dissolution of the Board, from the surplus of funds contributed by the fraternity in aid of their brethren of that city, rendered destitute by reason of the great conflagration of October, 1871. From the very kind and fraternal letter which accompanied the donation, I extract the following in explanation of the action referred to:—

"In addition to the disbursements by the Board, the several lodges were apportioned an amount of the surplus funds, in order to enable them to meet the demands referred to. This arrangement left a considerable amount of funds unexpended. Believing that we have carried out the instructions of the generous donors, it has been deemed proper to return *pro rata* the surplus funds. It would be impossible to make this return to each lodge; indeed, such an amount would be quite insignificant. Hence the amount due to each state has been aggregated, and, in your case, is for the benefit of your 'Hall and Asylum Fund,' or such other use as the Grand Lodge may apply it."

The expressed wish of the M. W. brother was partly complied with in the payment of the money to the Treasurer of the Hall and Asylum Fund, subject to such other disposition as the Grand Lodge may direct.

The money contributed by the Masons of this state was given to their brethren of Chicago in their hour of distress, with no wish or expectation that any portion of it was to be returned, and with no desire to enquire as to its disposition. Under these circumstances it seems proper, whether we regard the return of the money as a donation to the Hall and Asylum Fund, or as a contribution to the funds of Grand Lodge, that special action should be taken in recognition of this practical exemplification of an integrity inculcated by the teachings of Masonry, and a suitable acknowledgment of the liberality of the Masons of the city of Chicago.

In the month of October last, charges were preferred to me by the Wardens of Wildwood Lodge, No. 477, against David McKee, Master of the said lodge, for an offence of a serious nature. I immediately suspended him from office, and directed him to deliver the warrant of his lodge and the jewel of his station to the Senior Warden, which order was promptly complied with. The charges were referred to W. Alfred K. Jepson, Master of Governor Lodge, No. 217; W. E. G. Seymour, Master of

Hermion Lodge, No. 500; and W. Hiram Bartlett, Master of Russell Lodge, No. 566, who were appointed commissioners to hear and determine the said charges. The trial was heard, and the accused found guilty, and suspended from all the rights and privileges of the fraternity.

October 15th.—Permission was given Pulteneyville Lodge, No. 159, to remove from Pulteneyville to Williamson, in the same township; but as such removal affected the jurisdiction of other lodges, the consent was granted to subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge at its annual communication.

The most important subject that will engage your attention at this annual communication is that of the proposed revision of the Constitution which has been under consideration for the past two years. The question has excited a very general feeling of disappointment which will prevail if the Grand Lodge shall not at this time take some decided action in reference to it.

On the 12th of December last, the committee composed of delegates duly elected from the several Masonic districts, pursuant to the resolution adopted last year, and comprising many brethren specially adapted for that work, convened at Syracuse, to consider the proposed revised Constitution submitted at the last annual communication, and referred to it by Grand Lodge. Their meeting extended over a period of four days, and resulted in the report that has been distributed to the lodges in accordance with the terms of the resolution referred to. The proposed Constitution, as revised by that committee, is submitted with the hope that in the main it will be found well adapted to the wants of the Fraternity, and that whatever imperfections may be discovered in it your wisdom will correct.

The one great need of Fraternity of this State, perhaps the largest body of Masons in the world, is a code of laws, as comprehensive as the wants and diversified interests of the Craft demand, as concise as the nature of the subjects of which it treats will admit, consistent with the accepted landmarks and usages of the Fraternity and expressed so plainly that no one need err in the interpretation of its provisions; and I feel confident that temperate, discreet and just action on your part will secure these results.

On the 23rd of December last, I appointed R. W. and Rev. John G. Luke, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, the Representative of this Grand Lodge near that Grand Body, feeling assured that no effort will be omitted on his part to secure a continuance of the friendly relations which have always existed between that Grand Lodge and our own.

Complaints were forwarded to me in March last by Ancient City Lodge, No. 452, against Blackford Lodge No. 106, of the jurisdiction of Indiana, and by Phillipstown Lodge, No. 236, against Bedford Lodge No. 320, of the State of Pennsylvania, for initiating persons rejected in those lodges. The complaints were promptly transmitted to the Grand Masters of those States respectively, and measures taken by them to investigate the complaints, but the results of their investigations have not yet been communicated to me.

On the 12th of April I issued a dispensation to the Master, Wardens, and brethren of Seneca River Lodge, No. 160, located at Baldwinsville, to enable them to maintain its organization, transact its business and conduct its work, with authority to hold its communications in Odd Fellows Hall, in that village, until this time—its room, furniture and warrant having been destroyed by fire. The lodge will make application for a duplicate of the warrant destroyed, and I recommend that it be granted without fee.

The condition of the Hall and Asylum Fund will be presented in the report of its Trustees, which will be submitted to you in accordance with their usual custom, and I respectfully but earnestly invite a thoughtful consideration of its details. The trustees were hopeful, at the commencement of the official year, that they would be able to present to you at this time the building in which the Grand Lodge is now assembled, completed in all its strength and beauty, and they have laboured earnestly to that end; but the need of money has so far interfered with their

plans, that they are compelled to present, instead, an uncompleted structure. The sale of the bonds issued by the trustees for the purpose of raising money to prosecute the work on the building, has been limited to a small amount, owing to causes readily explained, and the contributions to the fund have been neither large nor frequent; and, in order to continue the work, the trustees were compelled to borrow money, and thus add a considerable amount to the debt previously reported, and they now appeal to you with confidence for such action as will tend to strengthen their funds and materially assist them to complete the building at the earliest moment.

In December last an appeal was made to the Fraternity throughout the State for aid in behalf of the Fund; but I regret to say that generally the appeal was not met with that spirit of liberality which was hoped for; in some parts of the jurisdiction, however, the responses were noble and generous. Soon after the close of the last annual communication, brethren representing lodges in the city of New York organised themselves into an Executive Committee, with the Deputy Grand Master as Chairman, for the purpose of holding a fair for the benefit of the Hall and Asylum Fund. Interesting the ladies in the project, they laboured dilligently for months to complete the necessary arrangements for holding the festival, which was formally opened on the 13th of March, and continued for a period of four weeks, resulting in an addition to the fund of nearly forty thousand dollars. The brethren and their ladies, who were interested in the good work of promoting the highest and best interests of the Fraternity, deserve richest guerdon for their unwearied exertions in that behalf; their reward is the consciousness of having aided a praiseworthy object in its greatest time of need. Their example is commended to the Craft everywhere in the jurisdiction.

My thanks are due and are heartily tendered to my associates of the Grand Officers and the District Deputies, for their uniform kindness and strict attention to their official duties. The Grand Secretary has placed me under renewed obligations for timely and valuable assistance in the discharge of my duties, and our official intercourse enables me to testify from personal knowledge of the value of his services to the Grand Lodge. To my brethren generally throughout the jurisdiction I tender heartfelt thanks for their many acts of kindness and courtesy.

In conclusion, brethren, permit me to remind you that the grave responsibilities which rest upon us as the representatives of the fraternity and the importance of the interests committed to our hands should make us earnest and faithful in the discharge of the duties which devolve upon us, to the end that the dignity of the institution may be preserved and its power for good increased. We have united in asking the Divine blessing on our labours—may its influence guide us aright in our intercourse at this time, that harmony may prevail in our counsels, and integrity of purpose and action be the aim of our endeavours.

On motion, the address was referred to a special committee of the three, for the purpose of subdividing its several parts, and referring its various subjects to appropriate committees.

The R. W. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary, presented his report, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Finance Committee. From it we make the following synopsis:

Amount received, 61,488.51 dols., as follows: Dues, 59,363 dols.; dispensations and warrants, 1,540 dols.; degrees, 110 dols.; certificates, &c., 453 dols.; from other sources, 25 dols. Nine lodges were granted warrants last year, and were numbered from 714 to 722, and one lodge, Constellation, No. 404, had its warrant restored.

The following lodges were granted dispensations during the year:—Rockland, Nyack, Rockland county; Ancient, New York city; Southern Light, Bureport, Chemung county; Cautious, Georgetown, Modena; Charity and Alma, New York city; Anchor, College Point, Queens; Sunnyside, Castleton, Rensselaer; Ezel, Brooklyn; Bethel, New York city; New Hope, Schenectady, Schenectady; Veritas and

Uhland, New York city; Nepperham, Yonkers, Westchester; Guttenberg, Albany; Mizpah, Newton, Queens; and Radiant, New York city.

Six hundred and thirty-five lodges have made returns. There were 5,690 initiations and 925 affiliations during the year—total, 6,615. Dimitted, 1,781; expelled, 54; suspended, 32; stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, 2,403; restored to membership, 397; died, 806. Total number of Masons in the State, 79,079. Washington Heights Lodge, No. 530, surrendered its warrant, leaving 665 warranted lodges. Eleven lodges were incorporated during the year.

M. W. John W. Simons, Grand Treasurer, presented his annual report, showing receipts of moneys during the past year amounting to 64,886.69 dols., and expenditures of 58,646.84 dols., leaving a balance paid over to Hall and Asylum Fund of 2,269.85 dols. On account of the current year, the sum of 28,162.12 dols. has been thus far received.

R. W. James M. Austin presented the report of the Hall and Asylum Fund, showing receipts during the year, from all sources, to have been 167,386.72 dols., all of which has been expended except a balance of 18,101 dols. About one-quarter of this amount has been raised from the sale of bonds, and the remainder from private donations, lodge subscriptions, and from the Masonic Fair held a few weeks since, 41,005.85 dols. By the personal exertion of the R. W. Isaac H. Crown, of Puritan Lodge, of this city, since the building of the hall was begun, the sum of 3,500 dols. has been collected. For the six lots on which the new temple stands, 340,000 dols. were originally paid, and 479,237 dols. have been expended thus far in construction. The indebtedness on the building is 271,000 dols., viz., 70,000 dols. in loans from trust companies, and 201,000 dols. for bonds sold.

The Grand Master then appointed the standing committees.

The time for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was fixed for Thursday, at two o'clock.

M. W. John L. Lewis, in behalf of the Constitutional Convention, presented a copy of the constitution prepared. On motion, a select committee, consisting of M. W. Past Grand Master Lewis, M. W. James Gibson, and W. M. John W. Simons, was appointed, to which various amendments proposed should be submitted and classified.

On motion of R. W. E. E. Thorne, Bros. E. L. Gaul and John Mahon were appointed official reporters of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

On Wednesday the Grand Lodge resumed labour, pursuant to adjournment at nine a. m., the M. W. Christopher G. Fox in the East.

An impressive prayer was offered by the R. W. and Rev. Ferdinand C. Ewer, Grand Chaplain.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address, was presented, with the following recommendations and resolutions. So much of the address as referred to lodges under dispensation, &c., to be referred to the Committee on Warrants. So much as referred to the decease of eminent brethren to a special committee of three.

Resolved—"That the sum of 3,604.17 dols., received from the Board of Masonic Relief of the City of Chicago, and the moneys received by reason of an irregularity in John Hancock Lodge, No. 552, be appropriated to the Hall and Asylum Fund.

Resolved—"That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions expressive of the appreciation entertained by the Grand Lodge of New York for the generous conduct of the Masons of Chicago in making return to this Grand Lodge of monies heretofore appropriated by the Masons of New York for the relief of the sufferers by the Chicago fire.

Resolved, That the position maintained by the M. W. Grand Master, in reference to granting dispensations to confer the Third Degree within the time prescribed by the Constitution, merits the fullest approval of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of R. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, the report was received and adopted.

The W. John C. Baker, Librarian, presented his report: There are 1,200 volumes in the library, 900 of which are bound. The library is very valuable. Referred to appropriate committee.

The R. W. Fred W. Herring, Secretary, presented the report of the Board of Relief, by which it appears that the receipts from various sources were 6,168.49 dols.; that there were 508 applicants for charity, who received 3,714.36 dols. the largest amounts being paid to applicants as follows: from England, 418.12 dols.; Ireland, 423 dols.; Scotland, 364 dols.; Holland, 130 dols.; California, 246 dols.; Alabama, 155 dols.; Connecticut, 118.30 dols.; New York city, 1,558.71 dols.; New York State, 678.80 dols.; Pennsylvania, 184.38 dols.; Salaries, &c. amounted to 704.77 dols., leaving a balance in the treasury of 749.36 dols.

The R. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, D. G. M., presented the report of the Executive Committee of the Masonic Fair, which was opened on the 15th of March, and closed on the 19th of April. The receipts were 17,078.48 dols., and the expenses 5,791.73 dols. Net proceeds, 41,286.72 dols. Paid over to the Grand Secretary, 41,005.84 dols. Balance on hand, 280.91 dols. A supplementary report, handed in from two lodges, made 460 dols. additional.

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. George H. Raymond, presented his seventh annual report, in which he highly complimented his senior assistant, R. W. Isaac H. Brown, for the manner in which he had exemplified the several degrees in the various lodges by invitation. He found peace and harmony prevailing throughout the state, and the standard work in general use.

The following committees were appointed by the Grand Master:—

On the death of distinguished brethren—M. W. Joseph D. Evans, R. W. Seymour, H. Stone, and Sanford J. Thatcher.

On Chicago—R. W. and Rev. John G. Webster, R. W. Norman C. Baker, and Edwin M. Holbrook.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment.

The gavel sounded in the East to resume labour, at two o'clock p. m.

The M. W. John L. Lewis, from the Special Committee on amendments to the Constitution reported, apologising for the brevity of said report, as it took himself and colleagues a whole night to examine the large bundle of amendments submitted. The committee, he said, had carefully examined the votes of two hundred and thirty-one lodges, as well as the amendments and found that one hundred and seventy-one, in some form, voted in the affirmative, forty-six in the negative, three left the matter to judgment and discretion of representatives, and one was a tie vote. Out of those who voted in the affirmative, eighty-nine proposed amendments, the large majority of which, however, do not present any fundamental principle; so the committee deemed it their duty to present the amended Constitution, and leave the Grand Lodge to decide. They recommend, therefore, that the Constitution be adopted in committee of the whole, subject to amendments, as in legislative bodies. The following resolution was appended and adopted:

(To be continued.)

INSTITUTION OF A NEW ORDER BY THE SHAH.—We learn through Mr. Reuter's agency that since his departure from his native country his Majesty the Shah has instituted a new order called the "Order of the Sun," which is for ladies only. The recipients of this order are, up to the present, the Queen of England, the Princess of Wales, the Empress of Germany, the Princess Imperial of Germany, and the Cesarevna. The Shah has presented to her Majesty, and also to the Prince of Wales his portrait set in diamonds, which constitutes the highest Persian order existing.

The "audience question" in China is now settled. In the *Pekin Gazette* of the 14th there is an Imperial edict which announces that all duly accredited Foreign Ministers will be allowed to have audience of the Emperor.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

COOPER.—June 14, at Oakhill-park, Old Swan, near Liverpool, the wife of Bro. J. B. Cooper, of a son.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. W. AUSTIN.—Richmond, Indiana.—Address as follows:—The Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of England, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.—The Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, The Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Ireland, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

Reports of Lo ges 959 and 1593 stand over.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending July 5.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Gaiety Company.

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. "The Poor of Liverpool."

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee, Mr. Seiton Parry. Mr. Byron's new drama, "Chained to the Oar."

THEATRE ROYAL Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frege. Burlesque of "The Forty Thieves," "The Sylphide," and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artists and Programme.

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ROTUNDA THEATRE and MUSIC HALL.—Proprietor, Mr. D. Grannell. Miscellaneous Entertainments.

ROYAL CIRQUE.—William Brown-st.—Equestrian and other Performances.

NEWSOME'S CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circus and other Entertainments.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1873.

FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

Our brethren in France have recently sustained severe losses by the decease of several of our most distinguished confreres.

The last Grand Master of French Freemasonry, the Frère Babaud-Larivière, Prefect of the Pyrénées Orientales, died last month at Perpignan, aged only 54 years.

Brother Babaud-Larivière was an advocate of repute, a clever contributor to several journals, and a politician of progressive views. He had served as a member of the National Assembly some years, but retired after the *coup d'état*, when he wrote a history of that body. After the fall of the Empire he accepted the Prefec-

ture of the Department in which he died. Our deceased brother was an ardent and zealous Freemason, and attained the high position of Grand Master of the Grand Orient in 1870, upon the resignation of General Mellinet, the successor of Marshal Magnan. Soon after his election, and with his concurrence, the Grand Orient decided, by a majority of 168 votes, to abolish the Grand Mastership, a course of procedure against which we protested at the time as one calculated to produce a severance of the jurisdictional ties which link together the various recognised powers in Freemasonry. Upon relinquishing his office of Grand Master, Babaud Larivière was elected President of the Council of the Order, and continued to exercise the functions of that office down to September, 1872, when his failing health, amongst other causes, induced him to retire from active Masonic work. The respect in which the illustrious deceased was held was evidenced by the immense concourse of persons who attended his obsequies at Confolens, the place of his birth, and whither his body had been conveyed for interment.

Funeral orations were pronounced at his tomb by the Mayor of Confolens, M. Lavillauroy, and his Masonic brethren, MM. Dussolier and Duclaud.

The Supreme Council of France has suffered an equally severe bereavement in the death of the Viscount de la Jonquière, who had for a lengthened period well fulfilled the duties of Grand Chancellor and Secretary-General of the Council. This distinguished brother was descended from an ancient family, and many of his ancestors and connexions were renowned in the annals of their country. Jonquière, the intrepid leader of several voyages of discovery, D'Orvillers, the well-known admiral, and Montcalm, the famous and heroic defender of Quebec against General Wolfe's victorious attack, were all related to the late viscount.

Bro. de la Jonquière was initiated in the lodge Clémentine Amitié of Paris on the 20th October, 1839, and was elected Secretary General of the Supreme Council 33° in 1860. He was also Representative of the Supreme Council of Peru, and is described in the *Monde Maçonnique* as having been the soul of Ecossisme in France. His successor, Bro. George Maurice Guiffrey, is however hailed by the *Chaine d'Union* as a brother worthy to wear the mantle of the lamented defunct.

We may also notice the decease of Frère Guépin, of Nantes, a medical man of great merit, and formerly Prefect of the Loire Inférieure; the Frère Cauchois, of Paris, author of several Masonic works, and the Frère Tellier, of Saint Germain-en-Laye, all of whose deaths are recorded with regret in the pages of our French exchanges.

The summer festival of the Lion and Lamb, (192) and the William Preston, (766) lodges will be held on Thursday next, July 3rd, at the Kosherville Hotel, Gravesend, proprietors, Bros. H. J. and W. J. Roberts.

Up to two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the amount received at the Mansion-house on account of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund was £21,428.

CONSECRATION OF THE SANDGATE LODGE, No. 1436.

This Lodge, to be held at the Royal Kent Hotel, Sandgate, was inaugurated by consecration on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

Amongst those present we recognised the following:—Bro. George Adamson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., 199, 1208; Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A., P.G.S.; Captain Charles Coates, R.A., W.M.; James Slack, P.M. 1070; H. C. Foster, P.M., G.A.D.C., 1208; S. G. Fairtlough, of the Greta Lodge; E. Evans, 1096, of the Lord Warden Lodge; S. Davis, W.M. 125; W. Lucker, G.W. 125; G. Tomlin, P.M., A.D.C., 125; Isherwood, W.M. 558; H. Day, R.A.; R. W. Meckling, M.M.; Bro. Stacy, R. A.; Chap. Concord, Jas. Bennett, S.W., Temple, 558; C. Fagg, F.C.; A. Clement, Sec. 1426; R. Pledges, I.G. 266; William Knight, 700; W. Davies, M.M.; R. J. Ferrell, M.M. 488; John Williams, M.M. 699; and other brethren.

The brethren having entered the lodge-room in procession, Bro. Adamson (the presiding officer) took the chair, and appointed the Wardens, pro-tem.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees, after which, the Chaplain (the Rev. W. A. Hill) offered up a solemn prayer on the importance of the duties in which they were about to be engaged to the honour of God and the welfare of their fellow creatures, followed by a response chanted by the brethren. The presiding officer then addressed the brethren on the nature and object of the meeting for which they had been called together. The Secretary then read the petition and warrant of constitution. The brethren having signified their approval of the same, the Chaplain then delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the institution. He further remarked on the close adherence to its principles. He said: We are gathered together on the very day we celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist. We are reminded, when we think of him, that he was remarkable for his faith and duty to all men, and at last died a martyr to his faith. Again, we look on St. John the Evangelist as the Apostle of love—love, to be carried round the churches. To-day we are gathered together to dedicate a house—not a house of stone, but a spiritual one, which shall last till time shall be no more. We cannot think of this without deep interest, because we think there is something connected with us that shall live for ever. I would urge upon all brethren the cultivation of the study of science, to search out its hidden mysteries which are veiled in allegory. I wish to say that religion has great tendencies to enlarge the mind, and opens the heart to feelings of love. Masonry is the handmaiden of Christianity. We have been taught to look upon the Bible as the rule of our faith and practice; never to take God's name in vain, and we must take the Divine word as our basis. May the Great Architect of the Universe assist us to carry out the glorious precepts contained therein, then we shall pass through the scenes and conflicts of this world to a higher and happier sphere, and live with the blessed Morning Star that shall shine for ever. Masonry is the handmaiden of religion. As regards our intelligence, all Masons are directed to make progress in everything that is good; they are to exercise their intellectual faculties amongst those with whom they live. The study of astronomy is sublime. Gaze on those heavenly stars, learn their courses, and let us, from nature, go up to nature's God! If we study and follow up the arts and sciences our intellectual faculties will become fully developed. Let us take, and reflect on the words of the apostle of love, "Little children, love one another," and we shall be able to sympathise with a poor and distressed brother; to soothe the widow and orphan, and all those with whom we are connected. Masonry improves the intellectual faculties. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you with peace and harmony, and at last take you in the Grand Lodge above.

After a short prayer by the Chaplain, the lodge was uncovered, and the elements of consecration, corn, wine, and oil, were carried round by P.M.'s Slack, Sherwood, and

Tomlin, solemn music being performed during the procession. The consecrating officer performed the whole of the highly-imposing ceremony in the most efficient manner, after which the following anthem was sung:—

O Praise the Lord, and thou my soul,
For ever bless His name,
His wondrous love, while life shall last,
My constant praise shall claim.

After the anthem, the distinguished brother to whom the important duty of consecration had been entrusted then rose, and delivered a most impressive address, solemnly dedicating the Lodge to God, Masonry, and to benevolence and universal charity, and constituted it in form, concluding his remarks by asking the brethren to imitate the virtues of John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist, also wishing them every success. The National Anthem was then sung. This brought the consecration to a close, after which the installation of Bro. Charles Coutes, the W.M. designate, was proceeded with. After being duly installed as W.M. of 1426, he was saluted in due form. The W.M. appointed the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. J. Day, S.W.; Gosby, J.W.; R. B. Genner, Treas.; C. H. Clements, Sec.; S. Davies, S.D.; Woodman, J.D.; Farren, I.G.; Davey, Tyler. Bro. Adamson then explained to each of the officers their respective duties. Bro. Tomalin said he had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Adamson for his assistance in consecrating the lodge, and he was sure that the brethren fully endorsed his sentiments by having them recorded on the minutes.

The W.M. seconded the motion which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Adamson returned thanks, and said he was glad to assist at the consecration of the lodge, and he wished them the highest prosperity.

Thanks were then given to Bro. Hill for the able manner in which he performed the ceremony, which was put, and agreed to unanimously.

Bro. Hill thanked them for the compliment which they had been pleased to pay him. He was glad to have the opportunity of giving his service, and wished them every success. (Cheers).

Thanks were then given to the brethren for their attendance, the lodge was closed in due form, and with a solemn prayer.

The brethren adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, where a most profuse banquet was served, and which gave satisfaction.

On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the following toasts—"The health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," "Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon." "The Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G." "The Provincial Grand Master, Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present, Presiding Officers, Rev. W. A. Hill, M. A. P.G.S." The toast was cordially responded to.

Bro. Hill in responding said, Masonry is flourishing abundantly, I think it is convenient that there should be Prov. Grand Lodges, should our brethren here need any help, I will come to your assistance.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Adamson.

Bro. Adamson. I rise with the greatest of pleasure to return you my thanks for the honour you have conferred upon me. Everything that I can do for the benefit of a brother Mason, I am always willing to come forward to help. I am pleased to say that Masonry is flourishing in Kent, in 1868 there were 16 lodges, now there are about 34. I am glad to see a new lodge formed here, it is convenient for you, I know you prefer getting near your own place. I congratulate the W.M. to-day, on the great number of persons he has been surrounded with; on all future occasions I shall be happy to serve you, I wish you prosperity to the lodge and originators. (Cheers)

Bro. Day proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M. responded in a very able manner. "The Health of the Visitors" was then drunk. Bro. Sherwood returned thanks for the visitors,

the W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. Goodban, Organist." This toast being drunk. Bro. Goodban returned thanks to the brethren for the compliment which they had been pleased to pay him; he said, I thank you heartily, and my assistance is always at your service.

Bro. Day next proposed "Bro. Past Master Slack." Bro. Slack responded in a very able manner. Bro. Clements gave "To all poor and distressed Masons." Bro. Clements gave great pleasure by one of his gallant songs, "The grasp of an honest hand."

The whole of the fittings of the lodge, as well as the clothing of the officers, were provided by Bro. George Kenning, and were greatly admired.

Not a single hitch was made during the ceremony, and so good a start speaks well for the success of the lodge.

THE ROYAL CHARTER.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

Preston informs us that the "most remarkable occurrence during the administration of the Duke of Beaufort was the plan of an incorporation of the Society by Royal Charter." The plan was approved, not only by a majority in the Grand Lodge, but, "from the return of the different lodges, it appeared that one hundred and sixty-eight had voted for the incorporation, and only forty-three against it." "In 1771, a bill was brought into Parliament by the Hon. Charles Dillon, D. G. M., for incorporating the Society by Act of Parliament; but, on the second reading of the bill, it having been opposed by Mr. Onslow at the desire of several brethren who had petitioned the house against it, Mr. Dillon moved to postpone the consideration of it *sine die*, and the design of incorporation fell to the ground."

The same author also says that Arthur Beadmore, the then Grand Treasurer, who was opposed to the scheme of incorporation, went even so far as to refuse handing over £1,300 entrusted to his keeping, and that a lawsuit for the recovery of the money was contemplated.

Bro. Findel, in his history of Freemasonry, gives an insight into the rancorous feeling of the opponents to the incorporation scheme. A Bro. Muller, Master of the Caledonian Lodge, wrote to a friend at Frankfort, "We are woefully plagued with Jesuits. Dillon, who abjured his religion a short time ago that he might get elected into Parliament, and his father confessor, de Vignoles, have unlimited power in the Grand Lodge, which they maintain by innumerable intrigues, and an excessive abuse of influence which Dillon's position of Deputy Grand Master affords him. He wears the patience of many upright Masons who oppose him, disgusts others, employs force to expel those who will not suffer themselves either to be wearied out or disgusted when the welfare of Masonry is at stake, and blinds the rest."

The old documents, &c., submitted to my inspection by the P.G.M. Lewis, in 1869, gave me a still further insight into the mischief then brewing. Among those documents I found a letter from G. S. French, and several letters from G. S. Hesseltine, together with the printed documents issued by the Grand Lodge of England in 1769, &c. From all these sources I learn that excitement in both ranks run high, and that a split in the Grand Lodge would have ensued if the parties then in power had insisted in carrying their contemplated measure of incorporation. So far the history of the period is clear enough; but still I cannot understand all. For instance, if a clique in an American Grand Lodge proposed the building of an extensive temple, and I found some mystery about why, or wherefore the measure was strenuously opposed by a majority, or even by a minority of the brotherhood, I would naturally conclude that the said clique's motives were suspected, the brethren who opposed the scheme probably believed, and with good reason too, that the schemers designed to make a job *o it* of the operation. Such, however, could not have been imputed to the English authorities, and I firmly believe that the Duke of Beaufort, as well as D. G. M. Dillon, were

actuated by purely disinterested and honourable motives, and that their sole desire was to elevate the standard of the society. They, in common with all other Masons of that period, no doubt sincerely believed that Adam, Noah, Nimrod, Moses, Solomon, Julius Cæsar, Herod the Great, Edward the Third, &c., &c., were each or all either Grand Masters or Grand Patrons of the ancient brotherhood, and consequently they were fired with a laudable ambition of restoring (as they imagined), "the fraternity to its grandeur," and there may have been another cogent reason for their contemplated project. We all know that the so-called "Ancients," as well as the so-called "Grand Lodge of all England," not only pretended to superiority, but each even denounced the Grand Lodge of England as a spurious body. A Royal Charter at that time would certainly have served to put a stop to their audacity; with such a charter, the Grand Lodge of England would have become a Grand Lodge, *de jure*, in every acceptance of the term. It seems therefore to me that all its sincere adherents ought, and should have rallied around its grand officers in support of the measure. Supposing, however, that some wiseacres foresaw that such a charter would not be necessary; yet, I ask, what harm could have been feared from its adoption to have caused such a furious uproar? One reason only suggested itself to my mind, viz., perhaps there was something very objectionable in the conditions of the charter, but where to look for a copy of the said charter, I did not know.

Last week, however, amongst a lot of old books that were about to be disposed of at auction, I noticed a small old volume called, "The History of Masonry, or the Freemasons' Pocket Companion. Printed by William Auld, Edinburgh, 1772, third edition." In the appendix to the said edition I found the following:—"Since printing the foregoing work, we have been favored with a copy of the Charter of Incorporation granted by his present Majesty to the Grand Lodge of England," which is followed by a copy of the Charter.

The words, "granted by his Majesty," are undoubtedly erroneous, but as the Grand Lodge of England, (according to Preston) had printed the contemplated charter, we may reasonably suppose, that the copy in the aboved-named work is genuine. This, however, only served to increase my puzzle. The document itself, is a verbose piece of flummery, such as lawyers, and lawyers alone, love to revel in, but I could see nothing in it that could give rise to such unheard of, determined opposition. I therefore, threw out the above hints, not only to call attention to the whereabouts a copy of the document, which produced such a ferment in the Craft a century ago, may be found by Masonic Students; but also to ask for information as to the real cause, or causes of that ferment.

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., April 21st, 1873.

THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT PHILADELPHIA.

In August last The Press gave to the public a full account of the exterior of the new Masonic Temple at Broad and Filbert streets, which was then approaching completion, and in the present article it is proposed to give a general description of the interior as it appears at present.

The various rooms are now all in complete order, except that the furniture and carpets are not yet completed or in place. The plastering and painting are finished, the gas, water, and steam fittings are all in, and the ventilators are in working order. Around the outside a wide slate pavement is being laid, and a handsome iron-plate fence will surround the whole structure. Three ornamental lamps will be placed on Broad street three on Filbert street, and three on Juniper street. There will be three entrances to the temple, one each on Broad, Filbert, and Juniper streets, surrounding the building.

The edifice is the only one in the world devoted exclusively to Masonic uses, and it is the most magnificent as well as the largest and

costliest hall in Christendom. It is the property of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which is the wealthiest Masonic body in the world, and one of the most influential, its jurisdiction extending over the entire Commonwealth, and over three hundred and fifty lodges, with an aggregate membership of nearly forty thousand.

Thus far there has been expended upon the new building about 1,000,000 dols. and probably 300,000 dols. more will be required to pay for the work now in contractors' hands, such as for chandeliers, furniture, upholstery, etc. This will cover the entire outlay for the new Temple, which is considered very reasonable for so grand an edifice. Indeed, it is known that had the work been delayed even for a few months, the expense would have been at least twenty per centum in excess of the sum expended. Many of the contractors will reap very small profits, and some of them will lose upon their contracts, but they have all been fulfilled in the most perfect and satisfactory manner.

The old hall which is now for sale, will probably be disposed of during the coming summer, and will yield a sum of sufficient proportions to form an ample sinking fund for the payment of the new Temple loans as they mature, so that the permanent capital of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will remain always intact, which fact alone insures a credit of very extended proportions, should it ever be asked for. Most of the furniture of the old hall has been re-upholstered, and will be used in the new Temple, as well as the statuary and paintings, which latter will adorn the library room.

Arrangements will be perfected for the formal dedication of the building to Masonry in September. It was at first designed to have the dedication take place on St. John the Baptist's day, 24th June, but it was found that the interior work of the structure would have to be hurried to carry out this intention, and so it was abandoned.

The estimated revenue to be derived from the rentals, &c., of the new Temple is about 50,000 dols. per annum, which will be paid by forty-seven lodges, ten chapters, three Mark Lodges, the Grand Chapter, five commanderies two councils and one consistory. It is proposed to have the general management of the new building conducted by a committee of members of the Grand Lodge, with a superintendent and assistants, under a new code of regulations. In addition to these officers in charge there will be an engineer, firemen, night and day watchmen, and several assistants about the structure. Certain days will be set apart for visitations by the public, and it is not unlikely that the new hall will be thrown open to inspection generally some time after the dedication in September next.

The basement has been splendidly finished in white plaster, and besides containing a number of eligible apartments for offices, contains the engine, pump, gas, fire kitchen, and heater rooms. These are fitted up with every known modern appliance and convenience. There are two immense ranges fitted together for cooking in the kitchen. The spring water from the sub-cellar is utilised by being pumped into tanks situated in different parts of the building.

Altogether this basement floor is one of the most interesting portions of the edifice to the initiated visitor. The gas fixtures are now being made from appropriate designs and models by Baker, Arnold & Co., noted in their trade. The furnishing and upholstering is nearly completed, and reflects great credit upon the contractors, Messrs. Smith & Campton, South Third-street, above Spruce.

On the first or main floor are placed rooms for the Grand Lodge Officers, for the library, one lodge-room, and other rooms. The library will be handsomely fitted up and will contain a fine collection of books. All the magazines and periodicals of the day will be kept on file, as well as many of the most prominent newspapers of the country. It will no doubt prove a place of pleasant resort for the members of the Order. The idea of establishing a library for the use of Freemasons, under the direction of the Grand Lodge, was originated in the last century, but the first real success in the movement has just now been made by the Grand Lodge Committee on

Library, of which Mr. Charles Eugene Meyer is Chairman.

On the upper floors are the Corinthian or Grand Lodge-room, four lodge-rooms, the banqueting, conversation, and committee-rooms, the Grand and Subordinate Chapter and Commandery-rooms. These latter have been fitted up with the furniture taken from the old Grand Lodge-room, replaced by temporary furniture for use until the new temple is ready for occupation. The Corinthian-room is furnished most gorgeously in the Corinthian style, highly ornate with a seating capacity of nearly four hundred. This room will be occupied by the Grand Lodge and by about twelve of the subordinate lodges.

The next room in size is the Oriental, which seats over two hundred persons, and is furnished in a profusely ornate style, embracing a score of bright tints. Next in order come the Ionic, Norman, Egyptian, and Gothic, all appropriately fitted up from designs furnished by the architect. The banqueting-room is provided with seats and tables to accommodate three hundred and fifty persons. The chairs are constructed so as to fold up, and are seated with perforated cherry wood. The furniture and upholstery of the chapter and Commander's rooms are gorgeous and elaborate, but are not sufficiently complete yet to warrant a detailed description.

Thus far the only persons who have been privileged to view the interior of the structure were the members of City Council and a few strangers, the idea and intention being that before the official inspection should be made the rooms should be sufficiently prepared to indicate their future magnificence and accommodation.

RINGS AND SIGNET RINGS IN MASONRY.

The ring, as a symbol of the covenant entered into with the Order, as the wedding ring is the symbol of the covenant of marriage, is worn in some of the high degrees of Masonry. It is not used in Ancient Craft Masonry. In the Order of the Temple the "ring of profession," as it is called, is of gold, having on it the cross of the Order and the letters P. D. E. P., being the initials of "Pro Deo et Patria." It is worn on the index finger of the right hand. The Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite wear a ring on the little finger of the right hand. Inside is the motto of the Order, "DEUS MEUM QUE JUS." In the fourteenth degree of the same Rite a ring is worn, which is described as "a plain gold ring," having inside the motto, "Virtus junct mors non separabit." It is worn in the Northern Jurisdiction on the fourth or ring finger of the left hand. In the Southern Jurisdiction it is worn on the same finger of the right hand.

The use of the ring as a symbol of a covenant may be traced very far back into antiquity. The Romans had a marriage ring, but, according to Swinbourne, the great canonist, it was of iron, with a jewel of adamant, "to signify the duration and perpetuity of the contract."

In reference to the rings worn in the high degrees of Masonry, it may be said that they partake of the double symbolism of power and affection. The ring, as a symbol of power and dignity, was worn in ancient times by kings and men of elevated rank and office. Thus Pharaoh bestowed a ring upon Joseph as a mark or token of the power he had bestowed upon him, for which reason the people bowed the knee to him. It is in this light that the ring is worn by the Inspectors of Scottish Masonry, as representing the sovereigns of the Rite. But those who receive only the fourteenth degree, in the same Rite, wear the ring as a symbol of the covenant of affection and fidelity into which they have entered.

While on the subject of the ring as a symbol of Masonic meaning, it will not be irrelevant to refer to the magic ring of King Solomon, of which both the Jews and the Mohammedans have abundant traditions. The latter, indeed, have a book on magic rings, entitled *Sealcutchal*, in which they trace the ring of Solomon from Jared, the father of Enoch. It was by means

of this ring, as a talisman of wisdom and power that Solomon was, they say, enabled to perform those wonderful acts and accomplish those vast enterprises that have made his name so celebrated as the wisest monarch of the earth.

The most prominent use of the ring among the ancients was as a signet or sign of power and authority. Signets are continually alluded to in Scripture, and the name by which they were known was expressive of their form and use; for rings were called *tabbaoth*, which also signified in its root "to impress a seal." That they were in use at a very early period is evident from the relation, in the 28th chapter of Genesis, where Tamar demands from Judah, as a pledge, his signet, his bracelets, and his staff.

These signet rings were worn always on the right hand, and generally on the index finger, which is illustrated by the passage in Jereriah, (xxii: 24,) where we read: "As I live, saith the Lord, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the "signet upon my right hand," yet would I pluck thee thence."

Signets always bore a device, which was usually a religious symbol. Among the Egyptians, the sphynx, as the symbol of secrecy, and the scarabæus, or sacred beetle, as the symbol of eternal life, were the most generally adopted. The signets of the Babylonians were beautifully sculptured with images of Baal-berith and other Chaldean gods.

It is not therefore surprising that we should find a reference to the signet in Masonry. Thus in the ritual of the Royal Arch, according to the American system, we find as one of the symbols the signet of Zerubbabel. This is taken from that passage in the prophet Haggi, where God is said to have promised that he would make Zerubbabel his signet. Jeremy Cross, whose knowledge of the principles of true symbolism, would not at this day be deemed respectable, gives in his "Hieroglyphic Chart" the form of the signet of Zerubbabel as a triangular plate, which is about as correct as if he had represented a Jewish shekel by a walking stick. As the ancient signet was, without any doubt, a finger ring, in the ceremony of the Royal Arch it should be so represented. What was its peculiar device we may presume from the usual nature of such devices, and we perhaps would not be wrong in making it a sacred symbol, such for instance, as the "Yod" within a triangle, the hieroglyphic form of the Tetragrammaton. This at least would be consistent with the teachings of the degree.

The signet of Zerubbabel, thus used in the ritual of the Royal Arch degree, is also there called the "Signet of Truth," to indicate that the neophyte who brings it to the Grand Council is in search of Divine Truth, and to give to him the promise that he will by its power speedily obtain his reward, in the possession of that for which he is seeking. The Signet of Truth is presented to the aspirant to assure him that he is advancing in his progress to the attainment of truth, and that he is thus invested with the power to pursue the search.—(*Mackay's National Freemason.*)

Original Correspondence.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. ROGERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent "F. Y." is quite right—I am fully aware that "the testimonial" "has nothing to do with Masonry."—But why refer to Masonry and Masonic feelings in a Masonic periodical, in an appeal for subscriptions for a non-Masonic purpose? I mean non-Masonic as regards Freemasonry. The proposed testimonial happens to be a house and therefore it rather concerns operative Masons, and should be advertised in *The Builder*.

If in the "plan," a garden be laid out and a maze projected, I may suggest applications to the "Royal Geographical Society" "the Horticultural," &c. Perhaps even the "Royal Geographical Society" might take up the Grampian claim. We Freemasons certainly encourage "Speculative Masonry," but then it is not in actual brick and mortar. We rear "Moral

edifices," and do not "go in" for "the Craft" business. Surely some hundreds of Scottish gentlemen, if unanimous, could raise the funds in question—or is this one of those "active minorities about which we hear so much?"

I thank F.Y. very sincerely for his compliment to my modest advocacy of real charity. It so happens however, that I did not write the paragraph to which he refers, although I might have done so, had his ingenious idea occurred to me, before another had saved me the exertion.

Yours fraternally,

B. B.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

SERVING BRETHERN.

Masons whose duty it is to serve the lodge as Tylers, waiters at the lodge table, and to perform other menial services, are called in European Lodges "serving brethren." They are not known in this country, but were long recognised as a distinct class in England and on the continent. In 1753 the Grand Lodge of England adopted a regulation for their initiation, which, slightly modified, is still in force. By it every lodge is empowered to initiate without charge "serving brethren," who cannot, however, become members of the lodge, although they may join another. In military lodges private soldiers may be received as serving brethren. On the continent, at one time, a separate and preliminary form of reception, with peculiar signs, &c., was appropriated to those who were initiated as serving brethren, and they were not permitted to advance beyond the first degree, which, however, worked no inconvenience, as all the business and refreshment of the lodges were done at that time in the Entered Apprentice's degree. The regulation for admitting serving brethren arose from the custom of lodges meeting at taverns; and as at that period labour and refreshment were intermixed, the waiters of the tavern were sometimes required to enter the room while the lodge was in session, and hence it became necessary to qualify them for such service by making them Masons. In France they are called "Frères Servants;" in Germany "Dienenden Brüder."

The Knights Templar had a class called serving brothers, who were not, however, introduced into the Order until it had greatly increased in wealth and numbers. The form of their reception varied very slightly from that of the Knights, but their habit was different, being black. They were designated for the performance of various services inside or outside of the Order. Many rich and well-born men belonged to this class. They were permitted to take part in the election of a Grand Master. The Treasurer of the Order was always a serving brother. Of these serving brothers there were two kinds: servants at arms and artificers. The former were the most highly esteemed, the latter being considered a very inferior class, except the armourers, who were held, on account of the importance of their occupation, in higher estimation.—*Mackay's National Freemason.*

MASONRY IN PERSIA.—Of the British officers who are at present in Berlin pursuing military studies and making themselves acquainted with Prussian military organization and arrangements, one belongs to the Masonic order. He is a Mussulman. He seems to have spontaneously sought recognition as a member of the Craft at a Berlin lodge, and his claim was allowed only after such an examination as satisfied the brethren that he was one of the brethren. From the statement of this Persian Mason it appears that nearly all the members of the Persian Court belong to the mystic order, even as German Masonry enjoys the honour of counting the Emperor and Crown Prince among its adherents. The appearance of this Mohammedan Mason in Berlin seems to have excited a little surprise among some of the brethren there, and the surprise would be natural enough to persons not aware of the extent to which Masonry has been diffused over the earth. Account for it as one may, the truth is certain that the mysterious order was established in the Orient many ages ago. Nearly all of the old Mohammedan build-

ings in India, such as tombs, mosques, etc., are marked with the Masonic symbols, and many of these structures, still perfect, were built in the time of the Mogul Emperor Akbar, who died in 1605. Thus Masonry must have been introduced into India from Middle Asia by the Mohammedans, hundreds of years ago.

Reviews.

Prosper the Art. (New Edition). Masonic Song and Chorus. Words by Bro. James Stonehouse. Music by George Hargreaves. The words, as well as the music are original, comprehensive and effective, and are of that character that all Masons will be delighted with. All brethren who admire beautiful and lovely poetry, should hail with delight this brilliant production of Bro. Stonehouse.

We have received "Report of Special Convent General of the United Pilgrims and Military Orders of the Temple, held at Willis's Rooms King-street, St. James's, London, Monday 7th April, 1873, for the purpose of installing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the United Orders."

To hand, a calendar of the Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales for 1873 and 1874. It gives the muster roll of Officers for the year commencing 9th May 1873. Page 6 shows the roll of Preceptories of the United, Religious, and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta. It shows at a glance the Title of Preceptory, Province, number, where stationed, when holden, date of warrant, Preceptor per last return. Again we have a list of Preceptories, &c. Great labour has been bestowed in its preparation, to make it complete as well as accurate. A copy ought to be kept in every Encampment and Priory, ready for reference when occasion requires.

A notice appears in the *Gazette* that, by Her Majesty's direction, the brothers and sisters of the present Earl of Zetland shall henceforth enjoy the same title and precedence as if their late father, the Hon. John Charles Dundas, had survived his elder brother, the second earl, and had succeeded to the title and dignity of Earl of Zetland.

COAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., a conference was held in the Board-room of the "Agricultural and Horticultural Association," 47, Millbank-street, Westminster, when Dr. D. H. Rutherford, Chairman of the Ouseburne Co-operative Engine Works, and Mr. Burt, Secretary to the Northumberland Miners' Association, attended, and explained the cause of the extraordinary rise in the price of coal, and to suggest efficient means of protecting the public against its recurrence. Mr. Beale ably presided. After a few remarks, the chairman called on Mr. Burt to address the meeting. On rising, the gentleman said, that he should explain the cause of the rise in the price of coal. The evidence that has been given before the Committee of Enquiry has been attributed by all the gentlemen to the fact that the chief cause in the extraordinary rise in the price of coal is owing to the price of iron, and the quantity of coal which is required to be used in the manufacture of iron. At Cleveland there has been a strike, and the men were out of employment for some time, about one half whom were in the North of Durham began to manufacture iron.

Mr. Burt denied the mis-representations that had been given against the miners, such as laziness, &c., could not deny that the miners have asked for high wages, every care has preceded the price of coal to the miners. Before the rise in the prices the miners were satisfied with their pay, but when they saw that the markets were rising 5s. per ton, they considered that they should have a share in the price of coal, which resulted in an advance of wages to the miner. The rise per ton has been 9d. to 1s. Therefore it is absurd to charge the men as the cause of the high prices of coal.

Mr. Rutherford said the remedy would be for the people of London to join with the miners, and assist them to carry out their efforts. They have decided to form a "Co-Operative Mining Society," which shall have for its object, not only the interest of the miner, but that of the general community; it will also remove the great chasm that has existed between the employer and the employed.

Ten per cent. will, therefore, in the first instance be set aside for capital.

To give stability to the Society, a portion of the profits will be devoted to the formation of a reserve fund.

The remainder of the profits will be divided equally between labour, capital, and trade.

Everybody is a consumer of coals, and in dividing with all purchasers a portion of the profits, this Society adopts a principle which recognises a harmony of interest, and which, it is hoped, may promote a greater kindness of feeling.

Conflicts between capital and labour are costly, destructive, and wasteful. In this Society such conflicts will be impossible.

It is intended that every worker shall be a member: This, it is believed, will quicken intelligence, develop caution, stimulate activity and skill.

It was proposed and carried unanimously. That the sympathy of the conference be tendered to the working colliers of Northumberland and Durham in their efforts to establish an Industrial Co-operative Mining Society, and to the Coal Society of Westminster in its proposal to distribute the coals to the householders of London, on the most economical co-operative basis.

Capital to be raised in transferable shares of £5 each.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

A simple reproduction of the programme of the entertainments provided on Monday by the Crystal Palace Company in aid of the sufferers by the recent conflagration at the Alexandra Palace would, of itself, more than exhaust the space usually allotted to such subjects, so numerous and so varied have they been. The Alexandra Palace day at the Crystal Palace was a fête day in every sense of the word, for it was not only a display of its infinite variety, but afforded an example of human nature in its best aspects. When the Alexandra Palace was completed, the almost universal question which each one put to himself, or to his neighbour, was—what effect will it have on the Crystal Palace? And that question was as generally answered in a sense that regarded them as antagonistic. During the short-lived existence of the Alexandra in its completed glory, we believe it was a success, and gave promise of a healthy life, whilst its injurious effect on the Crystal Palace was found to be *nil*. The same phenomenon has been observed at the Crystal Palace with regard to the International Exhibition. The fact is, that the population of London is so vast that the demand for amusements is greatly ahead of the supply, and in one respect the Crystal Palace is unapproachable—viz., in its collections of art treasures. That the Palaces in the North and South were not antagonists in the bad sense of the word is likewise shown by the prompt spontaneousness with which the Crystal Palace Company came forward and offered its resources in aid of those who were thrown into distress by the calamity of its unfortunate rival, mindful, perhaps, of the similar, though less calamitous disaster which befel itself. Not only did the Crystal Palace exhibit its prompt and disinterested sympathy with the Alexandra Park sufferers on this occasion, but other establishments lent their assistance, and the services of all the artistes engaged were wholly gratuitous. The first thing to arrest the eye, and to inform the visitor of the object of the fête, was the exposition of relics saved from the fire, which were advertised to be on sale for the benefit of the sufferers. The circle of entertainments commenced at half-past eleven with an organ performance by Dr. Stainer, followed, at twelve, by an extract from the Oriental extravaganza of "Conrad and Medora," in which Miss Caroline Parkes, Mr. Atkins, Mr. W. Rowella, Mr. Yar-

nold, M. C. A. White, Mr. Sweetman, Miss E. Pitt, Miss E. Kemp, Miss Marlborough, and Miss Shelley, and others took part—the principal dancers being Mdles Corrie and Collier. In the large stage, at one o'clock, was performed the second act of "The Wonderful Duck," in which Mr. George Honey, Mr. Perrini, Mr. Odell, Middle Rose Be'l, Miss Laverne, Miss H. Covey, Miss K. Ryan, and others, were assigned various rôles. The Globe company were to have performed the cottage scene in the third act of "The Lady of Lyons," but a message was received from them in the course of the day stating that at the last moment they were unable to come from London; but Mr. H. Jackson was ready with his entertainment, which supplied an amusing substitute. At three o'clock a flight of homing Antwerp pigeons was let off from the Upper Terrace for Alexandra Park, and at the same hour Mr. Mackney repeated some of his most comic songs; Mr. Milano gave selections from the Alexandra Park spectacular ballet, entitled "Azurine," followed by a comic ballet, on the large stage, by Mr. F. Evans and his troupe. The Strand company played in a selection from "Old Soldiers," by H. J. Byron, in which Messrs. Vernon, Terry, Wallace, Terriss, Stephenson, Carter, and Miss Ada Swanborough, Miss Gifford, and Mrs. Raymond appeared. There followed in succession a grand concert by the Alexandra band and a choir of 400 voices, conducted by Mr. H. Weist Hill, in which Madame Lemmens-Sherrington sang the solos. Later in the evening there was a piano recital by Master H. Walker; athletic exploits by Senor Romah; and, at seven o'clock, there was a grand vocal concert, in which Mr. G. Fox, Mr. Nordblom, Miss Hancock, Mdme. Ida and H. Corri, Mr. Celli, and Mr. George Perren, sang solos and duets, Mr. Manns conducting. The numbers in the Palace were not so great as might have been expected from the variety of the entertainments. We understand that vast preparations are being made in honour of the Shah.

LETTERS TO SHIPS OF WAR.—Much dissatisfaction having been expressed at the system hitherto pursued by the Post Office of forwarding private letters to the officers and crews of ships of war on foreign stations to the place where the ships were most likely to be found, the directions placed upon them by the writers being disregarded, it has been determined that in future all letters shall be forwarded strictly as addressed.

PENSION TO DR. LIVINGSTONE.—A meeting of the Royal Geographical Society was held on Monday, at Burlington House, when Sir Bartle Frere, the recently elected president, occupied the chair for the first time. In commencing the proceedings, Sir Bartle referred in eulogistic terms to the services of Dr. Livingstone, and intimated that, on the recommendation of Mr. Gladstone, the Queen had granted a pension of £300 per annum on the Civil list to the distinguished traveller, in recognition of the value of his researches in Central Africa. This announcement was received with general applause.

ITALIAN HONOURS TO NATIVE ENGLISHMEN.—The Workmanship Association, established for the recognition of good deeds in the cause of liberty, country, and the empire of the mind, in the Holy Name of God and the People of Italy, have promoted to the highest degree of honorary fellowship, this 8th day of June, 1873, Drs. William Hitchman, of Liverpool, and George Sexton, of London, graduates in philosophy and medicine, worthy labourers for the entire regeneration of mankind.

JOSEPH GARIBALDI, Senior Honorary Fellow.
JOSEPH CATALDI, Consul.
PAUL BONIFACE, Secretary.
Arpino, 8th June, 1873.

The Wigan Infirmary bazaar, which was opened by our illustrious brother the Prince of Wales, realised £6,000.

On Sunday week, the Dean of Chester preached the final sermon in the Choir of Chester Cathedral, prior to its being closed for restoration.

A WELCOME TO THE SHAH.

There comes a Royal Traveller
From a far and distant shore,
And we welcome him with cheering hosts,
And 'mid the cannons' roar;
But thro' the thunder of our guns,
And the cheers which never cease,
He moves on, calmly, kindly,
With friendly smiles of Peace!

The ruler of that Orient Realm
Of long and buried years,
Which still in historic freshness
On that mighty roll appears,
From which the great and gorgeous empires
Of a grand barbaric past
Have faded, with the feeble,
Like some still fading fast.

And we welcome him most joyfully
From that country strange and old,
Of which, in ancient annals,
Such wondrous tales are told;
Where, in its silent unity,
And in its calm array,
That nation, with its ancient laws,
Moves on its peaceful way.

We mind us, from that country,
Hafiz came, who still can charm;
That there Ferdousi flourished;
Those words of soothing balm
For wounded hearts,—and gentle hopes,
Seem still happily to inspire
The words of later poets,
But of no more poetic lyre.

And we joyfully remember, too,
How that, in years gone by,
From us, full friendly statesmen,
Soldiers with courage high,
Were sent in skill and power,
Tho' now of olden date,
To give the strength of discipline
*To that grave Persian State.

And we who often think at home
Of that far Indian clime,
Which in its magic marvel
And in its tales sublime,
Throws still a halo of romance
On every act and scene,
As well on each which greets us still,
As on all that once has been:

We feel in welcoming the Shah,
We forge but another link
Of that chain of true Cohesion,
Which, whatever others think,
Still binds old England to her lands
Thousands of miles away,
In all of zealous loyalty
And true and loving sway!

And thus our happy welcome
With which we gladly greet
The mighty Ruler from that land
Where past and present meet,
Will prove the bright foreshadowing
As years on years increase,
Between our Sovereign and her Visitor,
Of firm friendship, lasting Peace.

A. F. A. W.

June 23, 1872.

* Amid many distinguished officers Major-General Sir H. Rawlinson was sent, many years ago, a young officer, to aid in disciplining the Persian troops, and by his application and energy, not only mastered perfectly the present Persian language, but the old Persian or Zeud, and, by the discovery of the trilingual inscriptions, deciphered the long unknown cuneiform characters.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS: Common Sense, ever the best of all learning, becomes invaluable, when its practice will renovate broken health and re-instate soundness, strength, and vigour. Summer is the season for removing coughs, shortness of breath, wheezing, asthma, and all pulmonary diseases, inflicted on the delicate and careless, by our rigorous winters, and Holloway's remedies are the means of effecting a happy transition from danger to safety. After the harassed chest has been fomented with sea water, or weak brine, and dried, this Ointment should be well rubbed into the skin, both in front and behind, between the blade bones.—Holloway's Pills should be taken to correct any functional irregularity, they will make each organ conform to health's requirements.—ADVT.

THE MASONIC TEMPLE.

BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. and
P.Z. 117.

May the Temple we build, by our united
labours,
Be in all parts cemented by brotherly love;
The foundation was laid by true Masons afore-
times,
While we build let us look for our help from
above.

May the Wisdom to guide us at all times be
given,
The Strength that is needed but never denied,
And the Beauty to crown all the work we're
engaged in,
From the source of all beauty was ever sup-
plied.

Thus, in wisdom conceived, and cemented by
Him
Who adorns, while He smiles on, the work
He approves;
Our Order shall stand, discharging all duties,
Involved in the mandate of brotherly love.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARK MARINERS LODGE.

Thursday, June 12th was a red-letter day, among the brethren of the Mark degree in Somersetshire. The occasion being the holding of a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge at the Three Choughs Hotel, Yeovil, and the consecration of a new Mark Lodge and Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, in that town.

Under ordinary circumstances the meeting would have been one of an important character, but in this instance special interest attached to it, owing to the fact of this being the first occasion of any Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, under the authority of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, being consecrated in the province of Somerset.

The proceedings commenced at 11 o'clock a.m., at the Three Choughs Hotel, by an Emergent Ark Lodge being opened by the Worshipful Brother Benjamin Cox, Past W.C.N. supported on his right by the V.W.D.P.G.M.M. Bro. Capt. Irwin, and on his left by Bro. Commander John Townshend, R.N., W. Henry Davies as J.; and F. Vizard, as S.; A. W. Scott, D.C.; Sidney Jones, S.D.; and F. G. Frickley, Guardian.

The business of the Royal Ark Lodge embraced the elevation of the following Mark Master, Masons Bro. Rev. M. Shackleton, Vicar of Wincanton, and M.M.M. of 128; W. S. Gillard, K.T., P.I.G. Mark W., and M.M. of 128; A. W. Batter, K.T., R.C., P.G.M.S.D. and W.M. elect 128; B. Atwell, P.M., P.G.M.S.B., and J.W. of 128; J. Fry, P.G.M. Steward, and M.M.M. 128; J. B. Colthurst, P.M., and M.M.M. 128; R. S. Chant, 128; R. G. Love, 128; T. Sherring, 128; J. Himbury, 128; E. E. Earle, M.M.M. 102; W. L. Gaskill, M.M.M. 102; and W. Munro, M.M.M. 119. The ceremony of elevation was worked in all its details by the W.C., Bro. Cox, and which elicited the warmest approval from the brethren. The W. Commander then handed the gavel to the V.W.D.P.G.M.M., Bro. Irwin, who installed as Worshipful Commanders, Bros. F. Vizard, K.T., R.T., Prov. P.S.G.M.W.; W. S. Gillard, K.T. P. Prov. G.S.M.O.; A. W. Butter, K.T., R.C., Prov. G.M. Sec.; and F. G. Tuckey, Prov. G.M. Asst. Secretary.

The V.W.D.P.G.M.M. then handed the warrant of the "Rainbow" Royal Ark Lodge No. 162, to Bro. B. Cox, the first W.C.N., who immediately invested Bro. W. S. Gillard, as his I.P.C.N. The other officers will be appointed at an Emergent Ark Lodge, which will be held shortly. The lodge was then closed in form. The room was re-arranged for the purpose of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge which was immediately opened in due form.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 4, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, June 28.

- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.
- Monday, June 30.
- Lodge 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Bancroft-place, Mile End.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, July 1.

- Colonial Board at 3.
- Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, Victoria Metropolitan Station, Pimlico.
- " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, 27, Old Kent-road, London.
- " 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington-oval.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, July 2.

- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, July 3.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall
- " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
- " 1351, St. Clements Danes, 265, Strand.
- " 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, New Wimbledon.

- Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.
- Summer Festival Lion and Lamb (192) and William Preston (766) Lodges, Rosherville Hotel, Gravesend.

Friday, July 4.

- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st. Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom. Winsley-street, Oxford-st., at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Pimlico, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33 Brompton-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 5, 1873.

Monday, June 30.

- Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
- Tuesday, July 1.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, July 2.

- Lodge 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
- " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
- De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140 North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, July 4.

- Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 3.
- Chapter Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
- Friday, July 5.
- Lodge 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, July 5, 1873.

Monday, June 30.

- Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
- Chap. 122, Thetis, 25, James-street, Tradeston.
- Tuesday, July 1.
- Lodge 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
- " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

Wednesday, July 2

- Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 21, Old St. John's, Lanark.
- " 117, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
- " 444, Robert Burns, Bailiston.
- " 166, St. John's, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.
- Thursday, July 3.
- Lodge 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
- " 370, Renfrew, High-street, Paisley.

Friday, July 4.

- Lodge 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
- " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 116, Royal Arch, Rutherglen.
- " 459, Kelbourne, Cumbrae Hotel, Milport.
- " 512, Thorntree, Thornliebank.

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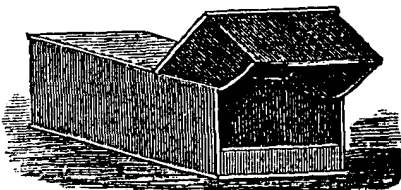


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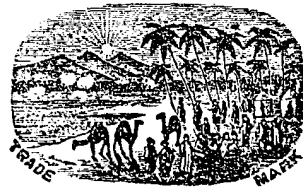
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Craft Masonry.

WARRINGTON.—*Lodge of Lights* (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, on Monday evening, 30th ult. The W.M., Bro. Sharp, was supported by a goodly number of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Tunstall, and Mr. John Rymer Young, as candidates for the mysteries and privileges. The tongue of good report was rewarded by an unanimous election, and the two gentlemen were initiated, at the request of the W.M., by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland. The W.M. afterwards passed Bros. D. Wilkins and T. B. Carter. There being no further business, the lodge was closed with the usual solemnities.

ROCHFORD.—*Lodge of True Friendship* (No. 160).—This lodge held its meeting on Tuesday, the 24th of June, in the lodge room at the Old Ship Inn, Rochford, to instal Bro. Albert Lucking, the W.M. Elect, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Wor. Bro. William Pissey, P.M. No. 160, and P.P.J.G.W. of Essex. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. A. Wardell, S.W.; Joseph Reeve, J.W.; W. Bro. H. Wood, P.M. and P.P.G.O., re-elected Treasurer; W. Bro. George Burgess, P.M. and P.P.J.G.D., re-appointed Secretary; Bro. T. Gower, Assistant-Secretary; Bros. Rev. H. J. Hatch, S.D.; W. Bishop, J.D.; W. Allen, jun., I.G.; A. Harrington and Wiggins, Stewards; J. Allen, re-elected Tyler. The following Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, Past Masters, and visitors were present:—W. Bros. J. Burton, P.M. No. 276, and Provincial Grand Treasurer; W. Allen, P.M. No. 160, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Wood, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.O.; George F. Browning, P.M. No. 160, P.P.J.G.W.; George Burgess, P.M. No. 160, P.P.J.G.D.; Jas. Wiseman, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.S.B.; Fredk. Wiseman, P.M. No. 160; William Pissey, P.M. No. 160, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Veley, W.M. No. 276; Frederick Wood, P.M. No. 1000, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Allen, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.S.B.; D. B. Grout, P.M. No. 160, P.P.S.G.D.; Edward Judd, I.P.M. No. 160; Provincial Grand Registrar; Garrington, P.M.; Peter Richmond, P.M.; J. A. Wardell, W.M. No. 1000; Beck, Secretary, No. 1000; D. Morrin, P.M. No. 172 and 190; E. E. Phillips, S.D. No. 1000; Geo. Harvey, No. 692; F. Cantor, No. 1000; Bradbury, No. 1000; Luker, No. 1000; Barrett, No. 1000, and others. After the lodge was closed, about 38 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet at the Old Ship Inn, Hertford, provided by host Bro. H. D. Brown. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was enlivened by songs from Bros. H. Wood, F. Wiseman, Hatch, J. Allen, Wiggins, Beck, Jones, and Gower. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt Lodge* (No. 523).—The festival of the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, was held on Tuesday, June 24th, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, P.P.G.M., who was supported by Bros. F. J. Baines, S.W., W.M. elect; S. S. Partridge, J.W., and a large number of officers and brethren. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. George Louis Vaughan, of Belmont Villas, Leicester, who, being unanimously elected, was introduced in ancient form and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The Treasurer's report for the past year was then read, and adopted with the best thanks of the lodge to Bro. W. B. Smith for his services as Treasurer. Bro. F. J. Baines, the W.M. elect, having given his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, was presented to a board of Installed Masters, installed in due form, and saluted with the customary honours. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the R.W.P.P.G.M. Bro. Kelly. The W.M. returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—W. Bros. W. Sculthorpe, I.P.M.; S. S. Partridge, S.W.; J. T. Thorp, J.W.; Rev. J. R. Spittal, P.M., Chap.; Bros. Rev. W. T. Fry, Secretary; T. A. Wykes, Assistant Secre-W. D. Rowlett, S.D.; A. Ross, J.D.; W. Bros. C. Johnson, P.M., Org.; R. Taylor, I.G.; J. F. Smith and A. Sargent, Stewards; C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Kelly for the admirable manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation, and hearty good wishes having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The W.M. presided with marked ability, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and plants from the conservatory of Bro. Charlesworth, and the proceedings of the evening were enlivened by the singing of Bros. S. Tebbutt, E. J. Crow, R. Taylor, W. T. Rowlett, and T. A. Wykes, and the instrumental performances of Bro. Henry Nicholson (flute), G. L. Vaughan (flute), W. T. Rowlett (oboe), T. A. Wykes (bassoon), and E. J. Crow (piano). Great praise is due to the Stewards, Bros. Smith and Sargent, for the excellent arrangements in connection with the banquet.

LIVERPOOL.—*Downshire Lodge* (No. 594).—On Thursday, the 26th ultimo, the members of the Downshire Lodge, No. 594, celebrated their anniversary, by the usual installation ceremonial, which was followed in the afternoon by the annual pic-nic. The assembly for business took place at 9.30 a.m. in the lodge-room, 60, Duke-street, where a large gathering of the brethren took place to witness the installation of Bro. W. D. Rowse, the W.M. elect. The chair was taken by Bro. R. Ing, W.M., supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. F. Sergeant, P.M.; P. M. Larsen, P.M.; W. D. Rowse, S.W.; H. Hunt, J.W.; S. E. Ibbs, Treas. P.P.G.S.B.; C. Leighton, Sec.; T. Dilcock, S.D. W. G. Veale, Org.; W. Crawford, Tyler. W. Leatham, N. Ludvigsin, J. F. Podesta, R. Williams, N. G. Miller, J. Le Comber, W. Cattell, J. Whitfield, R. P. France, T. Boswell, J. S. Houghton, D. Quayle, A. Morrison, G. H. Martin, W. Hillman, P. Askew, J. S. Jones, G. Maxwell, M. Figdor, H. Worthington, and W. H. Thompson. Amongst the visitors [were]:—Bros. J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; J. Skeaf, P.G.G.; W. Pughe, W.M. 1182; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; E. Kyle, S.W. 673; T. Clark, P.M. 673; W. Doyle, P.M. 667, P.G.S.; A. Wineup, P.M. 1326; P. R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; R. S. Williams, P.M. 292; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; J. T. Callow, W.M. 673; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; T. Evans, S.W. 1356; R. Martin, jun. J.D. 1182; E. Ramson, 249; J. Bolton, 667; D. Jackson, 673; H. Burrows, 673; and others. After the transaction of some formal business Bro. R. Ing proceeded to instal Bro. W. D. Rowse as Wor. Master of the lodge, which he did in an exceedingly effective and impressive manner. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers of the lodge:—Bros. H. Hunt, S.W.; T. Dilock, J.W.; S. E. Ibbs, Treas.; A. Morrison, Sec.; R. P. France,

S.D.; J. Le Comber, J.D.; J. H. Martin, I.G.; H. Worthington, and T. Boswell, Stewards; P. M. Larsen, P.M., M.C.; W. Veale, Org. Bro. W. Crawford was unanimously re-elected Tyler. After the morning's business, about 170 of the brethren and their fair friends took busses for the pretty village of Hale. Although the weather was of the most disagreeable character, happily the rain cleared off in the afternoon, and the pic-nickers enjoyed the afternoon's "out" to their heart's content. A capital dinner was served in a tent on the grounds of the "Child of Hale" Hotel, the W.M. (Bro. Rowse) presiding. After dessert had been placed on the table, he gave the loyal toasts in short but happy terms, being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm by the large company. Bro. Ing proposed the toast of "The Right Worshipful Master, Bro. W. D. Rowse," referring to the excellent qualities possessed by him. After the W.M. had responded to the toast in eloquent terms, he gave the "Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Ing," to whom he presented, in the name of the members of the lodge, a handsome P.M.'s jewel. After the presentation had been duly acknowledged, and the health of the ladies proposed by Bro. Ibbs (seconded by Bros. Doyle and Callow), the party adjourned to the bowling-green, where the merry dance was kept up with spirit till the hour of departure arrived, when the party started on their return to Liverpool.

PORT ELIZABETH, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—*Lodge of Good Hope* (No. 863).—On the 24th of April a meeting of the members of this lodge was held for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master and investing the duly appointed officers. Bro. S. Bain of the Lodge of Good Will, conducted the ceremony, and having duly installed Bro. C. T. Wheelwright, who had been elected for the second time W.M. of the lodge, assisted by the newly installed W.M. and P.M. Bro. Tonks, invested the officers with their distinguishing badges. The lodge is now constituted as follows:—Bros. C. T. Wheelwright, W.M.; J. Lonney, S.W.; T. Worrall, J.W.; J. Payne, Treasurer; W. Scruton, Secretary; J. Bredell, Organist; J. W. C. Mackay, S.D.; G. Holmes, J.D.; E. K. Smyth, I.G.; J. Morley, O.G.; B. Holmes and G. W. Humphreys, Stewards. The business of the meeting being over, the brethren to the number of about fifty, adjourned to the supper-room, and sat down to an excellent repast, laid out under the supervision of Bro. Phillips. Ample justice having been done to the good things, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, after which Bro. Bain proposed in flattering terms "The Health of the newly-installed W.M.," to which Bro. Wheelwright made a suitable reply. "The newly-elected Officers" was given by Bro. Tonks, to which Bro. Lonney responded. "The Retiring Officers" was given and duly acknowledged. There was next an interchange of compliments between the two lodges, which work together in the interests of the Order with true Masonic harmony and good feeling. The visiting brethren were toasted and Bro. Sissison made a suitable reply on their behalf. The proceedings were interspersed with some excellent musical efforts and altogether a very agreeable evening was spent by all present.

LIVERPOOL.—*The Hamer Lodge* (No. 1393).—Very rarely has a more genuine success attended the first year's existence of any lodge than that which has been realised in connection with the young Hamer Lodge No. 1393, holding its meetings at No. 2a, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool. In consequence of this brilliant commencement to its existence, the first anniversary of the "Hamer," which took place on Tuesday, June the 24th, at the splendid lodge-room in Liverpool was marked by the greatest *clat*, and formed one of the most brilliant Masonic gatherings which have been held for some time. There was a large and exceedingly influential gathering of brethren, the chief item on the business programme being, of course, the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. J. Jones). Bro. W. T. May, who has most efficiently filled the office of W.M. since the consecration of the lodge, was present in the seat of honour, supported by the following officers of the lodge:—Bros. J. Jones, S.W.; J. Harriman, Secretary; C. Tyrer, Treasurer; Captain T

Berry, S.D.; R. H. Evans, J.D.; H. Jackson, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; T. Dilcock, J.S.; and M. Williams, Tyler. The members present were:—Bros. J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; T. Roberts, R. Dunderdale, J. McCarthy, T. Large, R. W. Rowlands, J. Bluck, R. Roberts, J. Windsor, J. Harding, E. Dutch, N. Thornthwaite, E. Wilson, G. Aspinall, T. Roberts, A. Gilfillan, R. Price, A. H. Brooke, I. Wolf, T. Durrans, N. M. Jones, H. Burrows, S. Millikin, R. Parry, E. B. Ingham, R. Leason, H. S. Griffiths, J. Denney, J. A. McKobie, G. Bewley, J. Houlding. The visitors present were Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Thornton, P.M. 673 and 1182; J. Parsons, W.M. 203; H. James, P.M. 203; W. Boulton, S.W. 823; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; J. Ball, Sec. 673; T. Shaw; S.D. 823; G. Chapman, 823; R. Cox, 823; T. A. Jackson, 1264; W. Roberts, S.D. 1264; R. Williams, 1035; and G. Wynn, 673. The Lodge was opened in solemn form by Bro. May, W.M., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Bro. J. Jones, (W.M. elect) proceeded to initiate Messrs. Messrs John Dance, and John James Griffiths, and pass Bros. J. Wolf, Large, Brook, and Durrans. Bro. W. T. May, W.M., then took the chair, and in the most effective manner installed Bro. J. Jones as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as the officers of the lodge:—Bros. Captain T. Berry, S.W.; R. H. Evans, J.W.; C. Tyrer, Treas.; J. Harriman, Sec.; H. Jackson, S.D.; W. F. Johnson, J.D.; J. M'Carthy, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; W. T. May, I.P.M., D.C.; E. Dutch, S.S.; E. Wilson, J.S.; and R. Price, Assist. S. Bro. M. Williamson was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. The charges to the officers upon investment, were given by Bro. Hamer, but the ceremony in its other parts was most admirably performed by Bro. May. About sixty brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet in the lodge room, under the presidency of Bro. Jones, W.M. When dessert had been placed on the table, the W.M. gave in a few but appropriate and impressive terms, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were very enthusiastically received, Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., in responding for the P.G.M. and Officers for West Lancashire, referred to the popularity and zeal of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and expressed his conviction that the province must prosper under his presidency. Bro. May, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of the evening, "The W.M. of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, Bro. Jones," and in doing so said the members might congratulate themselves on having secured as their chief a brother who had already fulfilled the same and other offices in lodges and kindred assemblies with credit to himself and honour to the craft. The toast was drunk with immense enthusiasm, and after the W.M. had responded in feeling and eloquent terms, he proposed "The Immediate Past and Installing Master, Bro. W. T. May," to whom he paid the highest compliment for efficiency in working and true brotherly spirit. In the name of the lodge he also first presented Bro. May, with a splendid P.M.'s jewel, in which was set a brilliant of the first water, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. Thomas May, P.M. first Master of the Hamer Lodge, 1309, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by its members and as an acknowledgment of his zeal and Masonic ability." "The W.M. also presented him with a Past Principal's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Companion Wm. Thomas May, P.M.E.Z. of Chapter 673, by a few brethren and companions, members of the Hamer Lodge, 1393, in appreciation of services rendered by him to the order." The presentation was acknowledged by Bro. May, in exceedingly appropriate and happy terms. A number of other toasts followed, and the proceedings were greatly enlivened by the musical efforts of Bros. Gilfillan, Wilson, T. Roberts, Evans, Chapman, and the dramatic efforts of Bros. Jackson, and M'Carthy were novel and highly interesting features of the evening's amusements. "Karl the Martyr," as recited by Bro. Jackson, was a masterpiece of dramatic power and effect.

Royal Arch.

IPSWICH.—*St. Luke's Chapter* (No. 225).—The usual quarterly meeting of this chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when there were present—Comps. J. Franks, M.E.Z.; H. Richmond, H.; J. Turner, J.; Emra Holmes, Prin. Soj., acting N.; S. D. King, P.Z., Scribe E.; G. S. Findley, P.Z.; J. Tracey, P.Z.; G. Abbott, J. Godball, and others. Bro. Alfred Fuller, of the St. Peter's Lodge, Peterborough, No. 442, having been proposed as a candidate for exaltation by Comp. Emra Holmes, and seconded by Comp. King, he was balloted for, unanimously accepted, and, being present, was duly obligated and exalted as a member of the Holy Royal Arch, the beautiful and impressive ceremony being most admirably conducted by the venerable and esteemed Bro. Franks, than whom there is no more able and erudite exponent of this beautiful degree in Suffolk. Comp. Richmond kindly officiated as Prin. Soj., and also gave the symbolical lecture in his usual lucid manner. Comp. Turner delivered the historical, and Comp. King, the mystical lecture, which he gave in his usual graphic and impressive manner. This being the meeting for the installation of officers, Comp. Richmond was duly inducted into the chair as Z.; Comp. Turner, as H.; and Comp. Emra Holmes was duly obligated and installed into the third Principal's chair as J. The usual routine business having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions partook of refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly responded to, when the M.E.Z. called upon the companions to drink the health of their newly-exalted companion. Bro. Fuller, in responding, spoke briefly and to the point, and expressed himself as having been deeply impressed by the imposing ceremony he had witnessed that evening. Comp. King, in complimentary terms, then proposed their "newly-installed Third Principal, Comp. Emra Holmes," who, in replying to the toast, thanked the companions for the cordial way in which they had acknowledged the toast, and expressed a wish that the Royal Arch Degree might become better known and appreciated in the Craft. He thought this end might be best attained if the fee for exaltation were lowered to one guinea instead of three, so that it should be almost obligatory that every Master Mason should take it. Many good Masons objected on principle to pay so large a sum as three guineas for what was only a part of a degree, when they had paid but little more for three degrees, especially as they considered they were entitled to the full benefits of Masonry for the original fee of initiation. Such men would not object to one guinea, though they certainly would to the larger sum, and he thought it desirable that as many as possible should be attracted into the noble convocation of the Holy Royal Arch. The brethren present cordially fell in with Bro. Holmes' views, and approved of the suggestion for lowering the fee.

Mark Masonry.

GIBRALTAR MARK LODGE (No. 43).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., at 8 p.m. Notwithstanding the heat of the weather, and the numerous changes which have recently taken place in the garrison, there was a very goodly muster of the brethren, and certainly a glance at the agenda paper was enough to satisfy the most exacting that a fair amount of labour had to be gone through, before the column of the Junior Warden could be raised. The W.M. was supported by his officers, viz., Bros. Morgan, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Price, M.O.; Seath, S.O.; Hepper, J.O.; Marshall, S.D.; Michie, I.G.; and Bro. Williamson, Secretary. Amongst the brethren we noticed Bros. Adams, Bachelor, Brown, Oxley, Prosser, Drysdale, Evjenth, Trenerry, Thorndike, Burt, Dunn, Pringle, Philpott, Ashton, Bottallo, Peterkin, and others. The W.M. commenced the business of the evening by balloting for Bros. Patterson and Aparicio, of Lodge 278, Bro. Recano, of Lodge

115, and Bros. McInvery and Randall, of Lodge 743. The ballot proving unanimous, and Bro. Patterson, McInvery, and Randall being in attendance, they were duly admitted and regularly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The W.M. then notified that Grand Lodge certificates had been received for Bros. Jones, Ryley, Satterthwaite, Chillingworth, and Elmes, and these were at once presented to some of the above-named brethren as were present. The W.M. then read a communication from the Grand Secretary desiring that the "title" for the R.A.M. Lodge, attached to No. 43, should be at once selected and forwarded to him with view to the completion of the warrant for the working of this degree at Gibraltar. Bro. Brown, J.W., proposed, and Bro. Bachelor, in a very eulogistic speech, seconded the same, that the lodge in question should be called the "Cockburn" as a small acknowledgement of the unwearied exertions of their excellent W.M. to establish this degree in Gibraltar. This proposition was put to the meeting and carried without a single dissentient voice. Some other matters of minor importance having been disposed of, the W.M. intimated that he would now proceed to instal the W.M. elect; Bro. Morgan was properly presented and inducted into the chair in due and ancient form, and, having been regularly proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint the following officers:—Bros. Marshall, S.W.; Hepper, J.W.; Bro. Seath, M.O.; G. Brown, S.O.; Michie, J.O.; Evjenth, S.D.; Claveresso, J.D.; Oxley, R.M.; Ashton, I.G.; Bachelor, M.C., and Prosser, Secretary. The above-named officers having been duly invested and conducted to their various posts in the lodge, the S.W., Bro. Marshall, rose, and after a few well-selected and highly complimentary remarks, proposed that the following should be recorded and entered in the minute book:—"That this lodge learns with deep regret the removal of Bro. Balfour Cockburn, P.M., is about to be removed from Gibraltar, and the brethren beg him to accept their sincere and hearty thanks for the increasing zeal and devotion he has at all times manifested towards its prosperity, and also for the skill, ability, and courtesy with which he has presided over it as W.M. for the past two years." This was seconded by the W.M., Bro. Morgan, and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment, where the rest of the evening was spent in much social enjoyment.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 50) held an emergency meeting on June the 26th, for the purpose of exalting Bro. W. M. Neilson, P.G.M. of Glasgow. Comp. J. Crabb, Z., presided; G. B. Adams, J., acting as H.; T. Lankit Scribe E., acting as J.; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73 1st S.; W. Bromlie, 2nd S. On the dais were Comps. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent; W. Smith, P.G.H.; J. Tweed, J. 73; and A. McTaggart, P.G.S.E. The whole of the work was performed in Comp. Crabb's best style. At the conclusion Comp. W. M. Neilson invited all the companions present to accompany him to Bro. McKenzie's, the Clarence Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided for them. The chair was occupied by W. M. Neilson, P.G.M., who was supported by J. Cuth, Z. 50 and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73. The vice chair was filled by Comp. Barrow, P.G.Z., who was supported by W. Smith, P.G.H., and A. McTaggart, P.G.S.E. After full justice had been done to the viands, and also to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the vice proposed "The Health of their Noble Entertainer," whom they had long known and highly respected. He was at the head of the Craft in that province, but to-night they had to honour him in a new capacity. Comp. Neilson, in reply, expressed the gratification that it had given him to enter their ranks, and his satisfaction in the efficient way in which he had been received. Although as a candidate he was not able to judge from experience of this ceremony, still as the head of the Craft in that province, and their custom of visting each lodge in its working, at least once in the year, he thought he knew good work when he saw and heard it.

Bro. Barrow had been pleased to speak highly of his work in the province. He believed he had raised its status, yet, with the assistance of his officers and P.G.L., he hoped to do more during the ensuing year. He should not be satisfied till they had a hall of their own worthy of the Order to which they belong. The healths of the vice-chairman, H. Crabb, Z 50; R. Bell, M.N.C., K.T., the P.G.S.B., were duly honoured, but we regret that our space forbids us to give them in detail.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held in the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, on Tuesday, 24th ult. The hall is a noble room, and was very handsomely decorated with the emblems and banners of the different lodges of the Province, while, in addition, on either side of the organ, were magnificent collections of flowering shrubs, ferns, and other valuable greenhouse plants, kindly lent for the occasion by T. Lea, Esq., M.P., and J. Humphries, Esq. Their kindness in lending that which so much and so effectually assisted in the decorations of the lodge is the more to be appreciated as neither of them are members of the Craft.

The business of the day was commenced by Bro. Hopkins, W.M. Hope and Charity, 377, opening his lodge to the third degree at 12.30.

The R. W. Bro. A. H. Royds, P.G.M., attended by his officers past and present, entered the lodge-room in procession at 1 p.m., Bro. Haynes playing a march on the organ.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the summons convening the same was read, and the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge read and confirmed. The muster-roll of the lodges was then called over; every lodge was represented. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts, having been audited, were passed. The brethren were then called on to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. Griffiths at once nominated Bro. Masefield, saying that if again elected, it would make the twenty-first time that he had been chosen for that honourable and responsible office; this was seconded, and would have been carried unanimously, but that the Prov. G.M., calling Bro. Masefield to the front of the pedestal, invested him, amid the hearty cheers of the brethren, with the jewel of Deputy Prov. G.M.; upon which the new Deputy P.G.M. nominated as his successor in the Treasurership, Bro. Griffiths, W.M., P.M. 280, P.P.S.G.W. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. W. Masefield, 498	...	D.P.G.M.
" R. Smith, 280	...	S.G.W.
" J. Rutland, 280	...	J.G.W.
" Rev. H. Brown, 1097	...	G. Chaplain.
" H. Cross, 529	...	G.R.
" W. Bristow, 252	...	Secretary.
" W. G. Hopkins, 377	...	S.D.
" G. Smith, 498	...	J.D.
" G. W. Grosvenor, 560	...	Sup. of Wks.
" W. Healey, 564	...	D.C.
" J. R. Wood, 377	...	A.D.C.
" Westbury, 573	...	S.B.
" W. Haynes, 1204	...	Organist.
" J. Blundell, 560	...	Pursuivant.
" W. Turton, 377	...	Steward.
" Jas. Morton, 377	...	"
" G. Taylor, 377	...	"
" J. M. Howes, 377	...	"
" J. T. Meredith, 377	...	"
" J. Prior, 377	...	"

It was decided that the next Prov. Grand Lodge shall be held at Stourbridge, under the auspices of the Lodge of Stability, 564.

Reference was made to the "Memorabilia of the Worcester Lodge," compiled by Bro. Griffiths, and an earnest wish was expressed that the book could be made more generally useful to the members of the Craft. As attention has now been drawn to the history of the Craft in the province, it was hoped that all having control or possession of old records respecting Masonry would look them up, and communicate with Bro. Griffiths.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren walked in procession to St. George's Church, where an admirable Masonic sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain from Ezekiel xxxiii, 6 verse. A full choral service was performed, the prayers being intoned by Bro. Rev. J. L. Cheshire. Bro. Fitzgerald, P.P.G.D.C., and P.M. 377, presided at the organ with his usual skill and ability.

After service, the procession was re-formed, and the brethren walked to the Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided. Great regret was expressed, that, owing to domestic bereavement, the Prov. G.M. was not able to stay; the chair was, therefore, filled by his newly-appointed Deputy. A very pleasant evening was passed, the brethren parting at an early hour, the principal drawback to the enjoyment being that the banquet-room was much too small for the number of guests. It is to be regretted that the arrangements of the year 1866 were not adopted on this occasion, as in future, we hope they will.

Among the brethren present, in addition to those above-named, were—Bros. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School; W. Woods, P.P.S.G.W.; S. Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Baldwin, P.P.G.R.; J. Aston, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Westwood, P.P.S.G.D.; Kendrick, P.P.G. Sup. of Works; Bloomer, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks.; Brettell, P.P.G.S.B.; Belitzay, P.P.G.S.B.; A. J. Hancocks, P.P.J.G.D.; and about ninety other brethren.

MASONIC AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

On Wednesday, the 11th of June, some of the most influential supporters of the above company dined together at the Cannon-street Hotel, where an excellent repast was served by the proprietor, Bro. Spencer.

The chairman of the company, Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, J.P., presided, and he was supported by the deputy-chairman, Dr. Beaman, and every other director of the company, many directors of local boards, and several of the agents of the institution. Letters of apology and regret were received from Sir Harcourt Johnston, Bart, M.P., Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., Komaine Callendar, Alderman Addyman, Major Studly, and other influential patrons of the company.

After the usual loyal and introductory toasts had been given, which were severally responded to by Captain Trower, Captain Bennett, Captain Eglese, Dr. Fennell, and Bro. Llewellyn Evans, in eloquent and appropriate terms, the chairman in proposing the "toast of the evening," remarked:—

Gentlemen—When this company was originated, my colleagues entertained the firm conviction that a life assurance company, devoting itself to the interests of the great Masonic body, was certain to ensure a large measure of Masonic patronage, both from the Grand Lodge of England, and from that numerous and influential body of men who own allegiance to our noble order. Although it cannot be asserted at present that a full measure of encouragement has been received, I entertain the most confident opinion that it will come eventually, bringing with it all its substantial and powerful influences. (Hear, hear.) The Company laboured under the greatest disadvantages at the outset, for not only was it originated before the commercial world had recovered from the terrible panic of '66, but it started at a time when Mr. Cave's Act of 1867 was in operation, pressing with severity on the labours, and checking the aspirations of all young institutions. But, gentlemen, although this Act certainly militated against some of the interests of our office, the cloud had its silver lining, and the £20,000 that was required to be deposited by all new offices, subsequently established, closed the door to active competition, and attached a substantial good-will value to the Masonic Assurance Company. (Hear.) This office never considered the possession of a great capital to be the 'be all and the end all' here, hence the directors were satisfied to go for a moderate capital. The first ten thousand shares have just been subscribed for, on which £1 per share has been paid, and as there is still the sum of £10,000 at call on these shares, the directors would

have remained content with this backbone had there not arisen, during the past year, in the minds of the assuring world a partiality for offices having larger reserved funds. The directors have not expended large sums in advertising, but they have devoted their attention to the cultivation of local boards, satisfied that if they secured in different parts of England the active support of the brotherhood, there is a wide and ever increasing field for the expansion of life assurance, more especially for the development of the positive system, which this company was the first to originate under the auspices of a life assurance authority of great mental activity. We are now engaged in securing the issue of the second 10,000 shares by warrants to bearer, a new and popular feature in scrip certificates, by which the liability of the subscriber is placed beyond question. This issue is to be conditional upon the whole 10,000 being placed, and when allotted, out of this fund a large proportion of the sum will be invested in the names of the trustees, and such a reserved fund established as will place the company on a still more solid and substantial foundation (cheers). But gentlemen, although this undertaking bears the title of Masonic Assurance Company, it is not exclusively Masonic, but opens its portals to the world at large. Directed as it is by men occupying certain prominent positions in the craft, it gives a sort of guarantee for just and equitable dealing. It dare not act unjustly, and this should encourage others to join its ranks and swell its numbers. I say it with all sincerity, and certainly in the hope that the remark will give no pain, that "Freemasons, as a rule, are not the most prudent of men." Whether it be that they are of too social and genial a disposition to think and care for the future, certain it is that although providing by their charities for the wants of others, they occasionally forget their more immediate obligations. I will present to you two pictures—There is the man who lives up to his means, spends all he earns, and makes no provision for the future. He dies, and not only are his wife and little ones, and all who are dear to him, deprived of their happy home, their costly luxuries, their carriage, their enjoyments, but they are suddenly reduced to a condition of dependence, rendered doubly harsh and trying from their former state of affluence and comfort. There is another who lives within his means, saving, but not penurious, and when he comes to die, though racked by pain and tortured by disease, his pillow is smoothed by the comforting thought that his wife and little ones will not be left to the mercy of strangers, but that his savings have provided for them such a solace in the life assurance policy, that he bows to the decree of the last enemy with resignation, if not with cheerfulness. (Loud cheers.) Gentlemen, in giving the toast "Success to the Masonic Assurance Company," I need hardly tell you that you yourselves can minister greatly to that success, if you will but bring to our worthy manager and actuary, Mr. Bigg, as many policies as you can secure between this and the end of next September, the period of our first quinquennial valuation. I couple the name of Mr. Bigg with the toast, because I have known and respected him for many years, and I know, moreover, he has the interests of the company most warmly at heart. (Cheers.) Joined to a profound knowledge of life assurance, and great administrative ability, he possesses those high principles of fair dealing between assurer and assured, that, well carried out, form the soundest basis of all assurance offices, and which confidence in our excellent manager entirely decided me in accepting the very agreeable office which it has been the good pleasure of my colleagues to confer upon me. (Renewed cheering.)

Mr. Bigg, on rising, was received with a most cordial greeting, and after some prefatory observations on the honour done him by associating his name with the toast, observed, "The race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong." is an old and very truthful adage. I can well remember that when this company was incorporated, some four years ago, there were, at least, some four offices that I can call to mind which started at such a rapid pace as to create in my mind a certain feeling of envy, and it was very painful to me to be asked by the directors why

we did not make a similar rapid progress, but the directors of this company would never engage in the expenditure of money by anticipation, well knowing that a day of reckoning must come. Those four offices now, gentlemen, are not one hundred miles from Chancery Lane, while we still remain in New Bridge Street. In Grant's recent edition of "British Batties," he adverts to an incident that forcibly illustrates the axiom that the "race is not always to the swift." While commanding a British contingent in 1630, the French Marshal Biron complained to the English officer, Sir Roger Williams, that he did not bring up his companies—I don't mean life assurance companies (laughter)—fast enough. Sir Roger replied, "This was the pace, Marshall, with which our forefathers conquered your country (France), and I don't mean to alter it." Depend upon it, gentlemen, the slow and steady pace will, in the long run, prove in our case the safest. (Hear, hear.) As regards the "battle not being always to the strong," I may remark that phrenologists tell us that "Size, *ceteris paribus*, is the measure of power." I question if this applies in all cases. Take, for example, the Claimant. (Laughter.) I hope I shall not be considered guilty of contempt of court when I say he is a man of prodigious size, and yet he seems to have a very weak case. Then again, I have my eye on a worthy friend of mine at this table who weighs some three stone more than myself, and yet, in half an hour, I could walk him into a shadow, or a great perspiration. Neither does it invariably apply to life offices. Witness the European and Albert Companies. Why, sirs, it was their very size that sunk them, like water-logged vessels, in the very first gale they had to encounter! It should also be remembered that many of the greatest institutions of the present day, when of our age, had not accomplished the amount of business we have succeeded in obtaining. (Hear.) As regards the question of the ratio of expenditure to income, I should very much like, if time permitted, to read to you a recent article that appeared in one of the assurance journals, which is evidently the work of an able and independent writer. He speaks of the palpable injustice of comparing the expenditure of a young with an old office, and remarks, among other things, "It stands to reason that in the early years of an office its premium income will be comparatively small, because, obviously enough, it has its customers yet to seek." (Hear.) Now, gentlemen, the whole gist of the argument, as affecting our company, lies in this—We have done a small business, hence we have small liabilities. If we have assets of £4,000 to meet possible liabilities of £2,000, I contend that we are in solvent a condition as the company that has £40,000 to meet £20,000. (Hear.) We know we have at present an income that enables us to save money every year, and more than sufficient reserve to meet all probable claims. We know that our death claims, as estimated by the tables were about eight, at the average amount of about £2.75 each, or £1,950 annually. Of course, I am only giving you now a rough rule-of-thumb estimate. By the same rough estimate we know that if every one at this festive board were to assure with us for £1,000 each, while it would add £1,500 a year to our income, it would certainly bring us a claim of one life at least before the twelve months have expired. (Sensation) Life assurance, gentlemen, is a science of such unerring accuracy that I pin my faith to it. But it rests with you to make "assurance doubly sure" by bringing to the Masonic all the policies you can influence among your friends and connexions. You will thus be assisting in the promulgation of a noble cause, adding to the solidity of your investments, and, in the graphic and symbolical language of our Masonic ritual, "raising a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builders." (Applause.)

Bro. G. Lancaster, of Portsmouth, proposed "The Health of the Board of Directors," remarking that it was a great satisfaction to him to see them all present.

Bro. Surtees responded on behalf of his colleagues, and was necessarily brief, as he had only a few minutes at his disposal to secure the last train.

Bro. Bridger proposed the "Directors of the Local Board," which was responded to by Mr. Cudlipp, in a speech of remarkable ability and humour.

The Chairman then gave "The Visitors, Messrs. Bridger, Tallerman, and Loveland."

Bro. Loveland, of the Temple, responded, observing that as a director of another assurance company, he could scarcely be expected to do more than indirectly give his assistance to the Masonic in respect of assurances, but that from connexion with the Craft he felt bound to take shares in the company, which he should certainly do, and he advised the brotherhood to go and do likewise.

"The London and Provincial Medical Examiners" was proposed by Bro. Sunley, who acted jointly with Mr. Eglesse as one of the Vice-Presidents.

In responding for the London officers, Dr. Cross remarked that while the directors were the thought, and the manager the voice, the medical officers were the ear and eye to this body corporate, that both he and his worthy colleague, Dr. Hibberd, had every case under their inspection, and passed neither the lives nor the country papers until they had thoroughly satisfied themselves that the proposals and reports were satisfactory. He had been for many years the medical officer to a company which was now *nulli secundus*, but which, when of the age of the Masonic, was certainly not doing so large an amount of business. He said this in corroboration of Bro. Bigg's statement, and to give encouragement both to him and to the present assembly. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Dr. Bower, of Windsor, responded for the country examiners.

"The Agents" were proposed by Bro. Bigg in appropriate terms. He highly eulogised certain of the agents, who, by their zeal and activity in their calling, had done much to promote the prosperity of the company, while he felt that an agent who consented to accept the appointment, and never exerted himself, was open to the severest censure, and was even worse than useless. He felt great pleasure in making special allusion to three agents now present, who by their energy and perseverance, seemed to realise Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith."

"Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing,
Onward through life he goes.
Each morning sees some work begun
Each evening sees its close.
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose."

—(Applause.) Our energetic and respected representative, Bro. Hacker, of Aldershot, had unfortunately left, but he hoped both Bro. Lloyd, of Sowerby-bridge, and Bro. Coram, of Dover, would favour the company with their views. (Hear.)

These gentlemen severally addressed the meeting, and spoke highly of their satisfaction at the way in which the business was conducted, and expressed the greatest hope of the future.

Bro. Murby also briefly responded.

"The Health of the Chairman, Bro. Stebbing," was given by Bro. Bullivant, and received by the company with the greatest enthusiasm. Though suffering from the effects of hoarseness, he displayed all his characteristic ability and eloquence, and appeared to afford the company the liveliest enjoyment.

The company dispersed at a late hour, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

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Resolved—That the proposed amendments to the Constitution and general statutes be adopted as a whole, subject to amendments, and that such amendments be taken up and examined in numerical order. An amendment to adopt the Constitution as read, and then to offer amendments, as in committee of the whole.

M.W. James Gibson then read the amendments *seriatim*. The title was changed so as to read, "Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York," thus striking out the word

"laws," and substituting "statutes," and the words "Most Worshipful" and "Ancient and Honourable Fraternity."

On the fourth section of Title I. being presented, which provided for "Acting Masters" and exclusion of Wardens to be representatives in the Grand Lodge, a long debate ensued, during which the five-minute rule was adopted, and, finally, the section limiting the representation in the Grand Lodge to one representative from one lodge, who shall be the Master, one of the Wardens, or a proxy duly appointed by the lodge.

The fifth section as adopted, makes the Grand Chaplains and Grand Lecturer appointed officers. They were formerly elected.

In the title, "Masonic Law," nineteen rules, heretofore known as "landmarks," were stricken out, and are, therefore, no longer a part of the Constitution.

A clause, in section 46, giving lodges power to exempt the Secretary, Chaplain, and Tyler from payment of dues, was stricken out, thus placing these officers on a footing with all the brethren.

A clause was inserted directing the compensation of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler, to be fixed before they, or either of them, are elected or appointed, and not to be altered at any time so as to affect the incumbent in office.

An amendment, by R.W. Enoch P. Breed, empowering a lodge to disfranchise a member who has not paid his dues, was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 a.m. next morning, when

The Grand Lodge again assembled at the appointed hour, the M.W. Grand Master on the throne. Prayer was offered by the R.W. and Rev. John G. Webster, of Palmyra.

The committee on exemplification of the work were directed to meet in Kane Lodge-rooms this morning at 9 o'clock.

The Grand Secretary announced that he had a check for 767.62 dols. from Holland Lodge, No. 8, which with 1,350 dols. already handed in by individual members makes a total from that lodge of 2,117.62 dols. for the Hall and Asylum Fund.

The amendments to the constitution were then declared in order, and M.W. James Gibson commenced to read the sections from where he left off the evening before.

To the section reading thus: "A warrant of a lodge can only be surrendered by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated communication duly summoned, with notice of the proposed surrender stated in the summons, which vote shall have been previously called for upon the written request of at least two-thirds of the members of the lodge," the following amendment was added: "Provided, That a warrant cannot be surrendered if seven qualified members vote to retain it."

On reading the qualifications for membership, the clause conferring such by affiliation was made to read thus: "But no Master Mason shall become a member of a lodge other than that in which, or at the request, or upon the consent of which he received the third degree, unless it shall appear by certificate from a regular lodge that he is non-affiliated, and that he is not indebted to any lodge for dues or assessments, and that there are no charges for unmasonic conduct pending against him."

An animated debate took place upon a motion to strike out the following section, the motion being made by W. L. J. Belloni, Jr., of Arcana Lodge: "An unaffiliated Mason shall not be allowed to visit any lodge, or join in a Masonic procession, or receive Masonic relief or burial." The motion to strike out was lost.

An amendment was then offered to strike out the word "or" after the word "procession," and insert instead the words, "and shall not be entitled to." This was also lost; but an amendment to allow an unaffiliated Mason to visit a lodge once only was adopted by the committee, but was rejected by the Grand Lodge.

Section 101, which is as follows, was taken up:—

No member shall be permitted to dimit from the lodge of which he is a member until he shall present a certificate from some warranted lodge that he has been accepted for membership therein; on presentation of such certificate, and upon the written request of the brother, the lodge at a stated communication may, if the member is not an elected officer or indebted to the lodge, or under charges, issue a certificate of dimit, which shall not be delivered to the brother, but shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the lodge, to the lodge from which such certificate of acceptance came, which dimit shall not become operative, or the brother's membership in the lodge issuing the dimit terminated until the brother shall have consummated membership in the other lodge. But any member of a lodge against whom charges are not pending, and whose dues and indebtedness to the lodge are paid, may withdraw from membership by presenting a written application therefore at a stated communication. The lodge shall grant the request of the brother by dropping his name from the rolls, and his membership shall thereby be terminated, and he shall be subjected to the disabilities of an unaffiliated Master Mason, provided, however, that an elective officer cannot withdraw during his term of office.

The following was proposed as a substitute: Any member of a lodge who is not an elected officer thereof, nor under charges, and whose dues to the lodge are paid or discharged, may obtain a dimit from such lodge if he make application thereof in writing at a stated communication.

This gave rise to an animated debate, the ground taken by its opponents being that if a Mason left the State, and went to another, he would have nothing to show to enable him to join a lodge in the State to which he had gone. The substitute was ultimately lost, and the committee accepted amendments by M. W. Clinton F. Paige, changing the words "accepted" and "acceptance" for "petitioned" and "petition," and making it compulsory on the lodge to grant the dimit, and sending it to the lodge receiving the petition. The last clause in the first paragraph in the original resolution was also changed so as to read: "Which dimit shall not become operative, or the brother's membership in the lodge issuing the dimit terminated, until notice shall have been received that the brother has consummated membership in the other lodge."

A clause in the 102d section, providing that suspension (the punishment for non-payment of dues) should not extend to brethren who are manifestly unable to pay their dues, was, on motion of W. Bro. George W. Dilks, stricken out, but such punishment is not to be inflicted until two years' dues are "owing."

W. Bro. Couch, of Brooklyn, moved that any brother suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to membership by a two-third vote of members present, and voting, provided he shall have paid the amount due at the time of his suspension.

This was amended by substituting the word "restoration" for "suspension," and "majority" for "two-thirds," and in this condition the substitute of Bro. Couch was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, to resume labour at 2 p.m.

On re-assembling the Committee on warrants reported in favour of granting new warrants to several lodges under dispensation.

Duplicate warrants were recommended to be granted, without charge, to High Falls Lodge, No. 428, Seneca River, No. 169; and Oriona, No. 229, in place of the originals destroyed by fire. At the same time the committee called attention to the gross carelessness of custodians of warrants, in leaving both warrants and records in their lodge rooms, often insecure, frequently inaccessible in case of fire, and recommended the Grand Lodge to adopt such measures as will hold the Master of a lodge to a strict accountability in case of the destruction of a warrant by fire. The name of "Abram's" Lodge, No. 20, was change to that of "Pioneer" Lodge, No. 20.

A motion to defer the order of the day until after the constitution should have been passed was lost, and the regular order of business proceeded with, the M. W. Isaac Phillips in the East.

The M. W. Christopher G. Fox, was elected Grand Master by a show of hands. The

following committee was appointed to inform the M. W. Brother of his re-election: Past Grand Masters James Gibson, Stephen H. Johnson, and Nathaniel F. Waring.

The M. W. Brother, on presenting himself, was addressed by the Presiding Officer, on behalf of 80,000 Masons, in congratulatory terms, and was responded to by the M. W. Brother with thanks for the confidence reposed in him.

M. W. John L. Lewis nominated (and M. W., Stephen H. Johnson seconded the nomination) R. W. Ellwood E. Thorne for Deputy Grand Master. He was unanimously elected, and entered the Grand Lodge escorted by M. W. John L. Lewis, Joseph D. Evans and R. W. Isaac H. Brown, the committee appointed to inform him of his re-election unanimously, when he was congratulated on his re-election.

The following brethren were then re-elected unanimously: Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Edmond L. Judson, of Albany; Junior Grand Warden, R. W. General James W. Husted, of Peekskill; Grand Treasurer, M. W. John W. Simons, of New York; Grand Secretary, R. W. James M. Austin M.D.; Grand Chaplains, R. W. Res, R. L. Schoonmaker, F. C. Ewer, and John G. Webster, Grand Pursuivant, W. Johnston Fountain; Grand Tyler, W. John Hoole; and Grand Lecturer, R. W. George H. Raymond.

In returning thanks for his re-election, R. W. Bro. Husted gave a history of his labour in getting the taxes on the Hall remitted, which, by a blunder of an engrossing clerk, was made naught; but a supplementary bill, which he had introduced, would be signed by the Governor, and the Hall would be exempt from taxation.

The M. W. Luke Lockwood, Grand Master of Connecticut, was here introduced and received with the grand honours.

M. W. James Jenkinson here rose, and said: "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I think the labourer is worthy of his hire. I therefore move that the thanks of this Grand Lodge, properly engrossed, be presented to our Junior Grand Warden, General James W. Husted, for his able, efficient, and effective services, in the Legislature, in behalf of this Grand Lodge." Adopted unanimously.

R. W. Bro. Sinclair, moved for a convention of Masters of lodges in New York and Brooklyn, to be held on Saturday evening in the Masonic Temple, to devise means for the completion of the same. Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

A clause was inserted in the section relative to the non-payment of dues, providing that for thirty days before a brother can be stricken from the roll for such an offence he shall be summoned to attend lodge and pay.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Johnson, the installation of Grand Officers was made the special order for nine o'clock Friday morning.

On motion of W. Levi J. Isaacs, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously given to the M. W. Isaac Phillips, for the able and courteous manner in which he conducted the election.

The consideration of the Constitution was resumed. On a question as to a waiving of jurisdiction by a sister lodge, R. W. Isaac H. Brown stated that he had three times asked a sister lodge for a permission to initiate, pass, and raise a candidate who had been rejected by said lodge. That lodge refused permission on the ground that the candidate is a Catholic. Now he knew no sect in Masonry, nor did he look for any religious qualification except a belief in a Supreme Being. The man in question had nothing against him, and was as fine a piece of material as he had ever seen in his entire Masonic career, yet he was refused by the lodge in question by but one vote, where there were only seven persons voting. The section on this subject was amended so as to make a majority vote, instead of a single black ball, sufficient to refuse such permission.

Amendments were passed preventing the initiation, passing or raising of more than five candidates at any one time, and the conferring of more than one degree or any one candidate in one day.

One of the amendments adopted read thus: "No officer or other member of the Lodge

shall be permitted to procure the initiation of advancement of any candidate in any other lodge than that in which such candidates shall have been accepted."

On motion of M. W. Clinton, F. Paige, the report was recommitted, with instructions to report back complete.

The Grand Lodge then called off until 9 a.m. Friday.

On Friday the Grand Lodge resumed labour at 9 a.m., prayer being offered by R.W. and Rev. John G. Webster, Grand Chaplain.

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as referred to the Chicago Board of Relief, recommended that the \$3,494.17 dols. returned by the Chicago Board of Relief be turned over to the Hall and Asylum Fund, which was adopted.

The officers of the Grand Lodge were then installed.

The following Commissioners of Appeal were nominated by the Grand Master and confirmed by the Grand Lodge: Chief, R.W. Andrew E. Suffern, of Haverstraw; Commissioners—Wm. T. Woodruff, of New York; W. Josh J. Couch of Brooklyn; W. John A. De Reimer of Schenectady; W. Alexander T. Goodwin, of Utica; W. George O. Baker, of Clyde; and W. David F. Day, of Buffalo.

R.W. Edmund L. Judson, from the Committee of Finance, reported various appropriations for salaries and for charitable and other purposes. The Grand Secretary was recommended to receive 6,000 dols. for salary and clerk hire, and the Boards of Relief of New York 1,500 dols., and Brooklyn and Williamsburgh 100 dols. each. Seventy-five dollars were appropriated for a safe for the Grand Treasurer, and all moneys over and above what was required to pay expenses were turned over to the Hall and Asylum Fund.

The First six Grand Officers having been appointed a committee to redistrict the State tendered the following report, which was confirmed:

- 1st.—Queens and Suffolk counties.
- 2nd.—Kings, east of Washington-avenue.
- 3rd.—Kings, west of Washington-avenue.
- 4th.—Richmond county and New York city Lodges up to and including No. 156.
- 5th.—New York City Lodges up to and including No. 245.
- 6th.—New York city lodges up to and including No. 371.
- 7th.—New York city lodges up to and including No. 600.
- 8th.—New York city lodges up to and including No. 739.
- 9th.—Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties.
- 10th.—Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster.
- 11th.—Greene, Delaware, and Schoharie.
- 12th.—Columbia, Rensselaer, Albany, and Schenectady.
- 13th.—Washington, Saratoga, Warren, and Essex.
- 14th.—Montgomery, Fulton, Hamilton, and Herkimer.
- 15th.—St. Lawrence, Franklin, and Clinton.
- 16th.—Jefferson and Lewis.
- 17th.—Otsego, Chenago, and Broome.
- 19th.—Onondago, Oswego, Cayuga, and Cornwall.
- 20th.—Tompkins, Schuyler, Tioga, and Chemung.
- 21st.—Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates.
- 22nd.—Monroe, Livingston, Genesee, and Wyoming.
- 23rd.—Steuben and Allegany.
- 24th.—Orleans and Niagara.
- 25th.—Erie.
- 26th.—Chautauqua and Cattaraugus.

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The ninetieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was then closed.

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ERRATA IN "THE MASONIC TEMPLE."—Line 2, for "labours" read "labour;" lines 3 and 4, for "aforetimes" read "aforetime;" line 2, verse 2, for "but" read "be;" line 4, verse 2, for "was" read "be;" line 1, verse 3, for "cemented" read "directed;" 2nd line of verse 3, read "shall bless and adorn, if the work He approve; last line but one delete comma after duties.

In the report of the Consecration of Sandgate lodge the name of Bro. H. C. Fuhr, was erroneously spelt as H. C. Foster; that of Bro. W. Tucker, J.W. 125, as W. Lucker, G.W. 125; and Bro. Sherwood, as Isherwood.

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Week ending July 12.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Gaiety Company.

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. "The Poor of Liverpool."

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee, Mr. Sefton Parry. Mr. Byron's new drama, "Chained to the Oar."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frece. Burlesque of "The Forty Thieves," "The Sylphide," and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artistes and Programine.

NEW STAR MUSIC HALL, Williamson-square.—Manager, Bro. Saunders. Opera and Special Attractions.

ROTUNDA THEATRE and MUSIC HALL.—Proprietor, Mr. D. Grannell. Miscellaneous Entertainments.

ROYAL CIRQUE.—William Brown-st.—Equestrian and other Performances.

NEWSOME'S CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circle and other Entertainments.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1873.

CONSECRATION OF THE LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

This lodge, to be held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Romford, Essex, was inaugurated by consecration on Monday, the 30th ult. Amongst those present we recognised the following:—Bros. P. Matthews, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 276; Lacey, W.M. 1421; Wood, of the Angel Lodge; J. A. Wardell, P.M.; Day, P.M.; Beck, of the Priory Lodge, 1000; Scott, P.S.G.D., P.M. Antiquity Lodge, 214; Pearson, S.W. 1196; Roberts, P.M. 554; J. H. Sling, 1327; W. F. Cox, 1327; G. W. Patmore, 1327; W. H. Pearse, S.W. 214; T. Cochrane, P.M.,

P.G.C. 214; Saul, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.D.; W. W. Gilbert, S.D.; F. G. Day, 1076; A. Penfole, 910; H. Payne, 1076; J. Evans, 1327; F. Whitmore, 276; J. Austin, 1327, Wakefield, 1327; J. Tydeman, S.W.; W. Allison, P.M. 13; Bolton, P.M. 1227; Gabb, J.D. 72; S. Piggin, S.D. 1312; J. Worken, 1237; W. D. Martin, of the Acacia Lodge, 1309; J. Maloney, 765; G. Tedder, 1107; J. Nicholls, P.M., P.G.S.W. Essex; A. Wackett, 1437; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. 1076; E. W. Long, W.M. 25; W. Money, 1327; R. Bolton, 1237; W. Parkinson, 1327; J. C. Whitworth, 1421; J. K. Young, P.G.W.; Wackett, 754; J. Williams, 699; and other brethren.

The brethren having entered the lodge-room in procession, Bro. Matthews, in the absence of the R.W. Bro. Robert J. Bagshaw, Provincial Grand Master of Essex, took the chair, and appointed Wardens, pro. tem.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees, after which the Chaplain, (the Rev. F. B. Shepherd) offered up a solemn prayer, imploring the G.A.O.T.U. to assist them in the duties in which they were about to be engaged, after which the following ode was sung:—

Behold the Lodge rise into view,
The work of industry and art.
'Tis grand, 'tis regular and true;
For so is each good Mason's heart.
Friendship cements it from the ground,
And secrecy shall fence it round.

Then may our views to virtue move—
So virtue, owned in all her parts.
Come candour, innocence and love,
Come and possess our faithful hearts;
Mercy, who feeds the hungry, poor,
And silence, guardian of the door.

Immortal science, too, be near;
We own thy empire o'er the mind;
Dress'd in thy radiant robes, appear
With all thy bounteous train behind.
Invention, young and blooming there:
Here's Geometry with rule and square.

United thus, and for these ends,
Let scorn deride, and envy rail;
From age to age the Craft descends,
And what we build shall never fail;
Nor shall the world our works survey,
For ev'ry brother keeps the key.

The presiding officer then addressed the brethren on the object of their meeting.

The Secretary then read the petition and warrant of constitution.

The brethren having signified their approval of the same, the Chaplain then delivered an oration. He said, brethren, whenever a Masonic lodge is consecrated, it is customary for some brother to deliver a short oration on the excellencies of our institution; doubtless you are well acquainted with the principles of Masonry, and may God help you to go through the several steps which leads us to the top of the ladder, the summit of which gives us entrance to the mansion of the Great Architect, and where the just shall shine for ever and ever. Our three grand principles are brotherly love, relief, and truth; they are laid down for our guidance in the great book of sacred law—that book which is, as it were, the spiritual tracing board of the Architect of the Universe, in it are laid down our principles and laws, which will, if we value them, bring us to the temple above—a temple not made with hands, eternal in the

heavens. The sacred law is our text-book, the unerring standard of truth. It teaches us the important duties we owe to God, and all mankind. Benevolence and charity are two grand ornaments, besides these are secrecy and fidelity, which are two Masonic virtues—virtues which all brethren love. Wisdom, strength, and beauty, also are the three grand pillars which support our lodge. The virtues of faith, hope and charity, are the three principal staves in the ladder which reaches into Heaven. Faith in the Great Architect, Builder and Upholder of this Universe shall hereafter be revealed to those who love and keep His commandments. Temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice are virtues which regulate a Mason's daily life; these virtues are likened to the four great rivers which flow out of the Garden of Eden, where our first parents lived, and happy will our future lot be, if we through life observe the lessons, which these virtues inculcate. Ye, who are this day erecting and dedicating this lodge, remember these virtues. Do not let this lodge degenerate into a place for mere social meeting, or what is still worse, a public-house club. See that you do not use liberty as a cloak of licentiousness. Finally, brethren, love the brotherhood, fear God, and honour the Queen, avoid quarrelling, slanderings, &c., be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love will be with you.

Whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report shall be added unto you. Now brethren, as the Father of our great Master prayed for the Jewish Temple, so will all true Masons present pray for this lodge. May peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy borders; for my brethren and companions' sake, I will—say peace be within thee.

The Director of Ceremonies then presented the W. Master to the presiding officer, who placed him on his left. The brethren of the new lodge then arranged themselves on each side of the lodge-board. After a short prayer by the Chaplain, Bro. P. M. Day uncovered the lodge, and the elements of consecration, corn, wine, and oil, were carried round by P.M.'s Day, Wardell, and Angell, solemn music being performed during the ceremony; after which, the following anthem was sung, "Glory be to God on high; peace on earth; goodwill towards men;—to which all chant, "So mote it be." The Grand Chaplain of Oxford then took the censer three times round the lodge, during solemn music. The second portion of the dedication prayer was then offered up—"May the God of love endue the brethren with wisdom from on high; may brotherly love, relief, and truth dwell among the members of this lodge; grant speedy relief to all who are in distress; finally, when we finish our work here below, grant that we may be taken to the Grand Lodge above." The presiding officer then constituted the lodge, concluding his remarks by wishing the lodge every success. The following anthem was then sung:

Behold! how pleasant, and how good,
For brethren such as we,
Of the "Accepted" Brotherhood,
To dwell in unity.

'Tis like the oil on Aaron's head,
Which to his feet distils;
Like Hermon's dew so richly shed
On Zion's sacred hills.

For there, the Lord of light and love,
A blessing sent with power;
Oh! may we all this blessing prove,
E'en life, for evermore.

On friendship's altar rising here,
Our hands now plighted be,
To live in love, with hearts sincere,
In peace and unity.

This brought the consecration to a close, after which the installation of Bro. John Josiah Wilson, W.M. designate, was proceeded with. After being duly installed as W.M. of 1437, he was saluted by the brethren in due form. The W.M. then appointed the officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Tydeman, S.W.; E. West, J.W.; George English, S.D.; B. Brayshaw, J.D.; F. Day, I.G.; G. W. Patmore, Sec.; T. F. Bishop, Treas.; W. Steadman, Tyler.

Bro. Matthews then explained to each of the officers their respective duties. He said: Brethren, you cannot be insensible to the duties which are involved on you; success will depend on your skill in working this lodge, and may you imitate that grand luminary of nature which gives us light, to enlighten the minds of all mankind, and let the world know that we are one.

Bros. Matthews, Shepherd, and Nicholls were then elected honorary members. Bro. Matthews rose and returned thanks. He said he was pleased to be with them on that occasion, and was always delighted to assist in Masonry. Bro. Shepherd thanked them for the compliment they had been pleased to pay him. He said: I am pleased to come among you, and my wish is founded on scripture, "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Bro. Nicholls returned thanks, and he wished them the highest prosperity.

Thanks were then given to the brethren for their attendance; the lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer.

The brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where a most profuse banquet was served, and which gave great satisfaction to all present.

On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the following toasts:—"The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the Craft;" "Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon;" "The Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.;" "The Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master of England;" "The Provincial Grand Master of Essex;" "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present;" "Presiding Officers;" "Visitors," &c.

Bro. Shepherd, in responding, said: I thank you most heartily for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health. I am very sorry that our Prov. Grand Master is not amongst us; I saw him yesterday, and he told me he should try to be present. I know that he wished to be here. He would shed additional lustre to our proceedings. (Cheers.) I again thank you for your toast, and wish you every prosperity.

Bro. Matthews: I rise with the greatest of pleasure to return you my thanks for the honour you have conferred upon me. Nothing does me as much good as to see our brethren working together in harmony, and I shall come down to see you as often as I can make it convenient to

do so. I wish you prosperity to the lodge and officers. (Cheers.)

Bro. Veley returned thanks for the visitors. He said, I congratulate you on your success to-day, and I congratulate you for your choice of your W.M. (Cheers.) We wish you every success.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bros. Tedder, Sherbon, and Farquharson," for the able manner in which they carried out the musical arrangements.

Bro. Tedder responded in a very able manner.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Tydeman."

Bro. Tydeman:—I am much obliged for your toast. Everything that I can do for the benefit of Masonry, I am always willing to come forward to help. (Cheers.)

The whole of the silver jewels for collars, and silver square and compasses for Bible, were presented to the lodge by the W.M. designate. Other presents as follows:—The tracing boards by the S.W., the three ebony gavels inlaid with silver by the J.W., the Bible J.D., the cushion by the I.G., and several other presents by various brethren.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and the brethren parted in love and harmony.

VISIT OF AMERICAN BROTHERS TO BELFAST.

The American Freemasons who recently landed per S.S. "Cuba" in Ireland, under the charge of Messrs. Cook and Sons, having been invited to dinner by the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 88, Belfast, on Wednesday evening, 25th June, were met on their arrival at the Northern Counties Railway station, by the W.M. and brethren of the lodge. Bro. Rev. A. F. Shanafelt, President, and Bro. Cecil S. Spates, Secretary of the excursionists, presented the W.M. and brethren to the members of the party.

During their visit to Belfast, they were escorted by several members of Lodge 88, over various places of interest in the town, including York-street Flax Spinning Mill, several linen and other warehouses, &c.

In the evening after witnessing the initiation of a candidate in Lodge 88, they were entertained at dinner by the members in the hall. The party comprised the following:—Rev. A. F. Shanafelt, (Chairman of the party), C. S. Spates, Secretary; Rev. A. S. Hank, D. W. Lawrence, Esq.; Dr. H. S. Campbell; P. B. Williams, Esq.; G. L. McCracken, Esq.; W. O. Hickow and wife, Colonel Le Grand Benedict and wife, Dr. S. P. Burdick and wife, Thomas Eginton, wife, and sister; George W. Craft and wife, A. J. Loecher and wife, Allen Craig and wife, B. F. Caldwell and wife, John C. Dolan and wife, C. S. Turner, Esq.; Dr. A. M. Barr and wife. C. H. Armstrong and two daughters, H. A. Moran, Esq.; Alex. Howard (conductor).

Amongst those who were present to meet the American brethren were:—The Right Wor. Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon, D.P.G.M. of Antrim; Very Worshipful Bro. John Hanna, P.S.G.W.; Very Worshipful Bro. James Scott, P.J.G.W., P.C. H.K.T. 88; Bro. John Ireland, P. Prov. S.G.W., P.C. H.K.T. 88; Bro. C. C. Wheeler, P.C.H.K.T. 22; Bro. John G. McGee, P.G.R.C.; O'Connell Shaw, P.C. H.K.T. 88; John Adrain, P.C. H.K.T. 106; Thomas Moarn, P.M. 105; Wm. Moarn, 22; John Wright, P.M. 195; R. L. Murrow, 134; John Dixon, 659; W. Markland, 22; J. H. McAuley; Rev. W. C. McCullagh, Chaplain 154.

After dinner the following toasts were proposed:—"The Queen;" "The President of the U.S.A.;" "His Royal Highness Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales;" "The G.M.'s of

Ireland, England, and Scotland;" "The Duke of Leinster;" "The Marquis of Ripon;" "The Earl of Rosslyn;" "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim," responded to by Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon, D.P.G.M.; the toast of the evening, "Our American Brethren," responded to by Bro. Rev. A. F. Shanafelt, and Bro. Cecil S. Spates; "Ireland and America;" "Our Local Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bros. J. G. McGee and John Hanna; "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren;" "Our next Merry Meeting."

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by a varied programme of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, &c., very efficiently rendered by the following:—Bros. McCullagh, Shanks, Wheeler, Ireland, Shaw, Woods, Markland, Glass, Lindsay, Stott, Murrow, Allen.

Before leaving Belfast the Americans inserted the following resolutions in the *News Letter* of the 27th of June:—

"Whereas we have been so cordially welcomed, and so kindly and generously received and entertained by our Irish brothers, during our sojourn amongst them, and especially so by the Masons of Enniskillen, Portrush, and Belfast, therefore—

"Resolved—That we fully appreciate the hospitalities of our Irish brethren, and the sympathy and friendship that have met us on this side of the Atlantic; and we shall carry back to our Western homes the most pleasing remembrances of our associations with the members of our Order in the land of Erin."

"Resolved—That we recognise in these receptions by our Irish friends further proofs of the usefulness and advantages of our world-wide Order; and that now, as in days gone by, it is animated by the noblest impulses of the human heart.

"Resolved—That we extend to the Masons of Ireland our heartfelt thanks for all they have done for us in making our visit pleasant and enjoyable; and we trust the day may not be far distant when American Masons may have an opportunity of showing that they know how to reciprocate the kindnesses that have been so freely shown them."

ALLEN CRAIG,
A. S. HANK,
D. W. LAWRENCE, } Committee.

The party having next to proceed to Glasgow, they were escorted to the steamer by members of the Order, to whom they expressed their deep gratitude for the kindness shown, and the cordial welcome they had received, and with many expressions of mutual goodwill, the vessel steamed off, after three hearty cheers and a "tiger" having been given.

The dinner was supplied by the House Steward, Bro. Hudson.

VISIT OF AMERICAN BROTHERS TO GLASGOW.

A party of Masons from America, who intend making a tour through Scotland and the continent, arrived on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Bromielaw from Belfast. They were received by Robert Bell, Esq., First Noble Commander of the Knights Templar, and during the day visited the various places of interest in the city. In the evening they were entertained to a grand banquet in the City Hall, by the Masonic brethren of the city. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the large hall was well filled by the brethren of the various Masonic lodges in the city and their friends, and presented quite a brilliant appearance—most of the brethren appearing in the regalia of the Order. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, Esq., of Queenshill, occupied the chair, and was supported by a strong muster of Provincial Grand Officers and a full number of the Fraternity. The various Orders turned out in full distinctive Masonic costume for the first time, we believe, in Glasgow.

The proceedings, which commenced about eight o'clock, took the form of a soiree, concert, and assembly—the concert company consisting of the following well-known artistes:—Miss Isa Robertson, Miss M. Dunsmore, Bro. Charles

Stewart, Bro. James Houston and Bro. Robert Fraser. Bro. H. A. Lambeth presided at the organ, and played a selection of national airs while the company was assembling—Bro. A. W. Banks officiating on the piano.

After tea had been dispensed.

The Chairman, who was received with loud applause, said they were met there under rather more than ordinary circumstances. He remarked that Masonry was not confined to their city; it was not confined to England or Scotland—it was not confined at all. They found Masonry all the world over; they found every nation and people giving themselves up to this worthy and excellent Craftship. However much nations may be separated, even geographically, they knew that the people were brought close together by the bonds of brotherhood, and by the mystic ties of the Craft; and however much people might differ in language, there was one universal language which they of the brotherhood all understand—that was, love to one another. They had to-night members of another nation with them, and, fortunately, these brethren and friends spoke not only the English tongue, but they were descended from their common ancestors, and were of the same flesh and blood as themselves. The ties of Masonry were strong, but he held the ties of kindred were still stronger; and whilst they held out the right hand of fellowship as Freemasons, they did so, not only as members of the Craft, but as really true Masons. He asked them to join him in giving a little stronger expression of welcome to their friends—viz., by giving them three hearty cheers. (The request was then heartily responded to by the assembly.) The Chairman went on to speak of the country from which their friends came—a country which was known to them—a country which had been the wonder and admiration of the world, and, if he was not mistaken, it was sometimes a wonder to the Americans themselves—a country they had very great interest in indeed; and why should they not? If the land did not belong to them, there were many people in that country whose hearts they claimed and meant to keep. They were proud of their own land, and he was quite satisfied their excellent friends reciprocated the feeling he now expressed. He thought in Scotland they had reason to be proud of their good old country, and they never would be the last country in the world to welcome friends from wherever they came. Their friends had been kind enough to take up their little city in their long tour, but he regretted they should have come in such unfortunate weather. He hoped, however, their friends would accept this meeting as an offering of their pleasure at seeing them in their city.

The Rev. Mr. Shanafelt, Philadelphia, then addressed the meeting. When he recalled the kindly reception extended to them—the music of the pipers, and their having ascended this prominent place in this grand hall, and the music and song—surrounded by fair ladies, and by the representatives of the Craft in all degrees—he confessed his position was exceedingly embarrassing, and he could only reconcile himself by believing that it was a part of their Scotch right thus to introduce strangers. Ever since their disembarkation at Queenstown, all through Ireland, they felt at home from the kindly courtesy they had received; and, as he assured the brethren of Belfast, if he was not an American, he could wish himself an Irishman. He had changed his mind. As he joined them in this very enjoyable evening, he could wish himself a Scotchman. Everywhere in Ireland they were made welcome; and as they approached Glasgow the glad music that fell on their ears, of the hammer which built the noble mighty ships that floated on the seas was to him and his associates in travel one of the grandest concerts to which they had ever listened. They all were Masons, and they joined and accepted their goodness; and their hearts were warm with loyalty towards them. He came from a city, and worked under the grand lodge of that city, under which 515 subordinate lodges were to-day in healthy, working order. They were all representatives of the 45,000 valiant Sir Knights of America. In a few weeks they proposed to dedicate to the uses of Masonry the grandest temple that

stood on the western continent, in the city of brotherly love, known to them more familiarly as Philadelphia. So that when their Scottish brethren came over to America the grandest edifice on which their eyes would rest in that magnificent city would be their home as it was theirs—the Masonic Temple. This made their brethren and fair sisters forget they were transatlantic, and they felt as though their home commenced amidst the Scotch hills or the green hills of Ireland. They looked forward to the time when it would be theirs to greet their Scotch brethren to American soil—when it would be their privilege to prove to their Scotch and Irish brethren that America appreciated and knew how to reciprocate the kindly courtesy and hospitality which they had extended to them.

At the conclusion of the concert a banquet took place in the Lesser City Hall to which nearly 100 sat down, comprising the *elite* of the assembled party with their ladies. The chair was taken by W. M. Neilson, P.G.M., who was supported by F. A. Barrow, Depute P.G.M., and Capt. Shank, P.E.C., K.T.; Bro. R. Bell, M.N.C. St. Mungo, and J. Crabb, Z. of Chapter 50, were the croupiers.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the P.G.M. gave "Our American Guests."

Sir Knight Dr. Budick responded.

The P.G.M. then gave "The Committee" who had taken so much trouble in getting up this splendid festival.

Sir Knight Bell, as Chairman of the Committee, replied.

The P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the Ladies."

Bro. C. S. Spates, of West Virginia, replied expressing the great satisfaction the American visitors had felt at their reception.

On behalf of the ladies both English and American present, he thanked them as well as for themselves.

Bro. Barrow, D.P.G.M., then gave "A safe return of our Visitors to their Native Land."

The company then adjourned to the ball-room where dancing had commenced some time.

THE SHAH'S VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.

Although of short duration, the visit of his Imperial Majesty, the Shah of Persia, to Liverpool, the principal seaport of the kingdom, on Thursday, the 26th ult., was exceedingly brilliant, and must have impressed his somewhat unimpressionable nature with a sense of the pluck and enterprise of English commerce and shipping. There was a peculiar propriety in having the reception of the "King of Kings" entrusted to Bro. E. Samuelson, Mayor of Liverpool; for, while the former had thrown around him the tradition of ages, the latter was identified with the sacred brotherhood of Freemasonry, which can also boast of its traditions, but of an even more hallowed character than that possessed by his royal visitor. The morning of the day's visit was of the least inviting nature, as the rain poured down with a relentless equality from early morning until afternoon, but this did not hinder "country cousins" and townfolk from turning out in their thousands. The Lime-street station, at which the Shah was expected to arrive, was gay with the gayest and most diversified bunting, although there was nothing like artistic arrangement at any part of the station. There was also a good flag display in other parts of the town, amongst the most noticeable of these being the three huge Masonic flags displayed by Bro. G. Kenning, at his depot, 2, Monument-place, which were the observed of all observers in that part of the town. The arrival platform at Lime-street was crowded by a brilliant assembly of the *elite* of Liverpool, and as the royal train, drawn by the engine "Shah," emerged from the tunnel, there was a great flutter, and every eye was turned to gaze at the dusky stranger. The first to alight from the carriage was Sir Henry Rawlinson, in attendance on the Shah, and by whom the Earl of Sefton, Sir James Ramsden, the directors of the railway, and other gentlemen were introduced to his Majesty. This ceremony over, the Shah alighted from the saloon carriage amidst the acclamations of the assembled crowd.

After a short retirement at the North-Western Hotel, his Majesty proceeded to St. George's Hall, where he was received by Bro. Samuelson, the Mayor, in presence of a most distinguished company.

After the excitement of the royal arrival had subsided, his Worship the Mayor advanced to the foot of the dais, and said—Will your Majesty be graciously pleased to receive the address of the Corporation of Liverpool?

His Majesty having bowed his assent,

The Town Clerk, in the absence of the Recorder, read the address as follows:—

"TO HIS MAJESTY THE SHAH OF PERSIA.

"May it please your Majesty,—We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Liverpool, in council assembled, approach your Majesty with our sincere congratulations on your arrival in England, and humbly tender to your Majesty our especial thanks for the gratification you have afforded the inhabitants of this town by honouring it with your presence. We highly appreciate the enlightened policy which has induced your Majesty to visit this country, and we trust this event may tend still further to cement the alliance happily existing between Her Majesty the Queen and your Majesty, and to extend the commercial relations between the two countries. We hope that you will be gratified with an inspection of the public works and buildings of this town and port; and we assure you that the inhabitants desire to offer to your Majesty a very cordial welcome.—Given under the common seal of the Borough of Liverpool, this 26th day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1873.—EDWARD SAMUELSON, Mayor."

His Majesty replied, through Sir Henry Rawlinson, the interpreter, that he would return a written answer to the address on a suitable occasion; but in the meantime he desired to say how very much gratified he had been by the manner in which, since his arrival in this country, he had been received, both by the Government and by the people of this country. In fact, he had been received in the most flattering and gratifying manner, and he was very sensible of the attention which had been paid to him. He also said that from his early days he had heard of Liverpool as one of the great centres of the mercantile activity of the world, and he was glad that the opportunity had arisen of his being able to visit the place in person, and becoming acquainted with its institutions and its material prosperity.

A sumptuous luncheon was subsequently given at the Town Hall by Bro. Samuelson, and His Majesty afterwards took a trip on the river, going to Trentham, the seat of the Duke of Sutherland, in the evening.

Mulum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

A MASONIC MEDAL.

I have in my possession an ancient silver medal, which is evidently connected with some early period of Freemasonry. I shall be much obliged to you if you will allow me to give the following description of it in *The Freemason*, in the hope that some brother may be able and kindly willing to inform me what it represents, and upon what occasion it was struck.

The medal is of oval form, two inches seven-eighths by two inches three-eighths. On the right is a figure standing on a dais before a canopied throne, his left hand resting on an arm of the throne, and his right hand holding a sword, with which he is pointing to a scroll held open by a kneeling figure before him, by the side of the kneeling figure is another figure, standing, pointing to the scroll with his right hand. In the background are two arches, through the one on the left is seen a building in progress of erection, with scaffolding in front of it, above it is the sun. Through the one on the right is seen an obelisk and the moon. In the foreground is a smooth ashlar, upon which is cut the triple tau, upon it lies the compasses and something I cannot make out, against it are supported the level and square, by it are lying a plumb-rule and a scroll. The floor of the room appears to be tessellated. The whole is surrounded by a snake or serpent.

Original Correspondence.

CHARITY JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

If there is no other reply to "P.M." as to the Charity Jewel, will you kindly inform him that I consider it is the most distinguished jewel a Mason can wear, and that he is now midway to obtaining the privilege of wearing one. The jewel is presented to a brother on his serving the office of steward to two of the three charities—the Boys' and Girls'—and he will be entitled to wear a clasp for the other charity when he serves the stewardship, and an additional clasp for every other stewardship of any of the charities.

Yours fraternally,
MAGNUS OHREN, P.M.,
Past Steward of all the Charities.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Knight Templar and a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite I have read with surprise and regret a letter, quoted in a leading article in your valuable paper, dated the 14th inst., addressed by Sir Patrick Colquhoun to John Scott Cunningham.

I pass over, with the silence I consider it merits, the unpardonable egotism displayed throughout the Arch Chancellor's effusion, and content myself with pointing out the decided errors into which he has fallen, and the equivocal position into which the entire body of Knights Templar have, through the ill-directed zeal of a "lawyer of standing," been placed.

I should first remark how utterly distant from the truth is the statement that honours and dignities are distributed, not by favour, but by merit, and that provincial officers are real entities instead of ornamental and useless dignities. I can instance within my own knowledge several cases in which Knights Templar, who have only been installed companions for a very short period, being appointed to nominally important, and responsible offices in a Provincial Priory, as it is now termed.

I have no doubt the Prince of Wales is deeply grateful for the paternal care with which his career has been watched over by Sir Patrick, and the exertions he has displayed to secure for H.R.H. the honour of Grand Master.

There is, however, a far more important point of view from which the matter must be considered.

I have no hesitation in affirming that such an alteration in the constitution of a body, which had until recently considered itself a "Masonic" one, has been made, is unwelcome to a very large proportion of its members, who although most willing to welcome the Irish Templars, would not, had they had an opportunity of considering the matter, and expressing an opinion on it, have consented to its having been made.

There were very few members of Encampments held out of London who had the slightest idea of what was proposed to be done until the resolutions forming the basis of the amalgamation had been passed, and this having been done, further discussion was burked by the assertion that as the Prince of Wales had sanctioned the so-called amendments, he would be unable to accept the office of Grand Master if they were not confirmed.

It is asserted "that the principle accepted was that the body is not of itself Masonic." Is this the case? What have many eminent authorities said upon the subject?

That worthy Mason Bro. How, to whose valuable work I shall hereafter refer, is clearly of opinion that it cannot be controverted that the Knights Templar possessed some features of similarity to Freemasonry, and the connection between the two bodies has frequently been asserted by the friends and enemies of both. Bro. Laurie says, "We know the Knights Templar not only possessed the mysteries but performed the ceremonies and inculcated the duties of Freemasons," and he attributed the dissolution of the Order to the discovery of their being

Freemasons and assembling in secret to practise the rites of the Order. These views are adopted by Bro. Mackey, an American Mason of eminence.

A careful study of works relating to Knights Templar will, I think, prove that Masonry was a prominent feature of the Order, and it cannot be controverted that whilst Templary flourished Masonry prospered, churches were built and fortifications erected.

Again referring to the statement that the past rank hitherto bestowed was a "ridiculous aping of Craft Masonry, with which it has no connection." To use your own words "out of his own lips this Arch Chancellor stands condemned," for has he not written that the body "has a Masonic basis and qualification" and are not the ranks of the Knights Templar recruited from Freemasons alone?

Supposing for one moment that the Order of the Temple is not of itself Masonic, what then is the legal position occupied by it, and its members? This ought to be known to "a lawyer of standing" but although I am content to accept a more humble position in the ranks of the legal profession, I feel it a duty incumbent upon me to point out the lamentable position which the ill-timed and ill-directed exertions of the gentleman (who deprecating the use of past rank by others, does not fail to inform our American brother that he has been a "Chief Justice") has brought us to, if his assertion that the body is not Masonic is correct.

It is possible we "want no assistance from the law," but it is an undeniable fact that we are subservient to it, and I propose to point out what, in my opinion, the law is.

The Act 37 Geo. III., cap. cxxiii. is still in force. By it all persons administering, &c., "any oath or engagement . . . to be of any society . . . or to obey the commands or orders of any committee or body of men not having authority by law for that purpose . . . shall be guilty of felony;" and "any engagement or obligation whatsoever, in the nature of an oath, shall be deemed an oath within the intent and meaning of this Act."

By 39 Geo. III., cap. lxxix., every society then or thereafter to be established, the members whereof should be required to take any oath which should be unlawful under the last-mentioned Act, should be deemed unlawful, section 5 expressly exempting "Lodges of Free Masons;" and 57 Geo. III., cap. xix., enacts that all societies, the members whereof are required to take unlawful oaths, &c., within the two before-mentioned Acts, or "to take any oath not required or authorised by law," shall be deemed to be within the provisions of 39 Geo. III., cap. lxxix., "Lodges of Freemasons" in this instance also, being specially excepted.

If the Order of the Temple ceases to be Masonic, it at once becomes an unlawful society, and the whole of its members liable to be subjected to criminal prosecution.

And now as to the unwarranted attack made upon the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

In the first place, Sir Patrick Colquhoun, knowing that the Supreme Council 33° had incorporated itself under the Companies' Acts of 1862 and 1867; and being himself a member of the 32°—and, as such, pledged to support the authority of the Council—must be taken to be aware of the objects of the incorporation, which, as set forth in the memorandum of association, "are the promotion of Scientific and Archaeological Freemasonry, and the encouragement and development of Masonic Charity; and the doing of all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects."

Had Sir Patrick Colquhoun not been above the law he would have known that under the last mentioned Acts, associations may be registered for purposes other than that of trading and the license granted to the Supreme Council by the Board of Trade, by virtue of 30 and 31 Vict., c. cxxxi. sec. 23 was upon the express condition "that the income and property of the Association shall be applied solely to the promotion of the objects of the Association" as before set forth and no portion thereof is to be "paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise by way of profit" to any person whomsoever.

How then does he reconcile this with his utterly unfounded assertion that the Council is a trading company for the sale of Masonic or quasi Masonic degrees?

Is then the Order of the Temple upon a firmer basis than the Ancient and Accepted Rite?

I think that I have clearly demonstrated that if the Arch Chancellor's assertion is correct (which I do not admit) then the latter has a legal instead of an illegal position.

It can amalgamate with other bodies, in fact generally do anything that may be conducive to the carrying out of the object for which it was incorporated.

I must apologise for these lengthy remarks, but the subject is one of interest and appears of too great importance not to require ample ventilation.

I am Dear Sir and Brother
Yours fraternally,
J. E. C.

A MASONIC FUNERAL IN NEW YORK.

The *New York Dispatch* gives the following interesting account of the funeral obsequies of the late Bro. Orr, Governor of New York:—

The sun has rarely shone on a finer day than the one set apart for the tribute offered by the fraternity and the civic authorities of New York to the memory of the late Governor Orr, whose remains were passing through our city to their final resting place in South Carolina. From the moment of the arrival of the steamer in the bay the casket was in charge of the Craft, under direction of R. W. Bro. Thorne, D.G.M., and the various commanderies, with ready devotion, guarded it and its honoured burden. Friday having been named for the public ceremonial, found the craftsmen ready to honour themselves in honouring one who in life had been a faithful exemplar and consistent exponent of the principles Masonry teaches. Promptly at the hour named in general orders, the Knights began assembling in the City Hall Park, and when the line of march was ready, there could not have been less than 800 Templars in it. The coffin having been placed in its place, the cortège moved in the following order:—

- Section of Mounted Police.
- Inspector Dilks, with Captain Leary as Special Aid.
- Platoon of the Broadway Squad, under Capt. Allaire.
- Knights Templar Band, H. B. Dodworth, leader.
- Grand Marshall and Chief of Staff.
- Aids to Grand Marshall, in full evening dress, black, with blue rosettes and lambskin aprons.
- The Grand Commandery of New York as follows:—
- Sir Frank L. Stowell, R.E. Grand Commander.
- Sir Robert Blake, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander.
- Sir Townsend Fonday, E. Grand Generalissimo.
- Sir Geo. W. Southwick, E. Grand Captain General.
- Sir James A. Read, E. Grand Prelate.
- Sir George W. Walgrove, E. Grand Senior Warden.
- Sir George H. Chase, E. Grand Junior Warden.
- Sir A. W. Shadbolt, E. Grand Treasurer.
- Sir Robert Macoy, E. Grand Recorder.
- Sir Charles Aikman, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
- Sir Edmund Cooper, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
- Sir Ralph W. Kenyon, E. Grand Warder.
- Sir Jackson H. Chase, E. Chief of Staff.
- Sir Peter Forrester, Special Aid to Grand Commander.

Commanderies of the State of New York, in the following order:—

- Columbian, No. 1, Sir Walter M. Fleming, E.C.
- Constantine, No. 48, Sir Geo. W. Walgrove, E.C.
- Morton, No. 4, Sir George Smith, acting E.C.
- Clinton, No. 14, Sir Claudius Beattie, E.C.
- Palestine, No. 18, Sir Henry Myers, acting E.C.
- De Witt Clinton, No. 27, Sir John H. Mott, acting E.C.

Manhattan, No. 31, Sir H. Snyder, acting E.C.
 Ivanhoe, No. 36, Sir Fred. Gugel, E.C.
 E. Sir Henry Titcomb, Past Grand Warden of
 Rhode Island.
 R. E. Sir C. F. Knapp, Past Grand Commander
 of Pennsylvania.
 Grand Commandery of New Jersey.
 Delegations of Knights from New Jersey.
 York Commandery, U.D., Sir Jerome Buck, E.C.
 Keating's Grand Lodge Band.
 Fifth Regiment Drum Corps.
 Grand Lodge Officers in reverse order.
 Ellwood E. Thorne, Grand Master.
 Pall bearers in carriages.
 J. H. Drummond, P.G.M.,
 John W. Simons, P.G.M.,
 N. F. Waring, P.G.M.,
 S. H. Johnson, P.G.M.,
 Isaac Phillips, P.G.M.,
 Jos. D. Evans, P.G.M.,
 Jas. Jenkinson, P.G.M.
 J. M. Austin, P.G.G.H.P.,
 A. G. Mackey, P.G.G.H.P.,
 Daniel Sickels, P.J.G.W.,
 Cœur de Lion, No. 23,
 John T. Conover, E.C.,
 Delegations from different commanderies, form-
 ing a hollow square.

The Hearse.

Chief mourners in carriages.

Mayor and Common Council in carriages.

Gen. Hancock and staff in carriages.

Citizens and others in carriages.

The hearse was drawn by six white horses,
 with black drapery and other mourning habili-
 ments, each horse being led by a coloured man
 attired in black clothes and silk hats, with crape
 around the outer arm. The hearse was enclosed
 in a hollow square formed of Knights.

The procession, which numbered 1,500
 knights, marched in the form of a Latin cross,
 up Broadway to Twenty-third-street, thence to
 and along Madison-avenue to Dr. Hepworth's
 church, on the corner of Forty-fifth-street. All
 along the line of route the houses and sidewalks
 were crowded with people, whose silent atten-
 tion denoted great respect. Many of the houses
 along the upper part of Broadway were draped,
 and every flag along the entire line was at
 half mast.

On arriving at the church the knights formed
 in two lines, with open ranks, and stood at pre-
 sent arms, while the Grand Commandery went
 back to meet the hearse. The Grand Lodge
 band and drum corps followed the Grand
 Marshal and aids, the Grand Commanderies of
 New York, New Jersey, and Grand Officers
 from other jurisdictions, the Grand Lodge, pall-
 bearers, and hearse then passed through the lines,
 the knights holding their swords at present. The
 Grand Officers then formed, from the kerbstone
 to the church door, an arch of steel, by crossing
 their swords, and beneath this the coffin was
 carried by ten knights into the sacred edifice,
 the Grand Lodge band playing a dirge, and the
 drum corps beating the long, muffled roll.

In the church there was no decoration, no
 display, except the floral offerings. The Grand
 Commandery furnished a "Kedge Anchor" in
 white flowers, representing also the Templars,
 cross and crown; the Grand Chapter contributed
 a "Keystone," encircled by a wreath, and
 bearing the symbolic letters, "H.T.S.S.T.K.S.;"
 Mrs. C. P. Leslie, of South Carolina, presented
 a beautiful wreath, nearly lyre-shaped, of white
 roses, immortelles, and lilies, with fern leaves,
 and having the initials "S.C." in violet for-
 get-me-nots; and the Grand Lodge gave a
 square and compass. The front seats were
 reserved for the relatives of the deceased, the
 pall-bearers, the Grand Officers of the Order, the
 Common Council, the representatives of the
 State, and officers of the army and navy. As
 soon as the music from without announced the
 arrival of the procession, the Rev. Dr. Hepworth,
 pastor of the church, and the Rev. Dr. Tyng,
 junior, went to the door to meet the body. In a
 few moments they returned, preceded by Sexton
 Isaac Brown, and Chief of Staff, E. H. Kent,
 Dr. Tyng chanting that portion of the Episcopal
 Service, commencing, "I am the resurrection
 and the life."

After came the pall bearers, then the coffin, on
 the shoulders of ten Knights Templar, next, the

Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, the Grand
 Council, the municipal authorities, including the
 Mayor, and General Hancock and staff. The
 two clergymen passed on the platform, followed
 by Rev. Drs. Ewer and Schoonmacher, Grand
 Chaplains, and the coffin was laid in front of the
 reading-desk.

When the Templars had taken their places the
 doors were open to the public, and in a few
 moments the church was crowded. While the
 cortège entered, the organ pealed forth a solemn
 march. The quartett who assisted at the church
 services were J. R. Thomas, bass; George
 Simpson, tenor; Miss Baron, alto; Mrs.
 Shepherd, treble. They commenced the musical
 portion of the services with the chant, "Lord let
 me know my end," at the conclusion of which
 Dr. Tyng read from the thirtieth verse,
 fifteenth chapter, of the first epistle of Paul to
 the Corinthians, "Now is Christ risen from the
 dead."

The hymn, "Jesus lover of my soul," was then
 sung, and at its conclusion Rev. Dr. Hepworth
 addressed the congregation. There were some
 events, he said, too grand and awful for expres-
 sion, they were in themselves so eloquent that
 they stood in no need of interpretation by human
 lips; and this was one of them. They were now
 standing amid the awful silence of death, and it
 impressed its own lesson upon every heart. In
 after years such a scene would re-appear in the
 imagination, carrying its lessons with it. In this
 event they were taught the uncertainty of human
 life, which he advised them to lay closely to their
 hearts. He besought them also to remember that
 to-day alone is theirs, and they have no right to
 speculate on the morrow. Let them be strong
 in faith. It alone was the great sustaining
 power in all trials, the supporter in all life's trials.
 In concluding, he wished that the anchor of hope
 might be theirs, and when the Senior Warden
 came in death's shape to call upon them he would
 find them not afraid, and when as justice, the
 Junior Warden came with his plumb, he, too,
 would find them ready. Then might they look
 up to the Great Architect of the Universe, who
 hath builded a house for them in heaven, and
 when the summons came, say, "So mote it be."

Dr. Tyng next proceeded with the Episcopal
 funeral services, which closed with the funeral
 anthem, "I Heard a Voice." He next offered
 a prayer, and at its close the Masonic ceremonies
 commenced, opening with the dirge from Lur-
 line, "Peace to the Memory."

The Grand Lodge officers next formed about
 the coffin, R.W. Ellwood E. Thorne, as Grand
 Master, taking his position at the head; W.
 Bro. James F. Morrison, as Deputy Grand
 Master, at the foot; R.W. William T. Wood-
 ruff, as Grand Senior Warden, standing at the
 left of the Grand Master; and W. Bro. Robert
 H. Thomas, as Grand Junior Warden, at his
 right hand. The Masonic ritual service was
 then commenced by the Grand Master, the
 Senior and Junior Grand Wardens taking up
 the responses. R.W. and Rev. R. L. Schoon-
 macher, Grand Chaplain, next offered prayer,
 after which the ritual service was again taken
 up, the Deputy Grand Master, Senior and
 Junior Grand Wardens reciting passages of
 Scripture appropriate to the occasion.

The Grand Master then delivered the ritual
 address to the brethren on death and their duty
 to prepare for eternity, after which he placed the
 lambskin apron and acacia on the coffin, at the
 same time explaining their moral meaning. The
 ceremony of committing the body to the
 grave, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to
 dust," was then carried out, the Grand Master
 dropping earth on the coffin, after which the
 fraternity sang the Masonic dirge, "Solemn
 strikes the funeral chime."

After a concluding prayer by Rev. F. C.
 Ewer, the remains were again placed in the
 hearse, and the final procession formed. This
 consisted of the police, the Washington Grey
 Troop, looking superbly; the Seventh Regi-
 ment, in its usual magnificent array; the Grand
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Masonic Tidings.

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 CHURCH.—On Saturday last, the 28th ult., Bro.
 Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. for
 East Lancashire, laid the foundation stone of St.
 James's Church, Pleckgate, Blackburn, with full
 Masonic honours. The R.W.P.G.M. was as-
 sisted by the Grand officers of the province and
 numerous brethren from the different lodges
 within his jurisdiction. The local clergy, the
 Mayor and corporation, the Orange lodges of the
 district, numbering 800 persons, the scholars of
 St. John's and Pleckgate Schools, and several
 thousands of spectators were also on the scene.
 The weather was fine, and the ceremony was
 both impressive and imposing. The new edifice
 will cost some £3,500, and will accommodate
 644 people, one half the sittings being free and
 unappropriated. £2,200 have already been raised
 by subscriptions. Mr. W. T. Carr, barrister-at-
 law, gave the site, worth £300, in addition to a
 subscription of £100. One special circumstance
 deserves to be noticed, to show the interest the
 working-men of the district take in the move-
 ment. A number have subscribed £5 each,
 which they will pay at 2s. 6d. per week. Eight
 bands of music played in various parts of the pro-
 cession.

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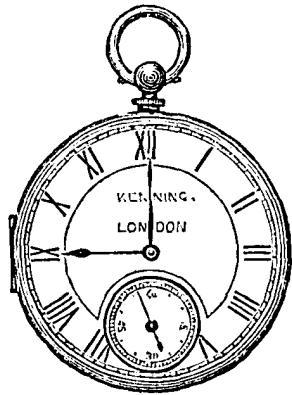
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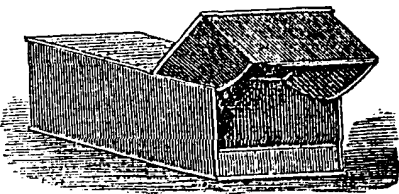


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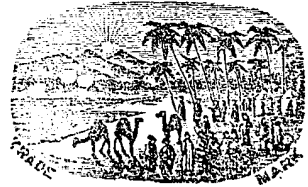
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GIBRALTAR.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 115).—The evening of the 18th June, 1873, will be long remembered by the members of this old and well-known lodge, for seldom or ever had there been such an enthusiastic mustering of all the brethren to do honour to and welcome the installation into the chair of K.S. of Bro. Thomas Haynes, worthy brother of a large family of Masons, and worthy, thrice worthy descendant of a venerable and much respected member of the Craft; one who, many, many years ago, elected to settle down at Cadiz, and there established a firm of practical engineers which is known far and wide throughout the Peninsula. Well, indeed, may England be proud of those sons, who, in the country of their adoption, opened up a most successful career; and by their own unaided energy, integrity, and perseverance, carved themselves out a position of power and authority, which will inscribe their names indelibly on the scroll of the history which records the progress of that country with which they have associated themselves. And well may we accept with fraternal embrace, and glory in placing amongst us, as rulers in the Craft, brethren who have already so clearly demonstrated that they possess executive energy, and administrative ability. Punctually at 8 p.m. the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Morgan, who was supported on the dais by Bros. P. M. Beale, Cavanna, Balfour Cockburn, Price, Franceri, Holliday, and Weir; with Bros. T. Haynes, as S.W.; Valerius, J.W.; Ashton, S.D.; Avellano, J.D.; S. de Luque, M.C.; Apancio, Organist; Clementi, Secretary. We also noticed as present:—Bros. Evjenth, Clavarez, Gomez, C. Haynes, J. T. Haynes (who arrived from Cadiz just in time for the ceremony), Marshall, Cortez, Levy, Lopez, Bassano, Gimenez, Benhayon, Recano, Hepper, Seath, and others. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and the W.M. elect presented by Bro. P.M. Cavanna and Cockburn, Bro. Morgan proceeded to instal him, conducting the ceremony, in every way, most creditably, the different charges being delivered in a very careful and impressive manner. W.M. Haynes, having been duly proclaimed and saluted, at once nominated the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Ashton, S.W.; M. Gomez, J.W.; Evjenth, S.D.; Recano, J.D.; Clementi, Master of Ceremonies; Lopez, I.G.; Haynes, Secretary; Cavanna, Orator; Aparicio, Organist; Peterkin, Steward. After a few general remarks, and the transaction of some affairs of minor importance, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banquetting-hall, where a splendid collation had been provided by the liberal W.M., and to which full justice was done by the numerous brethren and visitors. The usual toasts were given and responded to, the oratorical powers of Bro. Cavanna being fully tried. The enthusiasm of the evening reached its climax when P.M. Cockburn proposed the health of "the Father and Brothers Haynes." Bro.

J. T. Haynes, who with difficulty and at some personal inconvenience, had left Cadiz that very afternoon to be present at his brother's installation, responded on behalf of his father and himself, both in the Spanish and English language. Shortly after, the brethren retired.

WHITEHAVEN.—*Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge* (No. 119).—Wednesday, July 3rd, was one of the red letter days chronicled amongst the archives of the oldest lodge in the Masonic Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, it being the St. John's festival for the installation of Lord Muncaster, M.P., as Worshipful Master of Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven. Many are the vicissitudes that the lodge—founded upwards of a century since—has undergone; but it is now gratifying to state that, in this particular year of Masonic grace, 5873, no other lodge in the province is more flourishing, or counts a greater number of members on its roll—members withal, whose names and titles amply testify the staunch and valuable services they have rendered the Craft, not only particularly as regards the important province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, but generally as regards Masonry under the sway of the Grand Master of the English Constitution. The brethren met at the lodge-room, College-street, at five o'clock. The muster was unusually large. Amongst the Prov. G. Officers and officers of the lodge present were:—Bros. W. Sandwith, W.M.; Lord Muncaster, M.P., S.W., P.G. Reg.; Rev. F. W. Wicks, Chap.; W. Alsop, Hon. Sec., P.P.G.S.; E. Tyson, S.D.; I. Hartness, J.D.; Jas. Cooper, Org., P.P.G.O.; J. Rothery, I.G.; I. Wilson, S.; P. Quin, P.M., T., P.P.G.S.W.; E. Fearon, P.M., P.G.D.C., P.P.G.S.W.; H. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. White, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Barr, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Major Spencer, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. W. Henry, P.M., P.G.J.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; and others. The visiting brethren turned up in great force. Bro. Sandwith, Worshipful Master, took the chair at half-past five, and the lodge was then opened in form. Bro. Alsop, Hon. Sec., read letters of apology from several brethren. After the lodge had been opened in the second degree, the Installing Master, Bro. Kenworthy, P.P.G.J.W. with Bro. Lord Muncaster, M.P., W.M. elect, were announced. Bro. Sandwith, the retiring Master, thereupon vacated the chair, Bro. Kenworthy taking his place. The W.M. elect was now presented to the Installing Master, and the charge and obligation having been delivered, the lodge was opened in the third degree and a Board of Masters and Past Masters convened, which, we may observe, numbered over a score. The noble lord was then duly installed in the chair, and the brethren subsequently saluted him thrice, in accordance with ancient custom. The new officers of the lodge were lastly invested by the newly installed Worshipful Master as follows:—Bros. E. Atter, S.W.; Alsop, J.W.; E. Tyson, Hon. Sec.; W. Gibson, Treas.; Rev. F. W. Wicks, Chaplain; I. Hartness, S.D.; J. Rothery, J.D.; T. Dawson, I.G.; I. Wilson, D.C.; J. Milner and J. Milligan, Stewards; and P. Quin, Tyler. The Installing Master's charges, delivered in a most impressive manner, to the Worshipful Master and Wardens, brought the actual business of the day to a close. Lord Muncaster, prior to closing the lodge, appointed Bro. M'Kelvie as his deputy. We must not omit to mention that the onerous work of the Installing Master was most efficiently rendered by Bro. Kenworthy, who has officiated in the same capacity for some years past. At the conclusion of the lodge proceedings an adjournment was made to the banquetting hall, which was appropriately decorated, and in which a splendid refection was spread by Mrs. Todhunter, of the Albion Hotel, in her very best style. Bro. Lord Muncaster, the newly-installed Master, presided, supported right and left by Bros. Major Spencer, G. Kenworthy, W. B. Gibson, Dr. Shannon, Dr. Henry, J. Porter, Rev. T. R. Holme, Rev. F. W. Wicks, Rev. M. Labarte, Dr. Clarke, and Henry Cook. The vice-chairs were filled by Bro. E. Fearon, (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Atter) and Bro. W. Alsop. Grace before and after meat having been said by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Wicks, the

Chairman proposed the "Queen and the Craft," which was cordially drank. The Chairman next gave the "Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." The Prince of Wales had always taken a very great interest in Masonry, and he was a Mason who was likely to take a still deeper interest in the Craft hereafter. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. The Chairman, in proposing the health of the Right Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, said that he had the pleasure of his lordship's acquaintance, and had often heard him express the great interest he took in Masonry. The toast was drunk with all the honours. The Chairman next proposed the health of Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master of England, and, in doing so, said his lordship was a nobleman universally esteemed by all Masons in England. The Chairman proposed the health of the Earl of Bective, M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. He alluded to the great interest which Lord Bective took in Masonry in general, and particularly in the province of Cumberland and Westmoreland. (Drank with Masonic honours.) Bro. Cook, in submitting the next toast—the health of a worthy brother, who was always doing good, and pleasing them with his delightful speeches—paid a high tribute to the Masonic worth of Bro. Whitwell, M.P., the Deputy Prov. G. Master. He called on the company to drink Bro. Whitwell's good health. With respect to the other officers of the province, they were very well known to most present, and he would ask them to cordially respond to the toast. (Drank with full honours.) Bros. Henry and Porter briefly responded. Bro. Major Spencer proposed the health of the present Worshipful Master of Lodge 119, Bro. Lord Muncaster. His Lordship had come before them a comparative stranger to begin with, but now he came amongst them as a Mason, and was received with open arms as a man and a brother. It was unnecessary for him to say much about Lord Muncaster's abilities; but His Lordship had appointed an able brother to officiate for him in his absence from the country, and he was sure they would always welcome Lord Muncaster amongst them whenever his duties permitted him to be present. (Loud applause, after which the toast was drank with all the honours.) The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was received with renewed cheering. He said it was not very easy to respond to the toast, because he was so thoroughly aware how little he was capable of filling the responsible post to which he had that day been appointed. He had been so recently initiated into Masonry, that he thought any other brother had as much right to sit in the chair as he had. (No, no.) At first when the office was offered to him he did not know whether to accept it or not, but upon second consideration he thought it was his duty to accept it, as, in so doing, he had an opportunity of furthering the interests of Masonry in the district. He had not been able to give that attention to the affairs of the Craft which he could have wished, owing to his frequent unavoidable absence from the country. He considered himself very much indebted to Bros. Kenworthy Gibson, and Sandwith, for the able assistance they had given him. As Bro. Spencer had remarked he believed that he had appointed a very worthy Deputy in Bro. M'Kelvie; in fact, it was his opinion he could not be more worthily represented. This was his native county, and it was a great source of pleasure and honour to him to be made Master of Lodge 112; and he hoped that he might be permitted to attend the lodge during the ensuing year more frequently than he had been able to do in the past. He begged to thank the visiting brethren, and more especially the members of the lodge of which he was now Master, for the very cordial manner in which they had drunk the toast of his health. Bro. F. W. Wicks gave the "Immediate Past Master, Bro. Sandwith." He thought they should ever remember the gathering of this evening as one of the greatest events ever held in connection with the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge. It was assuredly characteristic of that lodge that each and every member was striving to make it the best in the province. He proposed the toast of Bro. Sandwith, Immediate Past Master. The

toast was warmly received. Bro. Sandwith, in returning thanks, said he hoped that the jewels that had been transferred from him to his noble successor were transferred in the same pure and unimpaired state in which he (Bro. Sandwith) received them twelve months ago from his predecessor. Bro. Clarke, in complimentary terms, proposed the health of the newly-elected officers, which was duly honoured. Bro. Alsop, on behalf of Bro. Atter and himself, thanked Lord Muncaster for the honour conferred upon them in selecting them his Wardens for the ensuing year. He (Bro. Alsop) regretted Bro. Atter's absence, but could assure his lordship and the brethren that the absence of Bro. Atter was due solely to professional engagements at the sessions. He (Bro. Alsop) could only say, on behalf of Bro. Atter and himself, that it would be their study to discharge the duties of their respective offices to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master and the brethren, and to promote, in every possible way, the harmony of the lodge during their year of office. He concluded by congratulating the brethren upon having elected Bro. Lord Muncaster as W.M. of Lodge 119, and expressed a hope that they would often have the pleasure of his lordship's company amongst them. Bros. Gibson, Rothery, E. Tyson, J. Hartness, Milligan, and T. Dawson likewise briefly responded. At this stage of the proceedings, the W.M., Bro. Lord Muncaster, having to drive to Muncaster Castle, vacated the chair. Before leaving, his lordship deputed Bro. Kenworthy to fill his place. His lordship, on retiring, was greeted with a most enthusiastic demonstration on the part of the brethren. The Chairman proposed "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. Porter, Shannon, Brooker, Labarte, Mills, Steward, J. W. Young, and Lamony responded. Bro. Gibson proposed the "Masonic Charities." Lodge 119 was, he was proud to say, one of the vice patrons of the Boys' School, in fact, they had 20 votes, which was more than any other lodge in the province could boast of. It was only right they should go in and accomplish the same thing in regard to the Girls' School. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Henry, who had perhaps done more for the Masonic charities than any other member. Bro. Henry, in reply, hoped that next year, as Bro. Gibson had remarked, the lodge would be in the same position with regard to the Girls' School as it now stood with regard to the Boys' School. Bro. Gibson, in complimentary terms, proposed the health of the "Installing Master, Bro. Kenworthy," who briefly replied. The Tyler's toast was then given from the chair, and this brought the proceedings to a close shortly before eleven o'clock. The festival was the most important held in connection with the lodge for some years past, and undoubtedly reflected credit on all concerned in the management. The musical arrangements were under the supervision of Bro. Cooper.

EGREMONT.—*Kenlis Lodge* (No. 126).—The installation of Bro. Muncaster as Worshipful Master of the Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, of the ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, took place in the new lodge room, Egremont, on Wednesday. The brethren assembled at 5 o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. Lawson, the retiring W. Master. Bro. Muncaster, was installed by Bro. Crowther, Morton, P.M. of lodges 872, 1002, and 1267, P.Prov. G.S.W., in his usual efficient and masterly manner. At the close of the ceremony, the newly-installed Master, who was greeted by all the brethren in a most cordial and enthusiastic manner, invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. J. Eilbeck, S.W., J. Fearon, J.W.; W. Towerson, Hon. Sec.; E. Chapman, Treas.; Rev. H. A. Creeny, Chap.; R. Baxter, S.D.; J. B. Mossop, J.D.; G. Douglas, I.G.; and W. Selkirk, Tyler. After the lodge had been closed in due form, the brethren, 40 in number, repaired to the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet awaited them, provided by Mrs. Jones, the worthy host's newly-appointed housekeeper, whose catering was the theme of praise. Bro. Muncaster occupied the chair, supported right and left by Bros. Morton, Lawson, Postlethwaite, Creeny, Lamb, Gill, W.M., and Brown, S.W. 72, and others. The vice-chairs were filled by

Bros. Horsman, E. Chapman, and J. Eilbeck. Bro. Matthews presided at the piano. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with songs, admirably rendered by Bros. Biggs, Matthews, Charleton, Baxter, &c., were duly honoured, and a most happy and convivial meeting was kept up until 11 o'clock, when

"Each took off his several way
Resolved to meet some other day."

LIVERPOOL.—*The Mariners' Lodge* (No. 249).—On Thursday afternoon, the 3rd instant, the members of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, met at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, the principal business being the installation of the W.M. elect. There was an exceedingly large and influential gathering of the fraternity. Shortly after two o'clock, the lodge was opened in due and solemn form by Bro. Edwin Hughes, W.M., who was supported by P.M.s H. Pearson, J. Hamer, and W. Jones; Bros. J. J. Rose, S.W.; J. Lloyd, J.W.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., Treas.; J. Hayes, J.D.; C. Leighton, I.G.; W. G. Veale, O.; H. Price, S.; J. Chisnall, S.; and W. H. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Wood, J. Tickle, W. Hamilton, J. Parker, E. Ramson, T. Roberts, T. Stott, J. Mills, J. Burrows, R. Carter, H. Warner, W. Yates, J. Evans, G. Molley, J. C. Robinson, E. C. Griffiths, C. H. Foster, H. W. Nicholas, C. Kaat, F. G. Wendel, E. T. Gee, H. Rush, J. J. Shields, H. Hall, J. Croxton, W. Garlick, J. Hyde, J. Gordon, A. Bernard, T. Ramskill, R. R. Martin, W. Sambrook, I. Haneyford, and others. The visitors present were Bros. Skeaf, P.G.O., P.M. 216; W. Doyle, P.G.S., P.M. 667; R. Robinson, P.M. 241; T. Ashmore, P.M., 823; Dr. S. J. Mc George, P.M. 241; J. W. Radcliffe, W.M. 605; R. W. Harwood, P.M. 37 and 348; T. Wilson, P.M. 37, 178, and 348; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724 and 1276; J. L. Knight, I.P.M. 241; J. A. Woodward, 317; T. Shaw, I.G. 605; A. Samuels, S.W. 1350; W. Roberts, S.D. 1264; A. B. Fisher, J.D. 240; J. E. Jackson, Sec. 667; and J. Jackson, 178. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, and some formal business transacted, Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., Treas., proceeded to instal Bro. J. J. Rosse as W.M. of the "Mariners'" for the ensuing year. The whole of the ceremony of installation, and charges to the officers, was given by Bro. Dr. Smith in a manner which, while reflecting the highest credit upon his Masonic zeal and aptitude, must have given the greatest delight, by its efficiency and impressiveness, to even the oldest Mason present. The following brethren were subsequently invested officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Lloyd, S. W.; J. Hayes, J.W.; J. K. Smith, P.M., re-appointed Treas.; R. Collings, re-appointed Sec.; H. Price, S.D.; W. Hamilton, J.D.; H. W. Nicholas, I.G.; E. Ramson, Foster, Parker, and Gordon, Stewards; W. H. Veale, Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge, and invested accordingly. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the newly-chaired W. M. commenced his year's work by initiating Messrs. William Jones and James Woods into the mysteries and privileges of the order, and the highly effective way in which he did this work augured well for the success of his year of office. Before the lodge was closed, the W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented a very handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Edwin Hughes, I.P.M., in recognition of his Masonic zeal and the excellent services he has rendered to the Mariners' Lodge. Bro. Hughes, in the course of an excellent speech, thanked the brethren for their kindly acknowledgment of his labours, and assured them he would continue to endeavour to do what they could for the Craft generally and that lodge in particular. After the labours of the afternoon, about sixty brethren and visitors sat down to a splendid banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in terse and happy terms. The toast of the P.G.M. and P.G. Officers of West Lancashire was responded to by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O. In giving the toast of "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," the W. M. alluded to the present value of the benefits conferred upon those who were connected with it, and he hoped every member of the lodge would consider it his duty, as it was

a privilege, to become a governor. The W. M. next gave the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Dr. Smith, P.M.," and said it must have afforded every brother the greatest delight at having witnessed the exceedingly efficient way in which he had performed his onerous duties that afternoon. After the toast had been honoured with the greatest enthusiasm, Bro. Smith replied in excellent terms, and spoke hopefully of the continued prosperity of the lodge. In conclusion he proposed the health of the W. M., who replied in appropriate terms. The toast of "The Newly Initiated Brethren," and "The Visitors" was also given by the W. M., the latter being responded to by Bros. Woodward, McGeorge, Ashmore, Doyle, Jackson, &c. Several other toasts were given during the evening, and the pleasantness of the gathering was greatly enhanced by the vocal efforts of Bros. H. W. Nicholas, Fisher, Veale, &c.

SUTTON.—*Frederick Lodge of Unity* (No. 452).—A meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity was held on Tuesday last at the Station Hotel, Sutton; the W.M., Bro. Wm. Church Poole, and 16 of the brethren attended, also two visitors, Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.P. Deputy G.M., Isle of Wight, and Bro. Charles Horsley, Past-Grand Reg. for Middlesex. The business of the Lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to banquet, supplied in Bro. Potter's usual excellent style, the tables being well furnished with all that could be desired, and decorated with plants and flowers from the Sutton nursery. It is intended to hold at the Sutton Hotel, Sutton, on the 26th of this month, at the invitation of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Major-General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master, when a large gathering of the Masons of the Province is expected.

LIVERPOOL.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 673).—The annual festival of St. John's Lodge, No. 673, holding its meetings at 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, took place on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, comprising the installation ceremony in the morning, and a picnic in the afternoon. The lodge was summoned for half-past nine in the morning, and shortly after that time there was an unusually strong muster of the brethren and visitors. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. J. T. Callow, W.M.; and the principal Past and Present Officers of the lodge present were—Bros. J. Thornton, P.M.; T. Clark, P.M.; S. Johnson, P.M.; W. T. May, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; E. Kyle, S.W.; C. Blood, J.W.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; J. K. Digges, S.D.; T. Roberts, J.D.; H. Burrows, I.G.; R. Alvarez, S.; W. Crawford, Tyler; and R. Hulme, Organist. The brethren present included T. Falshaw, M. Corless, F. Garcia, H. Jackson, S. Lambert, W. Morris, R. Holt, W. Alderson, J. Seddon, W. Richards, C. E. Cooper, M. N. Mecrate, W. Brackenbury, C. Hæigh, W. R. Reeve, J. Purvis, T. Miller, T. Williams, L. Johnson, R. Quirk, A. Trimble, W. Ormson, J. Heggie, W. Quayle, D. Callaghan, W. H. Eastwood, R. Chinoweth, S. F. Cockerill, C. H. Jones, F. Christensen, L. Herman, J. Jones, E. Browne, W. G. Meale, J. Lolley, D. Jackson, J. Traviter, J. Sampson, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; C. Leadham, P.M. 220; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; R. Ing., I.P.M. 594; W. Doyle, P.G.S. P.M. 669; Peter M. Larsen, P.M. 594; W. D. Rowse, W.M. 594; J. Holland, W.M. 823; R. Evans, J.W. 1393; J. McCarthy, I.G. 1393; A. Millidge, R. Parry, and others. After the transaction of some formal business, the chair was taken by Bro. P.M. Clark, who proceeded to instal Bro. E. Kyle as the W.M. of the lodge. The whole ceremonial was excellently performed by Bro. Clark, to whom the thanks which were given justly belonged. The music of the ceremony was excellently led by Bro. Veale, who presided at the harmonium. The following brethren were subsequently invested by the newly installed W.M. as his staff of officers:—Bros. J. T. Callows, I.P.M.; M. Corless, S.W.; W. K. Digges, J.W.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treas. (re-elected and re-invested); S. Johnson, P.M., Sec.; T. Roberts, S.D.; J. Mealor, J.D.; T. Garrett, I.G.; D. Jackson, S.S.; I. Alvarez, J.S.; T. Seddon, A.S.; and T. Clark, P.M., D.C. Bro.

W. Crawford was subsequently re-elected Tyler by acclamation, and re-invested with the sword and collar of his important office. Before the business was closed, Bro. J. Thornton, as the senior P.M. of the lodge, presented Bro. J. T. Callow, I.P.M., with a massive P.M.'s jewel, set with a diamond, ruby, and emerald, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M., by the brethren of St. John's Lodge, 673, of Free and Accepted Masons, as a token of respect and esteem, and in recognition of past services, July 2, 1873." The handsome gift was acknowledged in well-chosen and appropriate terms by Bro. Dallow. About 170 of the brethren and their fair friends subsequently took steamer at St. George's landing-stage and proceeded to New Ferry, on the Cheshire side of the Mersey, where they pic-nicked at Mills' Great Eastern Hotel and Pic-nic Grounds, which at present are a model of loveliness and beauty. A sumptuous banquet was served to the whole company during the afternoon, and about 90 ladies partook of tea. The afternoon and evening were pleasantly spent in dancing and various other pastimes, and the party returned to Liverpool at a late hour per special steamer, thoroughly delighted with the masonic "out."

BELVEDERE.—*Cornwallis Lodge* (No. 1,107).—The installation meeting of this prosperous and flourishing lodge was held at the Public Hall, Belvedere, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. Harvey, W.M., the lodge was duly opened by Bro. F. W. Knight, P.M. and P.G.D.C. Kent, who was supported by the officers and a large number of the members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Rev. J. W. Wood, P.P.G. Chaplain, Oxfordshire; A. Russell, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; G. Snow, P.P.G.S.W., Kent; J. Graydon, P.P.G.S.D. Kent; C. Relph, P.G.S.D. Kent; J. Paget, P.P.G.O. Kent; T. Smith, P.P.G. Pursuivant, Kent; A. Day, P.M. and Treasurer, 861 and P.P.G. Steward, Essex, and several other brethren. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of installation. Bro. Storey was the W.M. elect, and the ceremony was performed with an efficiency seldom equalled in the Province of Kent. The following brethren were then invested by the W.M.: Bros. C. Reuter, S.W.; G. Puzey, J.W.; F. Wyatt, Treasurer; J. Henderson, Secretary; J. G. Michael, S.D.; J. Henwood, J.D.; T. Puzey, I.G. A cordial vote of thanks, and the same to be entered on the minutes, was given to Bro. Knight for the admirable manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation. The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren drove to the Bull Hotel, Darford, where about eighty sat down to a magnificent banquet, supplied by Bro. Bray in the most perfect manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given by Bro. Storey in short but happy terms. The "Visitors" was responded to by Bros. G. Snow and Rev. J. W. Wood, who expressed their pleasure and admiration at the superior manner in which Bro. Knight performed the ceremony of installation, and praised the reception given to them at the festive board, and the laudable way in which everything was served. The principal event of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Knight of a handsome silver cup which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren of the lodge as a mark of their testimony, esteem, and fraternal regard, and for his zeal in the interest of the lodge during the past year over which he had been called unexpectedly to preside, owing to the W.M., Bro. Harvey, removing to a distant part of the country just after his installation last year. On it was the following inscription, viz.: "Presented by the brethren of the Cornwallis Lodge, No. 1,107, to Bro. T. W. Knight, P.M. and P.G.D.C. Kent, for services rendered during the year 1873." The W.M., in a neat speech, made the presentation, and the recipient, Bro. Knight, in an appropriate speech expressed his gratitude for the handsome and costly present, which he had no doubt would be kept as an heir-loom in his family for generations to come, and anything he could do to further the interest of the lodge or the comfort of the brethren would at all times have his utmost energy and attention. Tea and coffee having been served, the brethren took

their departure, all well-pleased in having spent such a happy reunion.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Aldershot, on the 3rd instant, the chair of K.S. being occupied by the W.M., Bro. Capt. Richardson, R.E., who was supported by the following officers, viz.:—Bros. Mc Kenzie, S.W.; White, J.W.; Anderson, as S.D.; Smith, as J.D.; Phillips, as I.G.; and Wade, as O.G. The lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the previous lodge, on the 5th of June—embodying the resolutions expressive of the regret of the brethren at the late lamented decease of our M.W.P.G.M. Bro. the Earl of Zetland; also of the departure from among them of Bro. Carnegie, P.M., and late Treasurer; as well as the election of Bro. Capt. Richardson, W.M., as Treasurer, in succession to Bro. Carnegie—were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for two candidates for initiation, which in each case proved unanimous, and one being present, he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. Mc Kenny and Carter, candidates for the third degree, were entrusted and retired, having given proof of proficiency in the former. The lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bros. Mc Kenny and Carter were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodges of the third and second degrees were closed. A set of large Craft tracing boards having been beautifully executed in oil painting, and furnished to the lodge by Bro. Austin, R.E., a member, the brethren voted a sum of money to that brother in payment of the expenses connected therewith. Hearty good wishes having been announced by Bro. Cole, Prov. G. Pursuivant, Kent, on behalf of the "Brownrigg Lodge of Unity," No. 1424, of which he is the W.M., the Camp Lodge was closed with solemn prayer about 9 p.m.

LANCASTER.—*The Duke of Lancaster Lodge* (No. 1353).—This prosperous lodge held its second annual gathering on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, for the purpose of installing the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year. There were present—Bros. John Barrow, W.M.; J. Bele, S.W.; W. Heald, J.W.; J. Acton, Acting Secretary; J. Ellershaw, Acting S.D.; Thomas Parkinson, Acting J.D.; Robert Wolfenden, I.G.; C. Hartley, P.M.; J. Taylor, Organist; W. Bulfield, J.S.; William S. Carr, T. Longmire, John Davies, and others. Amongst the visitors present were the following, viz.:—Bros. James Beesley, 281; Thomas Dodgson, P.M. and H. 995, and S.W. 1390; R. Pearson, P.M. 995; John Case, P.M. and Z. 995; R. Dodgson, 1390, P.G.S.B. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; J. H. Matthews, W.M. 995; W. Harrison, S.W. 995; J. Postlethwaite, J.W. 995 and 1398; J. Hartley, J.S. 995; and J. B. Macguire, 995. The lodge was opened in the first degree, when the W.M. initiated one candidate into Freemasonry. The lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. The W.M. then vacated the chair, and Bro. T. Dodgson ascended the chair of K.S., and, assisted by Bros. Case, Pearson, and R. Dodgson, in a most impressive manner, installed Bro. J. Bell, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony throughout gave great pleasure to those who witnessed it. The W.M., Bro. J. Bell, installed his officers as follows, viz.:—Bros. W. Heald, S.W.; Joseph Barrow, J.W.; J. Acton, Secretary; Thomas Holmes, Treasurer; J. Conlon, S.D.; Robert Wolfenden, J.D.; J. H. Williams, I.G.; J. Taylor, Organist; William Bulfield, S.S.; R. Parkinson, J.S.; J. Watson, Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. John Barrow, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M. jewel (supplied by Bro. George Kenning), subscribed for by the members as a mark of their esteem for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the lodge during his year of office, expressing a wish, on behalf of himself and the brethren, that he might long remain amongst them. The lodge having been closed with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Longmire's, West View Hotel, Morecambe, to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Baptist. The banquet was splendidly served, and gave great credit to the host and

hostess. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The brethren were conveyed from and to Lancaster in Bro. Longmire's wagonettes.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 507).—The fifteen sections were worked in this lodge, at the "Antelope Tavern," Lorn road, Brixton, on Friday, the 4th inst., Bro. James Stevens, W.M. of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, and P.M. of several other lodges, presiding as Section Master. A very large number of metropolitan brethren attended, and the proceedings throughout were most instructive and agreeable. The sections were worked in the following order, viz.:—

- 1st Lecture, 1st Section. Bro. Trusler;
- " 2nd " Welsford;
- " 3rd " Cranswick;
- " 4th " Larham;
- " 5th " Coe;
- " 6th " Trusler;
- " 7th " Larham;
- 2nd Lecture, 1st " Trusler;
- " 2nd " Poore;
- " 3rd " Larham;
- " 4th " Noke;
- " 5th " Trusler;
- 3rd Lecture, 1st " Welsford;
- " 2nd " Noke;
- " 3rd " Poore;
- The Master's Section The W.M.

At the conclusion of the work, Bro. E. M. Haigh, Past Grand Steward, proposed that the thanks of the lodge be given to the brethren who had so ably expounded the several sections, which proposition was unanimously carried, as also a vote of thanks to Bro Stevens, for his efficient services as Section Master.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment* held an emergency meeting on June 28th, for the purpose of receiving into the Order two of the American Masons who had not attained that degree. The encampment was opened at 12 noon by Sir Knt. Bell, M.N.C. There were also present—Sir Knts. T. Clanachan, P.N.C.; J. Tweed, Deputy C.; G. W. Wheeler, Sec., Acting Prelate; M. Clanachan, C.C.; G. B. Adams, Acting J.C.; J. Crabb, Acting M.; J. Douglas, A.D.C.; J. Johnson, W.; and several other knights. Comps. Cecil S. Spates of West Virginia, Colonel Le Grand Benedict, of Columbia, and Robert Fraser, of Glasgow, were then introduced, and duly exalted Knights of the Temple; and after a Priory of Malta had been formed, they were also dubbed Knights of Malta. C. S. Spates, on behalf of the American fraters, expressed the gratification they felt at so many gentlemen leaving their engagements at midday to confer on them these degrees; and though, by stopping, they had lost the opportunity of accompanying their own party through the Trossachs and some of the finest scenery in Scotland, yet, on returning home, one of their proudest boasts would be that they had been created Knights Templar in "Bonnie Scotland;" where the remnant of the Order had found shelter from the relentless persecutions of its enemies in days of yore; and they would convey back to the New World, enshrined in their hearts, the lessons they had that day received, and never forget the kindness they had received at the hands of Sir Knt. Bell and his officers. R. Bell, M.N.C., briefly responded, and the whole body of knights escorted their new-made fraters to the railway, with hearty wishes for a safe pilgrimage to them on their tour through Europe, and prosperity to them on their arrival in their own land, feeling that these interchanges of international amenities will all help to hasten on the time when the principles of Masonry shall be more widely diffused, and its influence permeate the minds of the enlightened of both hemispheres.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A CHURCH AT BLACKBURN.

The church people of Blackburn, with that indomitable energy and liberality which so pre-eminently distinguish them—and we are sure that the work they have done of recent years in the cause of education and religion far outrivals that of any other town of equal population—are building school after school, church after church. No sooner is one finished than another is commenced. The town itself being amply provided with churches and capital schools, they forthwith turn their attention to the outskirts and to the populous and increasing villages about. The new church at Rishton is now progressing, and ere long the top stone will be put on with rejoicing. A church is building at Livesey, and this we may hope to see completed in the course of twelve months; and on Saturday we witnessed in common with thousands, the grand, impressive but somewhat novel ceremony of laying the corner stone of St. James's, Peckgate, with full Masonic honours, by Bro. Major Le-Gendre Nicholas Starkie, P.S.G.W. of England, and R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers. The Building Committee of this church never did a more sensible thing than when they invited the honourable Order of Freemasons of the province of East Lancashire to come and help them to take the a prominent part in the day's proceedings, and to lend to them not a mystic but an exceeding emblematic charm, a pleasing significance which even the most uncultured can comprehend and appreciate. And who more fitting to lay the corner stone of a beautiful temple to God than those who are fraternally united in an Order—the cardinal principle upon which it is founded being charity? This is the fundamental, and all other principles radiate from and revolve round it.

This district crowns a lofty eminence, on the right hand of the beautiful Park, approached by Limbrick and Shearbrown, and familiarly known by the unepithet name of The Hole with Wall. The air in this part is bracing, and within its area there is a population of 2,200, who mostly belong to the operative and industrial classes, and who, consequently are not blessed with too much of this world's goods, but they have contributed nobly towards the project. It is now 18 long years since their excellent and commodious school was built, in the time of the Rev. J. H. Marlen, and from that day to this it has been used as a day and Sunday school, and also for the purpose of holding divine service twice on every Sabbath.

The Rev. G. Whalley accepted the appointment of curate in charge of the district four years ago, and during the time he has been in this little colony he has laboured with unflagging zeal, and it is mainly due to his great exertions that the aspirations of the churchmen over whom he has pastoral care are about to be realised. The new structure will cost over £3,500, exclusive of site, and towards this £2,400 have already been raised by subscription. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have made a grant of £500 out of the Church funds at their disposal—the Diocesan Church building Society has made a grant of £350, and the Incorporated Society, London, one of £200.

The style of architecture of St. James' Church, now in course of erection, is Gothic of medieval times. The external measurements are 119ft. by 56ft. The main entrance porch faces north, and at some future time, funds permitting, a handsome tower will be erected over it. The other entrance will be by the vestry. It will be of coarse broken rubble stone, with dressings of Yorkshire and Longridge stone, whilst the internal masonry will be of the famous Bath stone. The sacred edifice, when finished, will consist of nave, two side aisles, chancel, organ gallery, vestry, and cellar for heating apparatus. It will have simple tracery windows—trefoils and quatrefoils, and that in the chancel will be a fine one. The plan shows an open pitched roof, open pitched sittings (which will accommodate about 644 persons), half of which will be free and unappropriated.

The procession was announced to leave the Town Hall at half past three. St. John's Sunday

scholars assembled at their large school in Altom street; Peckgate Sunday scholars met at their school and proceeded to St. John's. They were marshalled in order, and left at three o'clock for the Town Hall, taking the following route:—Down Limbrick, along Richmond-terrace, Tackett-street, the south side of Town Hall-street, to the front to meet the clergy and Freemasons. The latter met in the Assembly-room of the Town Hall, where a special Craft lodge was opened and formal business transacted. As the hour approached for the procession to leave a large concourse of people had assembled to witness its departure. Shortly after half-past three the strains of music were heard, and in a few minutes the whole procession moved to the site.

The whole route was lined with spectators, who viewed the various costumes and curious insignia with evident interest and pleasure.

The proceedings were commenced by the singing of the Hundredth Psalm. The Rev. J. Baker offered up prayer, after which Bro. Le-Gendre Nicholas Starkie, P.S.G.W. of England, and R.W.P.G.M. East Lancashire, who was received with applause, said: Rev. Sir, ladies and gentlemen, and brethren,—By the kind invitation of those who wish to do God's service, we have been invited, as Masonic brethren of this province, here to-day, to perform this very interesting and very touching ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of one of God's temples for the benefit of society to come hereafter. From time immemorial we, a small body of men, have by prescriptive right, performed many of these ceremonies of laying foundation-stones of glorious buildings, which acted their part in the time when they existed, and have left memorials of greatness, of goodness, of charity, of intellect behind them. May this stone, which we thus, by our rights lay, to-day, be the foundation of love, unity and charity, and within the walls of the Church, amongst the members of the congregation, may there be peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety. You must know that while we admit religious creeds within our society, and always advocate religion and morality, we are more or less a secret society; but we wish to sanction religion and religious instruction in every respect, which we believe to be essential for every community, and nation, and people. It is therefore most willingly that we come here to-day to lay the foundation-stone of this Church in the presence of the Sunday school scholars, teachers, and others connected with the district; one of those temples to God which I hope may redound to His honour, praise, and glory. Without religion and morality, we could not, as a nation, have risen to pre-eminence in the world. Man is composed of two parts—the intellectual and moral—and religious instruction is as essential for the cultivation of the intellect as it is for the soul. Each individual stone will form part of this building, and this reminds us that we have each a duty to fulfil in the place in which God has placed us; and our creed as Freemasons teaches us the same. I hope, ladies and gentlemen, after the inauguration of to-day, you will have a building which may be a benefit to your town, and that it will spread its benign influence over all who may come within the shadow of its walls. May God speed the work we are about to undertake.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. E. W. Gihert, M.A., vicar of Falinge, Rochdale), offered up a prayer, and the Masonic Choir sang the glee—"When the Temple's first stone was slowly descending."

Bro. Robinson presented to the Prov. G.M., a very handsome trowel, silver gilt, with polished oak handle, pointed at the junction of the handle and blade with five amethysts. The inscription upon it was—"Presented to Bro. Le-Gendre Nicholas Starkie, P.S.G.W. of England, and R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, on the occasion of his laying the corner-stone of St. James' Church, Peckgate district, in the Deanery of Blackburn, June 28th, 1873."

Bro. E. Lewis presented a mallet of polished oak, with inscription and pointed with amethysts in a similar manner to the trowel.

The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. J. Tunna) read the inscription on the brass plate:

—"St. James' Church, Peckgate District, in the Deanery of Blackburn. To the eternal glory of God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and in the faith of Jesus Christ, the corner stone of this church was laid with the formalities of Craft Masonry by Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Esq., P.G.S.W. of England, and R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers, on Saturday, the 28th day of June, A.L. 5873, A.D. 1873, and in the 37th year of Queen Victoria.—James Fraser, D.D., Lord Bishop of Manchester; William Thomas Carr, Esq., donor of the site—Building Committee: Rev. John Baker, Vicar of St. John's, Chairman; Rev. George Whalley, Secretary, Curate in charge; Thomas Parkinson, Treasurer; Richard Edmundson, Thomas Clough, Richard Pemberton, Christopher Parkinson, Joseph Callis, William Pomfret. Architect, Stevens and Robinson, Derby; builder Edward Lewis, Blackburn."

A bottle containing coins of the realm, a copy of the *Herald*, and other newspapers, was then placed in the cavity of the stone, the brass plate placed over it, and the corner-stone lowered. Whilst the stone was being lowered the Masonic choir sang the first verse of the glee over again. When the stone was properly adjusted,

Bro. C. Tiplady, P.P.G.T., in the absence of Bro. the Deputy Provincial Junior Warden, applied the plumb to the stone, and said: Right Worshipful Sir,—I find the stone perfect and trustworthy.

Bro. Beswicke Royds, Senior Grand Warden, applied the level, saying: Right Worshipful Grand Master,—I find this stone well founded.

Bro. T. Clough, P.P.G.R., in the absence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Romaine Callender, similarly applied the square, observing: Right Worshipful Sir,—I have applied the square, and find the stone perfectly true.

The Right Worshipful P.G.M. having tested the stone, said: I declare this stone properly and truly laid. May the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have now laid the foundation with every success.

Bro. W. H. Cunliffe, W.M., of Lodge 269, then presented Bro. Major Starkie with *une bourse* of corn—the emblem of plenty—and laid it upon the stone.

Bro. G. Duerdeen, W.M. of Lodge 345, presented a silver goblet, containing wine, the emblem of gladness, and also placed it upon the stone.

Bro. Thomas Sourbutts, W.M. of Lodge 346, similarly presented a silver cup, containing oil—the emblem of peace—and laid it also upon the stone.

The Right Worshipful P.G.M. next poured a little oil and wine upon the corn on the stone, and the Masonic ceremony was concluded.

Three cheers were called for Bro. Major Starkie, and they were given most enthusiastically.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Major Starkie, in responding said he hoped they would all take deeply to heart the very earnest and very kind words which the last speaker—the vicar of St. John's—had addressed to them. It was a most pleasing matter that they had met together cordially and fraternally, and in every respect harmoniously, to carry out a good work; and a most gratifying sight to him on that occasion to see assembled around him the respectability of that town of Blackburn. They had cause to be thankful that the Vicar of St. John's had so kindly done his duty, and so kindly aided one of his brethren in the church to further the interests of religion for the benefit of the people. Acts and not words were what were wanted in the present generation—and he hoped the act they had performed that day would be long remembered. When they had put their hands to the plough they should not turn back, and he trusted the people of Blackburn, having commenced that building, would complete it; that it would stand a humanising Christianising temple for generations to come, and would be a benefit to the people around.

The Rev. G. Whalley, curate in charge of Peckgate, then addressed the assemblage.

The National Anthem was then sung, coin

was deposited on the stone—about £60—little girls strewed flowers upon it, the Masonic body at once left for the town.

OUR OBLIGATIONS.

BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. and P.Z.

The Lodge is clos'd, not so our duty,
That remains while life shall last;
Our obligations ever bind us:
The time to keep them's never past.—

How wide the circle of that duty,
Imposed alike on age and youth;—
They're ever active, ever fruitful,
Alike in Love, Relief, and Truth.

The world must find us always upright,
The Square and Level our regard;
No words profane, no acts awry,
Must rob us of our great reward.

We'll look for that bright morning star
Whose rising cheers the soul depressed,
And guides us on the chequer'd way
That leads to our eternal rest.

WELCOME TO THE AMERICAN MASONS.

Occasional lines written for and spoken at the Festival held in the City Hall, Glasgow, 27th June, 1873, in honour of a visit of American Masons on their European Tour.

Welcome to all the Sons of Light,
We bid you welcome here to night;
What'er your *status* or degree,
As Masons here we welcome ye.

We greet you on this friendly trip,
And joyful give the Mason's grip.
As Masons here we meet each other,
Hailing each true man as a brother.

Though seas our birth place may divide,
Here heart to heart we stand allied,
No matter what our land or name,
Our FAITH, our HOPE, is still the same.

While, greatest of the blessed three,
We all unite in CHARITY.
That Charity that thinks no ill,
But doth respect a brother still.

A Charity naught can estrange,
That neither place nor time can change;
That still shines constant as the sun
On every faithful Widow's Son.

Thousand of miles may intervene,
But all are brethren here I ween;
In unity we all combine,
Alike our password and our sign.

St. Mungo's Sons are met once more
To greet you from Columbia's shore.
And all Masonic Grades are here.
To join in giving hearty cheer.

The Royal Order's here to night
The Ancient and Accepted Rite,
Knights of the Temple firm and true,
And those of Malta too I view.

Both pledged to still keep watch and ward,
All pious pilgrims still to guard;
Ark Mariners are here I see
With Knights of the Red Cross degree.

To welcome you upon your march,
Here are companions of the ARCH;
As you're sojourners, here they bring
The Priest, the Prophet, and the King.

To greet you and your wives so pretty,
From every Lodge within the City,
See here to night to welcome you,
Hundreds of Masons known as blue.

They're the foundation of the whole.
Of the Masonic body, they're the soul.
Without their aid we could not be,
Nor e'er obtain an high degree.

No matter what our rank is now,
Each had to take the self-same vow;
As humble 'Prentice bow the knee,
E're he a ray of light could see.

The badge of Innocence each had to wear,
E're he could don the Level, Plumb, or Square
But all, whate'er their rank, are here
To welcome you with friendly cheer.

To prove to age as well as youth,
That Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,
Are passports to Masonic fame,
And Brother more than a mere name.

And now on their behalf I say—
May our God speed you on your way,
And keep you ever in his hand
Till you return to your own land.

G. W. WHEELER.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM

The annual general assembly of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England was held on the 24th ult. (St. John Baptist's day). Services were held previously, as usual, at the Royal Chapel of the Savoy, at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., the preacher being the Rev. A. T. Whitmore Shadwell, one of the brother chaplains. At the general assembly a report of the work during the past year was read by the Secretary, by which it appeared that the Order is steadily progressing in numbers and influence, and carrying out its avowed objects and purposes "*pro utilitate hominum.*" The Council was then appointed for the ensuing year, and afterwards, papers on nursing were read by Dr. E. H. Sieveking and Dr. T. W. Rumsey. A resolution was passed forming a committee with the view of practically carrying into effect the suggestions contained in the papers. The following members and associates of the Order were then nominated for the committee:—The Duke of Manchester, Lord Leigh, Lord Eliot, Sir Edward Lechmere, Sir John St. George, *K.C.B.*, Major-General Sir Jas. Alexander, Mr. C. J. Burgess, Lieut.-Colonel Gould Weston, Mr. J. Furley, Mr. C. Pemberton Carter, Rev. G. R. Portal, Rev. T. Hugo, Rev. D. Cosens, Mr. R. Woolf, Mr. E. L. O'Malley, the Countess of Mount-Charles, Lady Lechmere, Lady St. George, Mrs. Burnes, Frailein Rumpff, the Lady Superior of St. John's House, London, the Lady Superintendent of St. John's House, Ashford, Dr. E. H. Sieveking, D. F. W. Headland, Dr. A. Julius Pollock, Dr. Lionel Beale, Surgeon Beale, V.C., Dr. Frank, Mr. W. Mac Cormack, Sir R. Wallace, with power to add to their number. It appeared by the almoner's report, that upwards of 3,000 diets had been distributed by the Order during the past year to poor convalescents of the Charing-cross and King's College Hospitals, and of the Worcester Dispensary, also that an arrangement had been concluded with Charing-cross Hospital by which non-professional gentlemen, recommended by the Order of St. John, can undergo a six months' training in medicine, surgery, and hospital practice, the first course of which will probably commence in October next.

The next examination of candidates for admission to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, will commence at the London University on Tuesday, the 10th September, 1873, the medical inspection taking place on the previous day at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

Nearly £50,000 has been raised for the decoration of St. Paul's Cathedral. More than £11,000 of this amount, however, has been expended in salaries, in the re-erection and enlargement of the organ, and upon various alterations, all of which were made before Mr. Burgess was appointed architect.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.—The returns up to the present time show that the sum of £27,000 has been received as the result of the collections.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, have presented to the Shah a magnificently bound Bible in the Persian language.

MASONIC VETERANS.—The second annual re-union of this select body of Masons, which was recently held in the city of New York, was very largely attended, and the proceedings were replete with great interest. The address of the President, Daniel Sickles, presented in a terse and concise form the present prosperous condition of the Association, and gave a brief resumé of its history from the beginning. John W. Simons, from the Committee on Ways and Means, fully explained the situation on secular matters, while the report of the Committee on Deceased Members (Henry C. Banks chairman,) was elaborate and complete in its narrative of the interesting matter committed to their charge.

The officers of the past year were re-elected by acclamation, after which the venerable brethren partook of the usual feast. There was a magnificent display of the choicest flowers on the table, the considerate gift of Bro. Fred. Thompson, not a member of the Association, but entitled to its warmest thanks for his liberality. After the cloth was removed, the "feast of reason and flow of soul" was initiated, wherein the distinguished brethren participated with infinite relish. The regular toasts were duly honoured in a style peculiar only to the "Vets," succeeded by voluntary sentiment, song and innocent merriment. Among those present were John L. Lewis, James W. Husted, John W. Simpson, John Moon, James M. Austin, Albert P. Moriarty, James A. Reed, John S. Perry, Frank L. Stowell, Stephen H. Johnson, Charles D. Brown, Edward E. Thorn, Charles Roome, Robert E. Roberts, James B. Bensels, Eugene Valet, Royal G. Millard, Thomas Forsyth, N. B. Mountfort, O. P. Quintard, L. H. Ilsey, William W. Withs, Henry B. Shaphoff, James Parish, Judge Suffern, James Jenkinson, Henry D. Walker, Hiram Hyneman, S. Percy Ellis, Adolphus Andreas, Theophilus Pratt, J. Brown, and a host of others. "The convivial festivities continued 'til the wee sma' hours ayent the twal," and the proprieties of the occasion terminated the second annual re-union by the Masonic Veterans of the State of New York.

Great preparations are being made for laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Memphis. It is expected that the day will be made a general holiday in the city. The ceremonies and the music will be mostly new, and the speakers will comprise the most learned and distinguished in the Masonic Order. The proceedings will terminate with a grand picnic, to which everybody is invited.

The *British Medical Journal* states that the Shah has expressed a desire to give diplomatic adhesion to the convention for neutralising the sick and wounded in war, and the persons and materials provided for their succour. The Convention of Geneva, has already been signed by all European monarchs, including the Sultan of Turkey, who gave his adhesion in 1865. The adhesion of the Shah will be addressed to the High Federal Council of Switzerland.

Another of the choice reprints by Mr. John Pearson, of York-street, Covent-garden, is in the press, and will shortly be issued. It consists of "The Dramatic Works of Thomas Dekker" (1600—1638), now first collected, with illustrative notes, and a memoir of the author.

The park and pleasure grounds with the world-renowned Monastic ruins of Fountain Abbey (which by the kindness of the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., are fully thrown open to ticket holders, are now in the full glow of their unrivalled summer beauty.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1873.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

SUMMER FESTIVAL AT WOOD GREEN, DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES TO PUPILS, AND PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. BINCKES, SECRETARY.

This festival, distribution, and presentation took place at the Institution, Wood-green, on Tuesday last; the distribution of prizes being made by Bro. Sheriff Perkins (in the absence of the Lord Mayor), in the presence of a large assemblage of brethren and ladies.

We purpose giving an extended report of the day's proceedings in our next number.

The presentation to Bro. Binckes consisted of a handsome silver salver, accompanied by a purse containing a cheque representing the amount collected. On the salver was the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.M. Lodges 11, Grand Steward, 60, 788, 1185, and P.G. Steward, with a Purse of One Thousand Guineas, by his Masonic Friends, in testimony of their appreciation of his exertions as Secretary, in promoting the Institution's prosperity, and especially his earnest and successful advocacy of the erection of the New School Buildings. Wood Green, July 8th 1873."

TALK ABOUT MASONRY.

Human institutions are but the outgrowths of human nature. They have permanency and influence in proportion to the completeness with which they reflect the human soul. Those that grow out of an evanescent wave of human thought or feeling, rise, serve their temporary purpose, and pass away. Forms of government, dynasties, religious creeds, systems of philosophy, political dogmas, theories of science, social customs, when they cease to keep pace with the growth of the great body of human character, or to respond to its essential and unchangeable elements, are discarded, and fall into oblivion. That only is permanent which answers to some thing in the human heart which time cannot change.

Adam was the epitome of the human race. There was nothing in Adam that is not in kind in us. There is nothing generic or essential in us that was not in him. Deep down, below all varieties of race, language, individual characteristics, culture, growth, circumstances, is the common humanity derived from our first father. There, indeed, men meet upon the level. The institution that finds an echo in that deep is for all time.

Our inquiry is, Is Masonry founded in, and does it appeal to, any such universal principles of our common nature?

Its high antiquity, its steady, unchecked progress, and its present position might serve as a sufficient answer to that question. Except the Church, no institution survives which can count so many centuries of life. And even the

Church has not been so unchangeable in form. The opposition of governments, absolute acts of suppression, religious anathemas, social ostracism, the sneers and denunciations of society, the rage of partisan violence and fanatic hate, have all beaten against the grand old structure in vain. It still stands serene amidst the failure of its enemies, and rears its head to heaven crowned with the triumphs of the ages,—a monument of a wisdom scarcely less than divine.

As some tall cliff, that lifts its awful form,
Sweils from the vale, and midway leaves the storm;
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head!

Every man is conscious in his own heart of a sentiment of fear; more or less developed and pronounced, according to the degree of his intelligence. It is the necessary co-relative and concomitant of hope. We fear evil; we hope to escape it and secure good. There is no reason why we should be unwilling to admit the existence of this feeling, for the fear of which I speak is not the negation of courage, but rather the foundation and animating principle of prudence; a virtue which looks out for danger on every side and endeavours to provide against it. It takes no long experience in life to convince us that we are surrounded by dangers from the cradle to the grave. Of these none are more dreaded than those which arise from the coldness, hatred, and falsehood of men, toward each other. We all dread the aversion, indifference, and treachery of our fellow men, and those adverse turns of fortune which we observe to be so often beyond the control of individual foresight and effort.

I recall in this connection those charming verses of Burns addressed to a field mouse, whose carefully-prepared nest and stores of food he had turned out with his ploughshare, and scattered to the cold blasts of the winter. It is full of a poet's tenderness and sympathy. But from the consideration of the short-lived misery of his poor little victim, he turns to the contemplation of his own weightier and more permanent sorrows, and exclaims:

"Still thou art blessed, compar'd wi' me!
The present only touchet thee;
But, Och! I backward cast my e'e,
On prospects drear!
An' forward, tho' I canna see,
I guess an' fear."

It is this looking forward with doubt and dread that constitutes most of the misery of life, and makes it man's most cherished wish to secure to himself all possible guarantees for the future. Safety is the longed for haven of rest to every tempest-tossed soul.

The apprehensions of fear are tempered by the sentiment of hope which is implanted in every soul, and which bears a direct relation to the amount and kind of fear. The balance between these affections in the individual consciousness gives character to life—as wretched, tolerable, or happy.

Lastly, every man finds in his heart a well-spring of love. I know that this is sometimes denied. I have heard it repeatedly declared from an eloquent pulpit here, that men are haters of God and haters of each other. It may be, my brethren, that the God who is held up to us

in many pulpits as the object of love and worship, bears little resemblance to the real "Father of Lights, from whence cometh every good and perfect gift." And it may be that the man we hate is the creature of our own creation, differing from every real man. That men may come to hate God and their fellows, I will admit; but that they naturally and spontaneously do so, I cannot believe. In blindness, in error as to the true nature of his fellow-man, in misunderstanding of his acts and motives, a man may come to hate his fellow. He hates because he first supposes himself hated, and hated without a cause. How often has it happened that some unexpected and unmistakable revelation of love has broken down the malicious and even murderous purpose, and instantly turned the current of animosity into a flood of tenderness and affection?

No; we love our fellow-men. We pity their sorrows; we long to relieve their distress; to pour in upon their ignorance the light of truth; to correct their prejudices; and to secure them against the contingencies of life; to avert the consequences of their errors. We want to do this without offending their pride or wounding their sensibilities. We want to open up a certain avenue to our brother's heart, by which we may securely enter for his good. We want to give him such a key to our own.

If conscious of these sentiments, we find ourselves repelled with coldness, misunderstood, even injured and traduced, our disappointment may turn to hatred. But this is but the subversive development of a feeling, whose normal exercise tends only to practical beneficence.

The establishment of the desired relations is not possible with all men. Many natures have been so perverted, subverted, cramped by early neglect, ignorance, want of education, false education, bad example, wrong moral training, that they are incapable of sustaining these relations, however they may unconsciously and secretly long for them. We are driven, therefore, to seek the objects of our fraternal affection by selection.

And this brings me to the last branch of my subject. Masonry, my brethren, gives us the means of making this selection. Masonry responds to the nature and wants of man, by casting out fear, cherishing hope, and giving free scope to the full tide of fraternal love.

Within the walls of our Masonic asylums, gathered around our common altar, we find the longed-for assurance of safety. If we are in danger, no matter how that danger may have arisen, we know that an army of brethren is pledged and ready for our rescue and protection. If we are in want we know that the hand of Masonic charity is always and everywhere open to minister to our necessities. If we fall into vice or error, the whisper of good counsel is ready to recall us in gentle admonition to duty. and the outstretched arm to raise to us uprightness again. If we die, we know that brotherly hands will close our eyes and bear us tenderly to the tomb, and that the loved ones we leave behind will never be forgotten or suffered to perish. In all this, we find that security for the future which tends to calm our fears and give hopefulness to life.

But lastly, here we find the proper objects of fraternal love, in brethren culled with jealous care from the promiscuous ranks of men, and entering voluntarily into our sacred union. Love is the controlling sentiment of the institution. It is not repelled, misunderstood, or betrayed. It is rather expected and welcomed as the legitimate fruit of our doctrines and practice. How many of us are there who have known, and still know, brethren whose Masonic lives have been beautiful illustrations of its growth and power, under the fostering influences of Masonic association.

This sketch, hasty and imperfect as it is, still presents Masonry to us in what we regard as its most glorious light—as an institution answering to the universal wants of human nature, and helping man upwards to a higher plane of courage, hope, and love. The full realisation of this theory demands that every brother should understand and faithfully perform his Masonic obligations. It rises far above all question of rites and ritual. These may indeed change in the uncertainty of human traditions and the mutations of human thought. Its forms may vary, but the spirit of our institution is eternal.

MASONRY IN TEXAS.

The Grand Lodge of Texas on June 14th, met in Annual Grand Communication, M.W. Bro. Wm. Bramlette, Grand Master, presiding. On the following Monday morning the New Masonic Temple, at Houston, was dedicated in ancient and solemn form. We take the following extract from the address of the Grand Orator, Past Grand Master F. B. Sexton, from the *Texas Masonic Mirror* of June 11th.

The ceremonies of this day, my brethren cannot fail to bring our minds a consideration of the history and progress of Freemasonry in Texas. Little less than forty years ago, five brethren, whose names deserve to be repeated—Anson Jones, John A. Wharton, Asa Brigham, James A. E. Phelps, and Alexander Russell—whose names are on record in our Grand Lodge—names that are historic with the Republic and State of Texas—and which I hope will never fade from the memory of Texas Masons, met in a laurel grove in Brazoria County to concert measures to organise the first Masonic Lodge in Texas. They subsequently organised Holland Lodge, No. 1, which now meets in this city, and in this Temple, is the oldest, the most prosperous, and the most respected lodge in the state including among its members distinguished gentlemen, enterprising and public spirited citizens, devoted Christians, worthy, ingenuous and faithful Craftsmen, who are constantly doing good unto all men—albeit, they may "remember it more especially to the household of the faithful." A little later, on the 20th of December, 1837, the Grand Lodge of Texas was formed in the town of Houston. The five who met in Brazoria, and those who organized the Grand Lodge, have all been gathered to their fathers; but "their works do follow them." They have laboured, but we have "entered into their labours." The laurel grove in Brazoria has been exchanged for the splendid apartments now occupied by Holland Lodge in this building, while the Grand Lodge, which

formerly was glad to beg accommodation in the counting-rooms of country storekeepers, now meets in this magnificent Temple, which we have to-day in the name of God, set apart to purposes for His glory and the good of man. Instead of meeting with members not enough to fill its official stations unless by borrowing from a subordinate, or from non-affiliates, it now numbers over three hundred lodges subordinate to its jurisdiction, while three hundred or more brethren representing morally, socially, and intellectually the very best elements of Texas population, the high and the humble, the distinguished and obscure, rich and poor, old and young, the blacksmith who forges, and the farmer who drives the plough, the carpenter who drives the plane, merchants, members of learned professions—men of all creeds and all vocations are eager to receive its instructions, to do its work, enjoy its social pleasures, and wear its high honours. From the small beginning to which I have referred, we have grown, until incense now arises from more than 300 Masonic altars in Texas, and more than 10,000 faithful brethren now minister in the duties of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Whatever may be said of Masonry in the past, or whatever may be its future fate, we know, that in Texas, it has put out the fires of discord, dried up the tears of distress, given food and clothing to the hungry and destitute, encouraged the orphan, cleared up the gloom from the pathway of struggling merit, and kept back the maddening torrent of passion which would precipitate man in deadly conflict with his fellow man.

With such a record of the past, with so much prosperity in the present, our hearts should be filled with gratitude to our merciful and Supreme Grand Master for his mercies and blessings, and should be incited to more diligence and greater exertions for the future.

This Masonic Temple, grand in its architecture elegant in finish, and complete in its appointments, reflects great credit upon those who first projected it, as well as upon those who have so faithfully devoted their time to superintending its erection and completion. It is worthy of the Craft for whose use it has been built. It is an ornament to this city, whose reputation for enterprise, public spirit, hospitality, and social courtesy is the pride of the state.

With this splendid house for our annual assemblies, in the midst of such pleasant surroundings, then my brethren let us be encouraged for the future; let us preserve and and transmit to our children, enlarged and improved, if possible, the heritage which our fathers, amid so many difficulties, and after so many and such great sacrifices, prepared for us. We know how vast and extensive are the capabilities of Freemasonry for usefulness. We know that it is founded on the immutable laws of truth and justice, and that its grand object is to promote the happiness of the human race. Let us illustrate this, brethren, in our lives and conduct. Let us prove that it is intended to assist good men in all that is right, to protect them against the vicious and unprincipled. Let us establish a standard of intelligence and excellence in the practice of the social and moral virtues, which shall be worthy of emulation—

our enemies themselves being judges. Let our Masonic life be

—in deeds, not years, in thoughts, not breaths; In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives,

Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best; And he whose heart beats the quickest, lives the longest.

And now may the Lord, the giver of every good and perfect gift, bless the brethren here assembled in all their lawful undertakings, and grant to each one of them, and to all good and true men and Masons everywhere, in needful supply, the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk took place on Wednesday, the 2nd of July, at Woodbridge. It is not often—only once in 14 years—that the Provincial Grand Lodge pays any particular place a visit, excepting only Ipswich, which having, four lodges, is favoured more frequently—and one result of the infrequency of the visits is that the welcome given them by the local lodge is always most hearty. In this respect Woodbridge was in no way an exception to the general rule. The "Doric" Lodge (the oldest, with one exception in the province) left nothing undone which could add to the comfort of the brethren or to the success of the proceedings—and Bro. W. P. Phillips, the W.M., was indefatigable in his exertions to make everything pass off harmoniously. The arches and decorations which had been put up for the visit of the Suffolk Agricultural Show had been suffered to remain, and Masonic emblems had in many places been added to make them appropriate for the occasion. Messrs. Wilson and Co., wine merchants in the Thoroughfare, had a new and very elegant device, made for the occasion, suspended across the street. It consisted of seven catenarian arches inverted, intersecting each other, composed of roses and laurels. In the centre arch were a pair of compasses and sextant, with all-seeing eye irradiated between the legs of the compasses of stained wood. Three gonfalons crowned the device, the centre one having a point within a circle between two parallel lines, red on a white ground. The two side ones were, one a level the other a plumb rule, of the same colours. This very beautiful device, which was fastened with fine wire, and appeared to hang on nothing, was designed, executed, and fixed by Mr. Thomas Simpson. At the entrance of the Lecture Hall was a Roman arch of evergreens, the crown surmounted by a blue banner with the Freemasons' arms in the centre, and Masonic emblems on each side. Over the keystone of the arch were a pair of gilt compasses and sextant, with a irradiated eye, being the symbol of the Provincial Grand Master. The day was beautifully fine, and as the brethren had a considerable distance to walk to church, this was an advantage by no means to be despised.

The finance board met at the Lecture Hall at noon, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney. Bros. S. H. Wright, P. P. G.R., and W. Boby, P.P.G.S.B., were appointed auditors, and proceeded at once to check the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, which they found to be correct, and showed a balance in hand of £64 10s. 8d.

Bro. S. H. Wright expressed the thanks of the widow of the late Bro. Stagg for the donation of £10, granted to her at the last Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Jennings, P.S.G.W., proposed, and Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England, seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that £5 be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons, £5 to the Institution for Freemasons' Widows, and ten guineas each to the Masonic Boys' School and the Masonic Girls' School.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the large room of the Lecture Hall at half-past one. There was a very large attendance, considerably in excess of that of many years past. This, coupled with the noticeable fact that, with one exception, the whole of the lodges present were represented by their W.M., is certain proof that

year by year, in Suffolk, as elsewhere in this country, Masonry is becoming more and more appreciated, and Masons are becoming more and more diligent in the discharge of their duties as Craftsmen. The various lodges were represented as follows:—Unity, 71, Lowestoft, by the W.M., Bro. Thomas F. Marks; Doric, 81, Woodbridge, by the W.M., Bro. W. P. Phillips; British Union, 114, Ipswich, by the I.P.M., Bro. C. F. Long; St. Luke's, 225, Ipswich, by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Prentice; Apollo, 305, Beccles, not represented; Virtue and Silence, 332, Hadleigh, by the W.M., Bro. A. B. Woods; Perfect Friendship, 376, Ipswich, by the W.M., Bro. A. Gamman; Prudence, 338, Halesworth, by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Young; Phoenix, 516, Stowmarket, by the W.M., Bro. C. H. Woods; Fidelity, 555, Framlingham, by the W.M., Bro. G. E. Jeaffreson; Waveney, 926, Bungay, by W.M., Bro. H. R. Campling; Adair, 936, Aldborough, by the W.M., Bro. William Hayward; Prince of Wales, 959, Ipswich, by the W.M., Bro. George Cresswell; Royal St. Edmund's, 1008, Bury St. Edmund's, by the W.M., Bro. W. E. Bailey, P.G.A. Secretary, Suffolk; and Stour Valley, 1,224, Sudbury, by the W.M., Bro. J. F. Hills, P.J.G.W. Suffolk. The Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers present were—the R.W. Lord Waveney, P.G.M.; the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, M.A., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Bros. J. F. Hills, P.J.G.W.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Registrar, and P.G.D. of C.; Bro. Thomas Newman, P.G.P.; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, Eng.; Bro. Rev. A. Tighe Gregory, P.P.G. Chaplain; Bro. W. H. Lucia, P.G. Secretary; Bro. John Brickels, P.P.G.S. of W.; Bro. H. Harris, P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. T. R. Burstal, P.P.G.P.; Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons; Bro. J. Townsend, P.P.S.G.W.; Bro. P. Helsby, P.P.S.G.W. and W.M., designate of a new lodge at Lowestoft, for which a dispensation has been granted by the P.G.M., Lord Waveney, but which is not yet consecrated; Bro. C. H. Woods, P.G. Steward; Bro. W. Wilmshurst, P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. E. S. Downs, P.G.S.W.; Bro. S. Jennings, P.P.G.S.W.; Bro. E. B. Powell, P.G.S. of W.; Bro. J. S. Gissing, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. S. Freeman, P.G. Treasurer, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. N. Tracy, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. S. H. Wright, P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. W. Body, P.P.G.S.B.; Bro. E. Fitzgerald, P.P.G.S.B.; Bro. F. B. Strathern, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. W. T. Westgate, P.P.G.S.D. of C.; Bro. S. B. King, P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. W. Chambers, P.P.S.G.W.; Bro. W. Gardiner, P.P.G.P.; Bro. G. Findley, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Bro. A. J. Barber, P.G. Organist; Bro. W. Hayward, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. W. W. Granham, P.P.S.G.W.; Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G. Chaplain; Bro. T. Holland, P.P.D.C.; Bro. W. J. Jack, P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. W. Moore, P.G.J.W.; Bro. W. Armstrong, P.G. Steward; Bro. Prentice, P.G. Steward, &c. There was also a large attendance of the officers and brethren of the lodges in the province.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, addresses of congratulation from the various lodges of the province were presented to the P.G.M., Lord Waveney, on his elevation to the peerage, expressing the warm fraternal regard in which his lordship is held by the brethren, and of their sincere hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare him to hold masonic sway over them. The presentation and reading of these addresses—most of which were beautifully engrossed and illuminated—occupied till the time fixed for divine service; and the brethren were then formed under their respective banners by the P.G.D.C., Bro. Emra Holmes, and marched in procession to the parish church. The prayers and lessons were read by the Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G.C., of Ipswich, and the Rev. Tighe Gregory, and an eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, P.G. Chaplain, from the text Heb. vi., part of the 6th verse, "Let us go on to perfection."

After divine service the brethren again formed in procession, and returned to the Lecture Hall, where the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed. The P.G.A. Sec., Bro.

W. E. Bailey, read the minutes of the Board of Finance, which were confirmed.

The R.W.P.G.M. then addressed the lodge, and in the course of his remarks stated that in accordance with the wish of the Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, the rector, to whom they were indebted for the opportunity of meeting for divine worship in his church, the amount of the collection, £7, would be applied to the use of the National School. His lordship then proceeded to the appointment of officers for the ensuing two years as follows:—Bros. W. Boby, P.G.S.W., 114, Ipswich; F. Spalding, P.G.S.D., 81, Woodbridge; W. Armstrong, P.G.J.D., 1,008, Bury St. Edmund's; C. F. Long, P.G.D.C., 114, Ipswich; A. Gamman, P.G.S.B., 376, Ipswich; T. Prentice, P.G.P., 225, Ipswich; P.G. Stewards—W. Clarke 1,008, Bury St. Edmunds; M. Cohen, 959, Ipswich; and F. Whisstock, 81, Woodbridge. The other officers remain as before until next year.

The appointment of Treasurer rests with the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and on the motion of Bro. Westgate, seconded by Bro. Gissing, Bro. Spencer Freeman was unanimously re-elected.

The R.W.P.G.M. then alluded in feeling terms to the loss which the Craft had sustained by the death of the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of England, a loss which he said all Masons mourned, not merely by the outward symbols which they wore now on their badges, but sincerely in their hearts. His lordship congratulated the brethren on the growth of Masonry in the province, and after an allusion to the proposed investment of Provincial Grand Lodge funds in the shares of the Masonic Hall at Ipswich, he announced that in future the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held on the second instead of the first week in July, and that the day of meeting will be Monday. He also announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge will next year be held at Lowestoft; and concluded by thanking the brethren for the hearty good wishes expressed in their addresses of congratulation.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where a capital banquet was provided by Bro. Grout, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren. A glee party, consisting of Bros. Hodges, G. T. Carter, S. Smith and Lander was in attendance and contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening. The banquet was, of course, presided over by the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Waveney. The Senior Warden's chair was filled by Bro. Boby, the newly appointed P.G.S.W., and the Junior Warden's chair by Bro. J. F. Hills, the P.J.G.W. The R.W.P.G.M. was supported by a number of Past Officers, whose names will be found among the list of those present in the lodge, and altogether about 120 brethren sat down to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and in the course of the evening Bro. Terry announced that Lord Waveney had consented to preside at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons.

At the special request of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Emra Holmes acted as Director of Ceremonies, and was ably assisted by Bro. Fitzgerald, P.P.G.S.B.

The want of a band was much felt, and it is hoped that when Provincial Grand Lodge meets next at Lowestoft that want will be supplied.

It would be well too if the Stewards' duties were called into requisition at the banquet to overlook the waiters and see that they perform their duty.

The City Swiss Club and the Club of True Highlanders, which formerly held their meetings at the Caledonian Hotel, Strand, now meet at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street (Bro. Gosden's)—the first-named club weekly, and the last monthly.

SEDIMENT.—The only guaranteed cure for Toothache.—This extraordinary application, marvellous in its effects, gives immediate relief, without injuring the tooth, and forms a temporary stopping. 1s. 3d.; post free 1s. 3d. THE CORALITE TOOTH PASTE, for cleansing and improving the teeth, imparts a natural redness to the gums, and gives brilliancy to the enamel. Price 1s. 6d. THE ROYAL DENTIFRICE, prepared from a recipe as used by her Majesty, gives the teeth a pearl-like whiteness, and imparts a delicious fragrance to the breath. Price 1s. 6d. Sold by all chemists and perfumers, and by the proprietors, MESSRS. GABRIEL, the old-established Dentists, 72, Ludgate-hill, and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London.

CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHDOWN MARK LODGE, (No. 164,) AT HAYWARD'S HEATH.

Hayward's Heath has of late years become an important suburb of Brighton. There, charmed by the beauty of the surrounding country, the happy and prosperous trader has erected his garden-environed villa. There, the adjacent station, affording an easy means of reaching London, and, indeed, almost every part of Sussex, has enticed the merchant, who in his middle age finds a retreat amid scenes of rural joy and plenty. There, in the old-fashioned cottage, in the older-fashioned farm-house, or in the innumerable petite homes which have grown up within a short memory in and about and around the Heath, a numerous well-to-do class of inhabitants have gathered, attracted by the pleasures afforded for the leisure hours of age by their gardens and fields, and the delightful walks of the neighbourhood. All this is not to be wondered at. From every point of Hayward's Heath a variety of scenes can be embraced, the extent only limited by the magnificent range of downs on the south, and by the hills and wooded heights on the north; while to the east the pretty village of Lindfield (celebrated of old for its famous white currants) with its church and needle-shaped spire a conspicuous object. To the west, Cuckfield church spire marking, the spot where a small country town lies embedded in a mass of glorious foliage and colour. Hayward's Heath, is indeed the centre of a country district charming to the eye, invigorating to the health, attractive to the lover of country scenes, aye, indeed, to the lover of country sports it is attractive alike to the sportsman, the huntsman, or to the "disciple of Isaac Walton."

It was at the Station Hotel, quiet, comfortable, and convenient, a hostel presided over by a genial and kindly landlord, and an equally good tempered landlady, that a party of Masons decided to hold a Mark Lodge, and to apply to the R.W. Grand Mark Master Mason for permission to open a Lodge of the degree. This having been granted and a warrant issued under which to work, Saturday last was the day fixed on for the important ceremonies of Consecration, Installation, and Advancement of members. Precisely at half-past two o'clock, R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., and Grand Secretary of the degree, who had been specially deputed by the Grand Master R.W. Bro. the Earl Percy, to perform the Ceremony of Consecration entered the Lodge Room, accompanied by W. Bro. W. Hudson, P.M. 75 (Mark), P.G.A.D. of C., W. Bro. J. M. Cunningham, P.M. 75 (Mark), P.G.J.G.W.; Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, P.M. 22 (Mark), P.G.A.D. of C. The Consecrating Officer then placed his officers at their posts, the S.W. chair being occupied by W. Bro. J. M. Cunningham, and the J.W. chair by W. Bro. Thos. J. Sabine. The Acting-Grand Secretary, Bro. R. S. Ade, then stated the reasons which had led to the formation of the Lodge, and the members present having stated their approval of the officers designate, the Consecrating Officer called on the Acting-Grand Secretary to read the warrant of Constitution of the Southdown Lodge No. 164 on the register of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. This having been done, the corn, wine, and oil was taken round the Lodge by three Past Masters, Bros. Cunningham, Hudson, and Sabine. The Lodge was formally and legally consecrated to the service of the G.A.O.T.U. and dedicated to the service of Mark Masonry, for the advantage and convenience of those residing in or visiting the district of Hayward's Heath. The ceremony of consecration being ended, the W.M.'s chair was taken by W. Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, who had been requested to install in the chair of "A," the W. Bro. W. Hudson, P.M. 75, Craft P.G.A.D. of C. The W.M. Designate having been presented, questioned, and pledged, all the brethren below the rank of P.M. withdrew from the Lodge, and Bro. Hudson was formally installed in the Worshipful Master's chair in the presence of a board of Installed Masters, comprising the Present or Past Grand Officers.—W. Bros. Binckes, Cunningham, Sabine, and Bros. Thomas Cooke

P.M. 75; John Robinson P.M. 75; G. R. Lockyer W.M. 75, and Bro. Trollope W.M. 166, Hastings. Bro. T. J. Sabine was invested with the collar of P.M. The board of Installed Masters was closed, and the brethren admitted; at this stage and by special permission, a ballot was taken for nineteen candidates, hailing from Craft Lodges 40, 56, 73, 186, 271, 284, 311, 315, 511, 811, 874, 1305, 1362, 1420, all of whom were unanimously elected.

A ballot was then taken for seven joining members, all of whom were elected.

Eleven of the candidates, including Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, being present, they were advanced by the W.M. into the mysteries of this ancient and highly instructive degree, the lecture being delivered in a very correct and impressive manner by Bro. Thomas Cook, P.M. 75.

Apologies were received from several of the candidates, who will attend to be advanced at the next meeting, to be held on the 26th July.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. The W.M. having been proclaimed, saluted, and addressed, he proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. James Pearson, S.W.; S. R. Ade, J.W. They were addressed as to the nature of their duties, and advised as to the responsibility of their office. The W.M. nominated and invested his Overseers as follows:—Bros. Kemp, M.O.; Bonniwell, S.O.; C. Golding, J.O. The Overseers were next addressed on the importance of their duties, and on the rules which must guide them in their approval of the work submitted to them for inspection. Bro. Captain Knight was invested as Secretary; Bro. F. Willard was unanimously elected Treasurer, to the satisfaction of the brethren present; Bros. Cowley, S.D.; Read, J.D.; Bidgood, I.G.; Woolcock, Steward; Cook, P.M., D. of C.; and T. Hughes, Tyler.

The members were then addressed on the importance of carrying out in their integrity the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. The whole of the addresses were most admirably given by W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.M.G.O., Prov. G. Sec. of Middlesex and Surrey. Several notices of motion were given, and W. Bros. Binckes, James Stevens, and Dr. Cunningham elected as honorary members of the lodge. The lodge was closed, and the brethren, between 30 and 40 in number, adjourned to dinner, which was served up in a manner reflecting great credit on Bro. Golding. The W.M., Bro. Hudson, presided, having on his right hand Bros. Sir John Cordy Burrows, F. Binckes (the consecrating officer), J. Stevens, Dr. Cunningham, Trollope, and W. R. Wood; and on his left, Bro. Sabine (the installing Master); Bro. Robinson, P.M. 75; Lockyer, W.M. 75. We have only room to give a list of the toasts, all of which were proposed and responded to in a suitable manner.

- "The Queen" and "Mark Masonry."
- "The M.W.G.M.M.M., Bro. the Earl Percy."
- "The R.W. Past Grand M.M. Masons."
- "The D.G.M.M.M. Bro. the Earl of Limerick, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."
- "Success to the Southdown Mark Lodge, No. 164, and to Mark Masonry in Sussex."
- "The Consecrating Officer, R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.J.G.W. and Grand Secretary."
- "The W.M., W. Bro. W. Hudson, P.M. 75, P.A.G.D.C. of C."
- "The Newly Advanced Brethren."
- "The Visiting Brethren."
- "The Masonic Schools and Benevolent Institution."
- "The Officers of this Lodge."
- "The Tyler's Toast."

The establishment of the Southdown Lodge of Mark Masons is an undoubted success, and it is expected that a few months hence the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Sussex will be inaugurated with Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, of Brighton, as Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. J. M. Cunningham, *M.D.*, of Hailsham, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

We learn that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has postponed, until about the 11th or 12th of August, his visit to Holyhead, for the purpose of formally opening the Harbour of Refuge, and declaring the breakwater at that place complete.

Original Correspondence.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

No person, as has been shown by your correspondent J. E. C., can belong to any secret order in this country—by which, I mean the United Kingdom—without first having taken the vows and exemplified his conduct as a Master Mason in Craft Masonry. Hence, if the new Order of the Temple choose to disconnect themselves from Masonry, they place the existence of that Order in jeopardy.

As an admitting official of another order, to which I have made reference before (see your paper of October 9th, 1869), if a postulate is admitted here, he must previously, to attain that honour, vouch to me or to the admitting brethren, that he is a Master Mason, and the utmost strictness is observed. Of course where the law is different, a different procedure takes place. There, an oath, not in contravention of the various codes in existence in the various countries where we have chancellories, is administered; or should any one desire to belong to the Order, after true approval, he is taken into a country where the oath can be legally administered. The Order of the Temple differs in very few respects as to its rite of admission, but it is clear that, should it desire to retain the protection of the law, it must, at any rate, win its sanction according to ordinary legal forms. The mere fact that an illustrious brother should have placed himself at the head of any association cannot change fundamental principles. I am sure my brethren will be glad to see the letter of J. E. C. It is most opportune, inasmuch as the good the Masonic Knights Templar can do must be greatly affected by the status they are found to hold. Through a felonious charity—which, if not Masonic, it would be—nothing could be effected; "good cannot arise out of evil," nor can evil be regarded as disguised good. Many think so, however. *Vale, Frater!*

CRYPTONYMUS.

July 5, 1873.

BALSARIAN SECT OF CHRISTIANS:

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Hutchinson, in the thirteenth lecture of his "Spirit of Masonry," says:—"In modern Masonry, it is given as a principle why our dedication of lodges is made to St. John, that the Masons who engaged to conquer the Holy Land, chose that saint as their patron. We should be sorry to appropriate the Balsarian sect of Christians to St. John," etc.

This passage is quoted by Dr. Oliver, of course, in his "Mirror of a Johannite Mason," and, I believe, also in some other of his works. Now I have heard of a great many Christian sects, but never heard of "Balsarian Christians." Cannot some Masonic scholar inform me whose who these Balsarian Christians were? Where and when did they flourish? and what connection was there between their heresy, and St. John, and Masonry, or the Knights Templar?

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., June 24, 1873.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The brevity of the notice in your issue of the 5th inst., calling attention to my project for obtaining a Life Governorship of the above-named institution, induces me to solicit the insertion of the following particulars:—

"Every purchaser of a shilling ticket will be entitled to participate in the ballot for a Life Governorship, and the possessor of the successful number will have £10 paid to the Institution in his or her name."

Several hundred tickets have been disposed of, and I feel convinced that the fact of having a chance of a Life Governorship for a shilling, only requires to be generally known to secure a successful issue. I hope every member of the Craft will be induced to invest a shilling, and

more especially as the institution receives the benefit of every ticket sold. Every 200 tickets constitutes a Life Governorship.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN CONSTABLE, S.W., 185,
58, Richmond-road, Barnsbury.

July 7th, 1878.

Tickets may be had of the writer and the following brethren:—Jas. Terry, Freemasons' Hall; T. J. Barnes, 442, Mile-End-road; E. Gottheil, 120, Mile-End-road; H. M. Levy, 24, Southampton-row; W. Buck, 5, Bow Church Yard, E.C.; A. Parkinson, 19, Lawrence-lane, E.C.; H. R. Davies, 14, Well-street, E.C.; J. Pinder, City Bank Chambers, Threadneedle Street, E.C.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF LODGES 192 AND 766.

The Lion and Lamb and William Preston Lodges (Nos. 192 and 766), both meeting at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, celebrated a joint summer festival at the Rosherville Hotel, Gravesend, Kent, on Thursday the 3rd instant, under the Presidency of the two W. Masters, Bro. Francis Trott, W.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, occupying the chair as President, and Bro. Geo. Newman, W.M., of the William Preston, as Vice-President. The company consisted of about 60 ladies and gentlemen, as representatives of the two lodges. The dinner and other refreshments provided for the occasion were of the most recherché description, and great credit and thanks are due to the Bros. Roberts, the proprietors of the hotel, for their excellent catering, as well as for their general attention to render the occasion a comfortable and happy meeting.

The cloth having been removed, the President proposed the "Health of the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," to both of which were accorded the usual honours. Bro. Captain G. J. Kain, P.M., and Secretary of the William Preston Lodge, then gave the "Health of the President, and prosperity to the Lion and Lamb Lodge." Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., and Secretary to the Lion and Lamb Lodge, proposed the "Health of the Vice-President, and prosperity to the William Preston Lodge," both toasts were most cordially received and responded to by the respective W. Masters. The table entertainment concluded by Bro. Geo. Newman proposing the "Health of the Visitors," and Bro. Trott "The Ladies." Bro. W. Worrell, of the William Preston Lodge, replied in a humorous speech.

A portion of the company then retired to the ball room of the Swiss Cottage, for the light fantastic toe amusements, where refreshments were bountifully supplied during the whole evening, whilst others repaired to the garden to render the conclusion a happy day.

Amongst the brethren present we noticed Bros. W. Goodyer, Treasurer, Lion and Lamb Lodge; Geo. Kenning; E. Roberts, Director of Ceremonies; E. King, Steward; W. Ramsey; J. Cook; F. Fellowes, Steward; J. Kent, W. Bates, B. Marsland, H. Davis, J. Collis, W. Cotter, W. Donne, Geo. Abbott, Charles Arkell, W. Waring, W. Regan. Bros. Brand, of the William Preston Lodge; Harper, Gray, Dr. Bird, Dettmar, Forskett, J. Kinmer, Hart, McColly, Nicholson, Major Dowdell, Wren, Hoare, and Bro. Jardine, of the St. George's Lodge, nearly all of whom were accompanied by their ladies. We need scarcely say that this, the first occasion of the union of these two Lodges at a summer festival, was a most agreeable meeting, and we may further say a most successful one. Bro. J. G. Marsh and Captain G. J. Kain, acted as Honorary Secretaries.

THE PERSIAN VISIT TO ENGLAND.—We are informed that several members of the Shah's suite intend to send their sons to England to be educated. A beginning has been already made by his Chamberlain, who has left his son under the care of Dr. L. Schmitz, to be educated at the International College, at Spring-grove, near Isleworth.

WILLIAM PRESTON.

Bro. William Preston was entered, passed and raised among the "Ancients," a society which had its origin in a schism and secession from the Grand Lodge of England. Preston's clear perception, however, soon convinced him that his party was not a legally constituted one, and he left them and applied for and was received into membership under the banner of the regular Grand Lodge of England. With the utmost assiduity did he study the principles of our society, and a bright and successful student was he. He saw that the hidden treasures of Speculative Freemasonry, as established in 1717, required a more general development, in order to be more fully understood by the ordinary mind. To effect this was the chief object of his life, and how successful he was every intelligent brother knows. At a certain hour daily, he applied himself to the drawing of designs, and so perfect were his plans, that the Craft now, wherever dispersed, have since been engaged in executing them, and have never, at any period, been at a stand for want of employment. On Thursday, May 21, 1772, in order to have the advice and consent of the Craft, he gave a banquet at his own expense, at the Crown and Anchor, in the Strand, London, to which he invited all the Masonic talent and wisdom of Great Britain to be present.

According to his request, the brethren assembled early, and he was not slow in announcing to them the object he had in view in convoking them. He said that "Freemasonry, in order to preserve its standing, must spread its roots and extend its branches far and wide, for the purpose of extending its capabilities to meet the exigencies of the times. He then laid before them the result of his long and arduous labours, the present system of lecturing (a reconstruction of the old), as practiced subsequently to the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717. It was discussed *seriatim*, approved and adopted. Bro. Preston then became exceedingly popular and was employed as D. G. Secretary under Bro. Hesseltime, who wished at that time to publish an improved edition of the *Book of Constitutions*, which would bring down the history of Freemasonry to his own time. Considering Preston the most eligible to prepare the work for the printer, he gave him entire charge of it, and free access to documents and papers of the Grand Lodge. When the most laborious part of the work was performed, and it was nearly ready to go to press, the G. Secretary wanted to give an acquaintance of his, Bro. Noorthouck, Treasurer of the Lodge of Antiquity, an interest in its publication, and appointed him to assist Preston in completing it.

Bro. Preston, having done all the work of selecting, arranging, &c., thought he was entitled to the individual honour of his labour, and declined the offer, when the work was taken from him altogether, and given to Noorthouck. Seeing that the honours he had so well earned were taken from him, he remonstrated warmly, and threw up the office of D. G. Secretary in disgust, and, some say, withheld a part of the material he had collected for the book.

This displeased Bro. Hesseltime, who was not long waiting for an opportunity of resenting the offence which Bro. Preston had given him, and the latter was arraigned for a violation of the laws of Grand Lodge, in attending a sermon at church in Masonic costume; and, in his defence, Bro. Preston said that this regulation of the Grand Lodge—the one which they said he had violated—was the height of absurdity, and could not be admitted by any person who professed himself a friend of the Society. He also said that "the Lodge of Antiquity had its own popular rights, formally secured by it in 1717, and was determined to preserve them inviolate, and it was very questionable if the Grand Lodge was empowered to make laws binding on a Lodge which had acted on its own independent authority from a period anterior to the existence of that body." On the 30th of January, he (Bro. Preston) was expelled from the Grand Lodge, and declared "incapable of attending the same, or any of its committees."

In 1787, when the Duke of Cumberland was Grand Master, the case of Bro. Preston was submitted to the Grand Lodge, who then, (like

other Grand Lodges we know of, who acted harshly and cruelly in moments of passion,) in a better and more Masonic spirit, re-considered its former proceedings, and reinstated Bro. Preston to all the rights and honours of Freemasonry.

Such is the history of William Preston, whose memory is universally cherished among Free and Accepted Masons.—*New York Dispatch*.

IMPORTANCE OF MASONIC LITERATURE.—

At no time in the history of Freemasonry, has its intellectual character been more justly appreciated than at the present. At no time have its members, generally, cultivated its science with more assiduity. At no time have they been more zealous in endeavouring to obtain a due enlightenment on all the various topics which its system comprehends. It is true that Masons still abound who will not read, and who cannot learn—men who, ignorant of its history, its antiquities, its philosophy, still believe that a knowledge of the signs and acquaintance with the mere phraseology of its lectures, constitute the sum and substance of Masonic wisdom. But such men are beginning to be considered by their more studious brethren as mere drones in the hive of Masonry. Those who desire to hold a high position among their brethren, and claim the title of "Bright Masons," must labour with that "freedom, fervency, and zeal," which distinguished our ancient Brethren for the acquisition of knowledge. There cannot be a question of doubt that the higher elevation of the society, and its consequent popularity, is to be attributed to the well-digested publications which have appeared on the subject of Freemasonry. To assist in sustaining this elevation of position for the Fraternity, should be the duty of every brother, for thereby he secures the means of advancing his own intellectual progress as a Mason.

ENEMIES WITHIN.—To too many of us, I fear, Masonry is but a shadow without substance a body without life, a letter without spirit. It has substance, life and spirit, as well as a shadow, body and letter, and he who feels the substance and is possessed of that life and spirit, is a living Mason, an embodiment of its truth, and a just exponent of its principles. While as Masons we are never found soliciting persons to join us we should yet so live that others would esteem it a great privilege to be associated with men so wise, so virtuous and so good. Hostility to Masonry can do no harm so long as Masons are not recreant to every just principle of the Order. But it is true of Masonry, as well as Christianity that her greatest enemies are found among the leading worshippers at her shrine; so long as Masons are true to their principles, they have nothing to fear from opposition. The world has witnessed many social, political and religious revolutions, but amid all, the tenets of our Order and the mysteries of the Craft have been secretly guarded and religiously preserved; and although we have had foes from without and enemies within, though Church and State have combined for our certain destruction yet with unbroken ranks and unswerving purpose, our march has been steadily onward.—*Robert Clark*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 18, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, July 12.

Lodge 1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.
" 1423, Era, Kings' Arms Hotel, Hampton-court.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, July 14.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatchouse Hotel, Highgate.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Wimsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, July 15:

Board of General Purposes at 3.
 Lodge 704, Camden, York and Albany, Gloucester-gate, Regents-park.
 " 857, St. Marks, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
 Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, July 16.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, at 3.
 Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1365, Clapton, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Crutched Friars.
 Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, July 17.

Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria-park.
 Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Arg'lers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, July 18.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 Kemays Tynite, K. T. Encampment, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st. Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, July 19, 1873.

Monday, July 14.

Lodge 1259, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 7.30.
 Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Tuesday, July 15.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, July 16.

Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5.

Thursday, July 17.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Friday, July 18.

Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, July 19, 1873.

Monday, July 14.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

Wednesday, July 16

" 117, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 Chap. 79, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

Thursday, July 17.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.

Friday, July 18.

" 109, Sir Wm. Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

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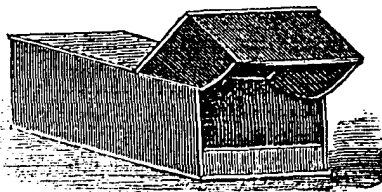
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BARD OF AVON LODGE (No. 778).—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Inn, Hampton Court, on Wednesday, 9th July, when Bro. George Elliot, member of Parliament for the Northern Division of the County of Durham, was installed as W.M., in presence of a large number of Grand Officers, and with the good wishes of brethren of every degree. The Bard of Avon Lodge was founded at Stratford-on-Avon in 1859, and its members had proposed a resolution, in the early part of 1872, to dissolve the lodge, and return the warrant to the Grand Master, when Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex, placed himself in communication with Bro. George Elliot, M.P., and other brethren, and the result was that the lodge was transferred to the Province of Middlesex, with the concurrence and fraternal co-operation of Bro. Lord Leigh, the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and Bro. Colonel Burdett, the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. The Bard of Avon lodge struck vigorous root in Middlesex, and there are at this time upwards of thirty candidates for membership on its books, the majority of these being Freemasons who have won their honours elsewhere, and who are desirous to throw in their lot with the Bard of Avon. On Wednesday the assemblage was unusually large. Among those present were—Bros. Col. F. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Col. Lowry Cole, C.B., P.S.G.W. England; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Hyde Pullen, P.D. Prov. G.M. Isle of Wight; Conrad Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Raynham Stewart, P.G.D.; Plunkett, M.P., P.G.D.; Rev. Taylor Jones, Prov. G. Chap. Middlesex; S. Rosenthal, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex; Rev. J. D. Collis, D.D., Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon; Dr. Kingsley; Edward Dicey; P. H. Lawrence, P.M.; George Scharf, F.S.A., W.M. Lodge of Antiquity; and many others, there being twenty-seven Past Masters and Worshipful Masters present during that portion of the ceremony of Installation, when those below those ranks are excluded. The lodge was opened punctually at three p.m., when, after the minutes had been confirmed, and some formal business transacted, Bros. Rev. J. D. Collis, D.D., and Henry Kingsley, M.D., were raised from the degree of F.C. to that of M.M. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. W. Roebuck presenting the W.M. elect, Bro. George Elliot, M.P. and Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.M. 181, and W.M. 758, performing the installation ceremony. The Masonic business was concluded and the lodge closed at 6 p.m., after which the brethren sat down to banquet, Bro. George Elliot, M.P., the new W.M., presiding. The new W.M. was supported to the right and left by brethren of high rank in the Province of Middlesex, and by Grand Officers. After the "Queen and the Craft;" "The Grand Master;" "The D.G.M.;" "The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex;" and "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex" had been duly honoured, the gavel was, by special desire entrusted to Bro. Plunkett, M.P., G.D. (Irish Constitution) who in a speech

of rare eloquence and power proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Plunkett's manner, matter, and delivery convinced those present that the gift of "silver speech" is sometimes hereditary, and set some of his auditors thinking of the transmission of genius and Mr. Francis Galton's theories as to talent being handed down from generation to generation. Bro. G. Elliot, M.P., W.M., replied with earnest effectiveness, assuring all present of the pride and pleasure with which he accepted the office to which he had been elected, and of his determination to perform, to the best of his ability, the duties arising out of it. Reverting generally to the effect of the ritual and ceremonies of Freemasonry upon the mind, Bro. Elliot declared that, from the day of his initiation in the Granby Lodge, Durham, to the present, he had been profoundly impressed by the solemnity and usefulness of Masonic teachings. Bro. Elliot said the Masonic ritual not unfrequently reminded him of the services of the Church of England, and that the serious duties undertaken by Freemasons, must, if properly performed, tend to make men better. The new W.M. concluded a speech which was replete with good feeling and practical common sense, by again thanking the members of the Bard of Avon for the honour they had conferred upon him, and by reciprocating Bro. Plunkett's wishes for the permanence and prosperity of the lodge. The proceedings terminated with the usual toast, and a most successful installation meeting was brought to a conclusion. During the evening Bro. Rosenthal, P.S.G.W., made a handsome present to the lodge, consisting of copies of his two great pictures of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being received in the Grand Lodge of England," and of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being received in the Grand Encampment of English Knights Templar." It was announced also that Bro. Rosenthal has in hand a half length life size portrait, in oil, of Bro. George Elliot, M.P., in full Masonic clothing.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—*Baldwin Lodge (No. 1398).*—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th ult., in the Masonic Temple, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness. The lodge was presided over by Bro. R. Pearson, P.W.M. Lodge of Furness, 995. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the balloting for W.M. was proceeded with, when Bro. William Whiteside was unanimously elected. The Treasurer (Bro. F. H. Clark) and the Tyler (Bro. Thomas Cooper) were re-elected to their respective offices for the year 1873-4. An audit committee and banquet committee were afterwards appointed, it being arranged that the installation of Master and the banquet to follow should take place on the 29th July. As a mark of esteem, and to show that his efforts in conducting the lodge during the first year of its existence were thoroughly appreciated by the brethren, it was resolved to present Bro. Pearson with a P.M.'s jewel. Mr. H. Duncan having been initiated as E.A., the lodge was closed in due form by the Acting W.M. In consequence of the much lamented death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, K.G., M.W.P.G.M., the lodge was ordered to be placed in mourning for the space of six months.

ERA LODGE (No 1423).—At the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, July 12th, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, W.M., presided. The minutes were read and confirmed. Ballots were unanimous in favour of joining members. Mr. Benjamin Wright was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. F. Walters, P.M., Sec., passed Bros. B. Robinson; W. F. Gardiner, 1275; A. C. Woodward, 1275; F. B. Williams, 1275; and J. Mc Naughton, 871, to the second degree; and raised Bros. E. Devereux, W. M. Matthews, and Loos, to the third degree. Several propositions for joining, and candidates for initiation in this lodge, were received. Business ended, the lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour. The visitors were—Bros. Edwin J. Crow, P.M. 279, P.G.S.D., Leicestershire; H. J. Green, 216, 1275, 1326; C. W. Williams, 1275, 1326; Rev. P.M. Holden; and T. H. Miller. 907.

Knights Templar.

BRIGHTON.—*De Warrene Preceptory.*—A meeting of this young preceptory was held in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, July 11th, 1873. In the absence of the Eminent Commander Sir Knt. John Lucas Allen, V.E. Sir Knt. Major Shadwell H. Clerke opened the preceptory. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Sir Knt. Capt. Stratford was unanimously elected a joining member. The by-laws were then considered, and, after a few slight amendments, adopted. The alms were collected, and the preceptory was closed. There were present—Sir Knts. C. Horsley, M. B. Tanner, Thomas J. Sabine, Thomas Lane, E.C. of the Sussex Preceptory, Eastbourne, Herbert Stratford, Col. David Aitkin, C. J. Smith, and T. H. Moseley. Visitors: Sir Knts. Moren and Morris of the Sussex Preceptory, Eastbourne. At the close of the above proceedings, a preceptory of the Order of Malta was opened, presided over by Eminent Sir Knt. Major Shadwell Clerke, assisted by Eminent Sir Knt. Charles Horsley, when Sir Knts. M. B. Tanner, T. H. Moseley, C. J. Smith, Thomas Lane, Thomas J. Sabine, G. Morris, G. Moren, and Capt. Stratford were admitted and received as members of this degree; after which the preceptory was closed. The next meeting of the "De Warrene" preceptory will be held on Friday, September 12th, when it is expected a large number of Sir Knights will assemble. The Order of the Temple is attracting considerable attention among the Masons of Brighton, and there is every possibility that in a short time the "DeWarrene" preceptory will be one of the most successful in the south of England.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

BRIGHTON.—*Eureka Chapter, S.P. Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.*—On Saturday the third regular meeting of this recently established chapter of the Ancient and Accepted Rite was held in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, at half-past six o'clock. The M.W.S., Ex. Bro. Dr. Tanner, opened the chapter, assisted by his officers. The following members of the Craft were unanimously balloted for as members:—Sir John Cordy Burrows, P.P.G.W. Sussex; G. Moren; George Vicars, 811; Capt. J. C. H. Stratford. The following Rose Croix Masons were balloted for as joining members:—Colonel William David Aitken, 30°; Charles A. Woolley, 18°, and unanimously elected. The M.W.S., Ex. Bro. Dr. Tanner, then conferred the degree on the following candidates:—Bros. Sir John Cordy Burrows, Capt. Stratford, George Vicars, and G. Moren, assisted by Ill. Bro. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Ex. Bro. C. J. Smith, 18°, and Ex. Bro. Dr. Trollope, 18°. The M.W.S. most efficiently performed the duties of his position, and rendered the ceremony with most commendable accuracy, considering this was the first time he had been called upon to work the ceremony. There were present during the evening—Ill. Bros. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; H. Murray, 31°; C. Horsley, 30°; Ex. Bros. M. B. Tanner, M.D.; C. J. Smith; Thomas Trollope, M.D.; Paul Storr; John Lucas Allen; Rev. E. Walker, M.A.; Thomas J. Sabine, T. H. Moseley, John Wood, W. R. Wood, H. S. Sanderson, C. A. Woolley, and others. The lodge was closed about nine o'clock in ancient and solemn form.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY (LIMITED).—At the fortnightly meeting of the Directors, Bro. John Thomas was formally appointed Architect to the Company, plans and specifications of the hall and Masonic rooms were considered, and a Building Committee appointed, consisting of Bros. Pinder, Larlham, Green and Reeves, to make the necessary arrangements for commencing the structure. Several shares were applied for and ordered to be allotted. The members of the Board present being Bros. E. Worthington, Chairman, Levander, Kenning, Larlham, Stevens, Green, Ritherdon, Reeves, and Ramsay.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS MASONIC CLUB.

This society held their first anniversary dinner at the Hartington Hotel, on the 9th inst., at 8, p.m. 30 members sat down; this number was considered small, occasioned by the Piel Regatta being on the same day.

The President and Vice-President of the club, Bros. Cornfield and Silver, occupied the chairs. A short but very pleasant evening was passed, enlivened by the talented harmony of several of the brethren. The usual loyal, patriotic, and customary toasts were duly honoured.

The success of the club was proposed by the President, who bore testimony to the order and decorum observed, and the convenience which the club afforded to a large number of brethren. He trusted that he should not be out of place in observing the pleasing circumstance that the club although held at an hotel, the room being open from morning to night, had the very opposite effect to the encouragement of intemperance; if this was attributable to the stringency of the rules, it was most creditable to the foresight of the framers of such rules, but he thought he might go further and say that the good sense and example of the brethren towards each other, through the facilities now given for more frequently meeting together, gave rise to entertainment, interesting far beyond that of the drinking customs, of what may be called, indiscriminate company. After a few observations from the Vice-President, the toast was rapturously drunk.

The next toast "The Health of the Executive," was entrusted to Prior S. C. Baynes, who said that although a young member he had noticed with pleasure the great and necessary interest taken in the club; he felt it was a most prosperous institution, and had well supplied a great want in Barrow. They ought to be thankful to such men as the executive was composed of, for coming to the front at a great sacrifice of time and judicious exercise of talent required in the management of such a large society. The speaker was in his best vein, interspersing his remarks with Shaksperian and other quotations, amusing and edifying the brethren in the masterly manner for which he is famous. He coupled with the toast the names of the President, Vice, Treasurer, and Secretary. The speech was received with great applause, and the toast was duly honoured.

The President and Vice shortly replied. The Secretary, Bro. Leary furnished some statistics evidencing the flourishing condition of the club, and stated there were 80 members on the roll. The Treasurer, Bro. Hooker, shewed, by a balance to credit, its financial prosperity. "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. J. C. Fanter, who said that the toast was always honoured by brethren, throughout the world, as a principal one in all the entertainments of the ancient Craft; he could bear testimony to its deserving the highest place, having recently experienced such kind and fraternal treatment in Belgium, and other places which he had recently travelled in. He enumerated a few instances, in detail, which excited the most pleasurable emotions amongst the company. The toast was responded to by Bro. Wilson, of H.M.s Customs upon which the endless chain was linked, and "Auld Lang Syne" sang with great gusto. Bros. McKnight, Haslam, Young, Peavons and Schuster made some complimentary remarks and the business concluded at 11 o'clock, with the toast of "The Host, Bro. Taylor, and the Hostess" whose efforts to furnish the club with a most excellent repast, served with great taste and comfort, elicited deserved approval.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. DR. TAYLOR, AT DUNDEE.

On Monday the remains of the late Rev. Dr. Taylor, were interred in the Western Cemetery, Dundee.

Services were conducted in the South church by the Rev. Dr. Watson and Rev. Mr. Horne, of Port-Glasgow. There was a large attendance of the members of the congregation and of the other friends of the deceased, and during

the time of the service those present—a large number of whom were in mourning—seemed deeply affected. The pulpit and other parts of the church were draped in black. Appropriate passages of Scripture were read by the gentlemen named, and each of them also engaged in prayer.

Dr. Taylor having been Provincial Grand Chaplain of the Freemasons of Forfarshire and Honorary Chaplain of St. David's Lodge, nearly two hundred of the brethren turned out, although only a day's notice had been given. The Funeral Lodge was opened within St. David's Masonic Hall, 8, Bank-street, exactly at one o'clock, when there were present most of the Masters and office-bearers of the various lodges—every Lodge in Dundee and Lochee being represented, and the Prov. Grand Master, Gibraltar. The R.W. Master of St. David's Lodge (Bro. James Berry) was in the chair, and opened the lodge up to the third degree. He produced the letter from the relatives of the late Grand Chaplain, as also the authority addressed to him by Lord Dalhousie, P.G. Master, and then delivered a short address. The Rev. Bro. G. Alton, engaged in prayer, and thereafter the following anthem was sung:—

Almighty Maker of my frame,
Teach me the measure of my days
Teach me to know how frail I am,
And spend the remnant to Thy praise.
My days are shorter than a span,
A little point my life appears;
How frail at best is dying man!
How vain are all his hopes and fears!
Oh! be a nobler portion mine;
My God! I bow before Thy throne;
Earth's fleeting treasures I resign,
And fix my hope on Thee alone.

The Rev. Mr. Alton afterwards delivered an eloquent address, and the brethren then adjourned to join the funeral procession, the only emblem each bore being white gloves and a sprig of acacia, the emblem of the Craft. The services in the South Church concluded about half-past two o'clock, and the funeral procession was then formed. The body of deceased had arrived from Port-Glasgow, and was conveyed in a hearse to its resting-place, followed by fourteen mourning coaches, each drawn by a pair of horses. The chief mourners were Dr. John Taylor and Mr. Adam Taylor, the sons of deceased, and Messrs. Alexander, William, and Thomas Bell. Almost all the members of the Dundee Established Presbytery were present, and there were also in the cortege the Rev. J. C. Baxter, Rev. Mr. Nicoll, Murroes; Rev. Mr. M'Pherson, Meigle; Rev. Mr. Robertson, of the Original Seceders; Bailie Maxwell, ex-Provost Yeaman, Colonel Anderson, Colonel Alison, Mr. George H. Hill, Mr. Thomas Smith, &c. Preceding the hearse was a detachment of the North British Fusiliers, under the command of Lieut. Tew, Dr. Taylor, having acted as Chaplain to the Protestants in the regiment during the time they have been in Dundee. The Masonic brethren marched in single file on each side of the mourning coaches. On arriving at the Cemetery the coffin was lowered and a short prayer offered up by the Rev. Dr. Watson. At the call of Bro. Berry the Masons dropped their sprigs of acacia on the top of the coffin, and the grave was afterwards filled.

The funeral procession then returned. The streets between the church and the place of burial were lined with spectators. The Masonic Lodge rooms were draped in black, and will so remain for some time. During the day the town's bells were tolled.—*Dundee Advertiser.*

THE VIENNA EXHIBITION.—The party of English artisans from the various manufacturing centres, 34 in number, sent out by the Manchester Society for the Promotion of Scientific Industry, to report on the Vienna Exhibition, has arrived safely. They were received on their arrival by Mr. P. Cunliffe Owen, on behalf of the British Royal Commission, and were by him introduced to his Excellency the Baron de Schwarz Senborn, the Austrian General Manager of the Exhibition. Mr. W. G. Larkins, the Secretary of the Society, and Mr. W. Aitkin, the gentlemen in charge of the workmen from Birmingham, were also at the same time presented to his Excellency.

Reviews.

The Prevention of Poverty or Progressional Economy as a System of Natural Law, and Reform as a Science, by William Volckman, London, Trübner and Co., 57 and 59, Ludgate-hill.

Mr. Volckman urges that his essay is no attempt whatever at the advocacy of a "rhapsodical Arcadian" system of life, or of any absurdly levelling scheme of wealth distribution. On the contrary it is one of his objects to show the needlessness of such views or schemes, and the sufficiency of naturally economic law for a diversified well being. He contends that human society, is naturally and de facto a progressional and economical partnership; so endowed by birth-right, as to be well nigh secure against the possibility of poverty, if the natural conditions of its endowments be but properly understood and obeyed. He shows that such "endowed partnership" is not only a provision of well-being for all, it is also the guarantee of that enlightened liberty and individuality, so enjoyable to each, and so fruitful of general advancement. He asserts "Reform to be a science, &c." The author then urges that the individual and State alike are possessed of three, birthright, common-wealth endowments, viz:—Intelligence, labour, power, and land. He says "These are the primary sources of wealth, and are only operative in combined action, any one or two of them being simply powerless for the securing of well-being. To alienate any one or more of them from a state or an individual is to reduce such individual or state to starvation or slavery. He then goes on to show that reform as an active principle lies in the necessities of the masses. By the application of the co-operative or partnership principle to profit-division as between employer and employed the interests of capital and labour would become identical, both indeed, would be advanced, and the control of cheapening power would be enjoyed by the many, and not confined, as now, to the few. Thus union would be established among the masses, for a people thoroughly united could not fail to secure their every desire. The author concludes with several chapters in which he deals with luxuriousness, starvation, co-operative colonisation, the capitalisation of labour, republicanism, and also with the land as a commonwealth, &c.

The "Little Dressmaker" (No. 7, Vol. 2), is specially devoted to fashions for children and dolls. A beautifully coloured illustration is given, showing the latest fashions for children's and dolls, clothing, with the cut paper patterns. This little work is an invaluable assistant to those who choose the patterns for their little ones. It is altogether a most useful publication, printed with great care, on fine paper, and in which every detail is rendered with perfect fidelity. The plates are well executed, which makes it a work of art as well as that of fashion. We wish it every success.

"The Penny-a-Week Country Daily Newspaper." London, 112, Strand. This novel little daily is established to supply every rural parish with a daily newspaper friendly to Christianity and good government. It is a marvel of cheapness; twelve persons subscribing one penny each per week, may have 12 copies every morning, post-free, thus making the "Country Daily Newspaper" only a penny per week. It is a neat and handy sheet of four pages, of two columns each, and contains all the news up to the hour of publication. It is printed on good paper, in clear type, "set up" and printed by steam power.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

NATIONAL MUSIC MEETINGS.

The fourth and last, and the most interesting, of this year's public competitions took place on Thursday, July 10th, when the proceedings commenced (at the usual hour of one o'clock) with Class No. 3 (choral societies not exceeding 80 voices.) Three choirs of male singers—the Bristol Choral Union (conducted by Mr. A. Stone); the Liverpool Representative Choir (conductor, Mr. Sanders); and Mr. Proudman's Men's Voice Choir (conducted by himself)—contended for the two prizes awarded, a purse of

£50 and a ten guinea library of music, presented by Messrs. Chappell and Co. The pieces sung were—by each choir alternately—the chorus “Where is he?” from Beethoven’s *Mount of Olives* and T. Cooke’s “Hohenlinden”—the Bristol choir having also been heard in Schubert’s “Nachthelle,” and that of Mr. Proudman in Netherclift’s “We happy Shepherd swains.” Some tests in sight-singing followed, and the general result was the award by the judges (Sir J. Benedict, and Messrs. H. Leslie and J. Barnby) of the first prize to the Liverpool choir, the second prize to that of Bristol, and a certificate of merit to the other competing choir.

The chief interest of the day centred in the re-appearance of the South Wales Choral Union, which has become famous since its performance at last year’s music-meetings, when it carried off the Challenge Prize Cup, value £100, without opposition, it is true, but with a general approbation that was justly earned by the fine singing of these Cambrian choristers. The anticipations raised by the promised re-appearance of this choir were heightened by the knowledge that this year the claim to the possession of the prize would be disputed by another competing body under Class No. 1 (choral societies not exceeding 500 voices). This opposition was made by the well-known Tonic-Sol-fa Association, whose capital singing is yearly exemplified at their special concert at the Crystal Palace.

The trial began with the South Wales’ Choir, the pieces selected having been, Bach’s motett, “I wrestle and pray;” the “Hallelujah” chorus from the *Mount of Olives*; the chorus, “See what love,” from Mendelssohn’s *St. Paul*; and that from the same composer’s *Walpurge’s Night* music, “Come with Torches.” The singing in each instance fully justified all that has been said in praise of this fine choir. Again, the quality of tone was rich and grand, powerful without the slightest approach to coarseness; and, notwithstanding the large number of choristers, readily graduated and subdued in force. The vigour and precision of attack in each division; the general truthfulness of intonation; the special brightness of the soprano voices, and their unflinching command of the higher range of compass (admirably exemplified in the difficult secular chorus of Mendelssohn), were qualities which won enthusiastic applause, not only from the many natives of the Principality, who were among the large audience, but from all others who were capable of judgment on the subject. It was manifest that to surpass such fine choral-singing was scarcely possible, and accordingly the performances of the same piece by the rival choir, excellent as they were in many respects, were universally felt to fall short of the previous displays. There could be little hesitation in the case, and the judges (Sir J. Benedict, Sir J. Goss, and Mr. Barnby) speedily gave their decision in favour of the South Wales Choir, a judgment which involves the continued holding of the Challenge Prize, and the award of a purse of £100. To the Tonic Sol-fa Choir a second prize was given—a fifty guinea harmonium, presented by Messrs. Alexandre and Co., of Paris. The Welsh Choir was conducted by “Caradoc” (Griffith Jones), the other by Mr. Proudman. The announcement of the result was received with shouts and cheers from various parts of the building, followed by a rush to the Telegraph-office to ensure speedy transmission of the news to distant expectants. As on other days, the competitions were followed by a miscellaneous concert, the programme of which was contributed to by some of the competitors.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. H. HORNBY.

We have this week, to announce the death of Bro. H. Hornby, a member of the Merchants’ Lodge, No. 241, holding its meetings in Liverpool—a brother who was highly esteemed, not only as a Mason, but as holding a high position in the town’s affairs. Bro. Hornby has represented Lime-street ward since 1868 in the Town Council, and during that time has done some good, quiet, and valuable service to the town. He was the proprietor of the Grand Junction Hotel,

Lime-street, and a wine and spirit merchant; and while he identified himself with the dominant party in the Town Council, he took no part in the discussion of public affairs, but confined himself simply to voting upon the various questions which came under the notice of the council. Bro. Hornby, who was in the prime of life, being only 47 years of age, had been ailing some time, but his friends scarcely anticipated his sudden decease on the 8th instant. His remains were interred at Smithdown-lane cemetery on Friday, the 11th instant.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount-Edgcombe is to be installed as Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, at Truro, on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst. A very large muster of the brethren and visitors is expected. Brethren will, of course, appear in Masonic mourning, though some have doubted the propriety of so doing; but, as it is an order of the Grand Lodge, we fail to see how it can legally be otherwise. In looking over the excellent directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, edited by the late Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Hughan, we find that our noble brother will be the eighth so installed since the constitution of the Province, in 1752. We trust that as successful a career is before his lordship as characterised the rule of his immediate predecessor, the R.W. Bro. Augustus Smith, who commenced his rule with 15 lodges and 468 members, and ended with 24 lodges and an increase of 500 members!

PRESERVATION OF LIFE AT SEA.

A most interesting exhibition to our numerous seafaring brethren in Liverpool was open during last week at the Town Hall, its object being to gather together the latest and best apparatus for the preservation of life at sea. In the different sections were exhibited models and full sized life boats, life rafts, life buoys, belts &c., boat-lowering apparatus, signals, rockets, &c., and the entire exhibition was of the most attractive character. The exhibition was opened by the Worshipful the Mayor Bro. E. Samuelson, and on each day the value of the gathering was greatly enhanced by trials of full sized apparatus on the river, under the direction of a committee of “old salts,” having for its chairman Rear-Admiral Kerr.

The value of these trials will be seen when it is stated that in the five years preceeding the 31st December, 1871, over 500 lives were lost by collisions, and 11,102 ships came into collision, of which 854 were sunk, the probable monetary loss amounting to about 15 millions in that time. It is therefore satisfactory to know that in the present exhibition the work of many brains has been brought to so much perfection, and it is the opinion of the committee—all of whom are gentlemen of great experience—that very rarely has a more select collection of appliances been brought together.

The proceeds of the exhibition will be divided between the Seamen’s Orphan Asylum and the Shipwrecked Mariners Aid Society.

At the close of the exhibition on Saturday, Bro. Samuelson, the Mayor, in the course of an excellent speech, said the interest which has been evinced in this exhibition had not been confined to this country, but had extended to our neighbours on the other side of the channel. (Hear, hear.) The “Société Central de Sauvetage des Naufrages” had sent Captain Delynge, a member of their council, who had shown an appliance for projecting a line from shore to a ship in distress. He (the Mayor) hoped the result of the exhibition would be such as not merely to allow it to terminate with the possibility and even the probability of its being repeated—(hear, hear)—and he hoped that there would be some lasting benefit accruing from it. (Applause.) Hitherto inventors had only scientific journals to resort to, and all knew that, however great that boon might be, it lacked the advantages of practical tests. (Hear, hear.) It was true that there was a Royal Humane Society and a National

Lifeboat Institution, They had a Polytechnic Society in London and Liverpool, but he thought these institutions did not perhaps hold out sufficient encouragement to inventors, and therefore he and the committee thought something should emanate from this exhibition which should result in a permanent good. (Applause.) He for one—if others who were more immediately connected with matters of this kind felt disposed to institute a society for the preservation of life at sea—would have the greatest pleasure in giving it his support—(loud applause)—and he really thought they ought not to wait for their metropolitan neighbours to take the lead in these matters. Liverpool boasted of being the first maritime port in the world, and, accordingly, in all matters of this kind she ought to be in the vanguard—(hear, hear)—especially when the safety of human life was such a consideration. He concluded by expressing his personal thanks to the committee and the honorary secretary, for their exertions in connection with the exhibition.

It is probable that the society referred to by the Mayor will shortly be instituted.

ROYAL VISIT TO HOLYHEAD.—Our Royal Bro. the Prince of Wales, will visit Holyhead next month for the purpose of opening the new and most extensive breakwater there. A meeting of the county of Anglesey—the High Sheriff presiding—was held on Thursday, the 30th inst., at the Market Hall, to make the necessary arrangements. The ceremony will probably take place on the 12th or 13th of August, and although the Prince has desired that there should be no public banquet, addresses will be presented from the county and local authorities, and there will be general rejoicing. It may be stated that the breakwater has cost upwards of a million and a half sterling, and, therefore, its opening is worthy of the Prince’s presence, especially as its object is to shelter the mercantile navy from storm and shipwreck.

DISCOVERY OF ROMAN PAVEMENT.—Some extensive additions are about to be made by Messrs. F. Gordon and Co. to Crosby Hall, Bishopsgate-street, and, in preparing the foundations, there has this week been discovered part of a Roman tessellated pavement, of considerable extent, and apparently a remnant of a large floor. The border encloses an elegant leaf, ornamental pattern, and it is worked in red, yellow, black, and white tesserae. The pavement was discovered by Messrs. Merritt and Ashby, the builders, about seven feet only from the surface. It has been seen, through the courtesy of Mr. Thomas Smith, one of the firm of Messrs. Gordon and Co., by several members of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, who pronounce it to be a very interesting specimen; and it is now, we believe, removed to a place of safety. About two years ago, a similar pavement was discovered, when Messrs. Gordon and Co. were having the foundation laid of their new premises, opposite Crosby Hall. Bishopsgate was one of the main arteries of Roman London, and, doubtless, had mansions on either side. At various times, there have been Roman pavements found in the immediate neighbourhood—in Austin-friars, Wormwood-street, Old Broad-street, Threadneedle-street, &c.

A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BIBLE.—In the book-store of Mr. Bouton, on Broadway, there is now on exhibition what is certainly the most valuable copy of the Holy Bible ever compiled. It represents the industrious toil for thirty years of an English collector of Biblical prints, etchings, engravings, original drawings in oil and water colors, and authoritative or curious editions of the Scriptures, and is now roughly valued at 10,000 dols., though its real price may very likely prove to be much higher. The complete text used is that of Dr. Kitto’s edition of King James’ Bible. But this is but a fractional part of the sixty huge folio volumes through which it is spread. Sometimes the reader will turn over fifty consecutive pages of illustrations between those scattered fragments. Such subjects, for example, as “Susanna and the Elders,” or “Daniel in the Lion’s Den,” are enriched with scenes of illustration drawn from every field of art—the convent missals of the mediæval ages, the strange, fanci-

ful, strikingly false drawing of the Italian masters, the grotesque works of Dutch and German painters, and the later and more truthful efforts of modern times. In all this monument of loving devotion to a worthy hobby are included no less than 30,000 illustrations of various kinds, some of them worth from 50 dols. to 100 dols. each, and extracts from some thirty editions of the sacred text. Such a treasure ought speedily to find a purchaser in some of our few great libraries, where it would be an unfailling spring of delight and instruction to artists and men of letters.—*New York World*.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE FREEMASONS' HALL AT WATFORD.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Public Library, in Queen-street, the building of which has just been commenced, excited some interest on Saturday last, inasmuch as it was laid by the Freemasons with their ancient ceremony. To many the occasion was one of much gratification, as there can be no doubt that the Public Library will supply a great want that has long been felt. Such an institution, under an Act of Parliament which is part of the local government system, and also under the Science and Art Department, has its guarantee of stability and proper management. Its means of benefiting the neighbourhood have been from time to time set forth, and we have now to speak of the handsome building, which we have no doubt will be both an ornament and a blessing to the town.

The building, which will have a frontage of 80 feet, will contain, on the ground floor, two spacious public reading rooms, each communicating with the library or book-room, a large news-room, committee and apparatus rooms. On the first floor the accommodation will be set apart for the Science and Art Department, and will consist of two science class-rooms, convertible, by the removal of a deal partition, into a lecture hall, 51ft. 6in. long by 30ft. wide; an elementary class room, painting and modelling rooms, besides a master's room, cloak rooms, and lavatories. The style of structure is that rendering of Gothic which has, of late years, been so successfully carried out in brickwork, and is that by which English architecture is chiefly characterised. The main portion of the exterior will be executed with yellow bricks, the monotony of which will be effectively relieved by the introduction of red and black bricks and Bath stone dressings. The front elevation, facing Queen-street, will be pierced on the ground floor by four large two-light windows, with red Mansfield stone shafts and Bath stone decorations. The entrance, with a massive stone superstructure, will be in the centre of the building, and will be embellished by a carved stone panel over the head of the door. On the left will rise a well pointed gable terminating in a carved finial, and containing, as a chief feature, the large three-light window at the end of the lecture hall. On the right two decorative mullioned windows will rise with their gabled heads into the roof, and the wall heads will be finished with a red brick cornice. Right along the whole length of the building will be cut in mediæval letters: "Watford Public Library and School of Science and Art."

The design for the building, which it will be remembered was selected by the Committee with great pains from several others in public competition, is by Mr. Syme, of Messrs. Sedgwick and Son's office, Watford, and is acknowledged to be of great merit. The building is expected to cost about £2,300, and the contract has been taken by Mr. Miskin, of St. Alban's.

To give the occasion of laying the foundation-stone an additional and uncommon interest, the Committee took advantage of the Watford Lodge of Freemasons being about to lay the foundation-stone of their new hall, to ask them to lay that of the public library, as they did that of the Corn Exchange some years ago. Although the time to make the arrangements was very short, all the public bodies who could possibly take an interest in the building were invited to send deputations.

The different representatives assembled at the Corn Exchange, at two o'clock, and formed a procession, which started for the site of the library at half-past two. The procession was headed by the band of the 2nd Herts Rifles. Following were the Watford Company of Volunteers, the Watford and Bushey Volunteer Fire Brigade, and the representatives of the trades of Watford, including engineers, carpenters, masons, printers, painters, and wood turners. The Committee of the Library and the Directors of the Corn Exchange Company were almost all included in the Masonic body.

On the arrival of the procession at the site, where a space had been covered in at the north-west corner of the building, the foremost gentlemen arranged themselves on either side, and allowed the performers of the ceremony, with Bro. T. F. Halsey, to pass to the front of the stone. Many ladies and gentlemen were accommodated with raised seats on either side that they might be enabled to obtain a view. Unfortunately at the time a drizzling rain made out-door proceedings slightly uncomfortable.

The ceremony commenced by Mr. A. O. Sedgwick handing the plans to Bro. Halsey, who, having, inspected them, addressed the assembly in the following words:—Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, we are assembled here to-day for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone, in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of our ancient Craft, of the Watford Free Public Library, and after the custom on these occasions I take the opportunity of briefly expressing the satisfaction with which we assist in an object so worthy of our support. Through this and similar institutions it is placed in the power of the humblest in the land to obtain an amount of information which in former days was quite beyond their reach, and which must be of the utmost value to them in their daily life, and fit them more and more to use those talents which the Great Architect of the Universe has given them, to His honour and glory, and the welfare of their fellow-creatures and themselves. Now you often hear it said, when a man leaves school, or college, or enters upon the profession which he may be going to follow, that his education is completed; but depend upon it, it is no such thing. A man's education ceases or should cease only with his life. The oldest and best and wisest amongst us have still something that they may learn. In fact, the greater knowledge a man acquires the more he sees his own ignorance. And if that is true in the case of those who have received the blessing of a good education in early youth, it must be so in a far higher degree with our humbler brethren. From the very fact of their being obliged to earn their bread, they must of necessity receive only the most elementary instruction in their youth. I cannot help thinking that to such as these an institution of this nature must be a priceless boon. Here they will have access to books and information which they cannot otherwise obtain, and which must be of great service to them, and help them to get their living, by raising them more and more from the position of mere machines to that of intelligent and reasoning beings, and make them of increasing value to their employers, and render them better able to fight the battle of life and discharge those duties which they owe as citizens in this their native land. Time will not allow me to expatiate more on the advantages of this institution; but though I have, in the words I have said, alluded more especially to the humbler classes, yet the remarks I have made apply with equal force to all. There is no man, high or low, rich or poor, learned or unlearned, who may not derive some benefit from access to a well-chosen library. Therefore, I will conclude by expressing, on behalf of the brethren present and those assisting me to-day, our sincere hope that within this building, the foundation-stone of which we are about to lay, many may lay in themselves foundation stones of knowledge, and raise thereon vast superstructures of improvement and mental elevation, through which they may be rendered more useful to themselves and of benefit to all around them. I also trust that those who with so much spirit have promoted this institution may be rewarded by watching it for many years through a long career of prosperity and usefulness in this important town and neighbourhood.

The Treasurer, Mr. C. F. Hubert, then deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers, &c., in the cavity of the lower stone, and the Chaplain, the Rev. N. Price, offered up the following prayer:—"Almighty God, framers of the worlds, without whom our labour is in vain, vouchsafe to prosper the work of our hands, and grant that this building, begun in Thy name, may be happily completed, to the setting forth of Thy glory, and peace and harmony, prosperity and happiness of this town. May we here learn to cultivate and wisely use the good gifts of intellect which Thou hast given us, for our true improvement, the service of our fellow men, and the hastening of Thy kingdom. Bless and reward Thy servants who have given of their substance for the furtherance of this work, and preserve them ever, both in body and soul, through, &c."

The cement was then placed on the upper face of the bottom stone, and Bro. Halsey adjusted it with a trowel, after which the upper stone was lowered slowly, the band playing "Rule Britannia." Bro. Halsey then proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb, level, and square, which were handed to him by the Junior and Senior Wardens and W.M. 404. He then gave the stone three knocks with the maul, and said: "I declare this stone to be well and truly laid." The cornucopia was next called for, and handed to Bro. Halsey, who strewed the corn over the stone saying, "I scatter the corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessing of heaven be showered upon us, and may we enjoy the blessings of plenty." On pouring out the wine, he said, "I pour out this wine as an emblem of love and rejoicing. May we enjoy the blessings of divine truth, and may virtue flourish as the vine." The sprinkling of the oil was accompanied with these words, "I sprinkle this oil as an emblem of peace. May peace and prosperity, brotherly love and unanimity ever flourish within this building." The Chaplain then pronounced the benediction: "The blessing of God Almighty be upon this work, and remain with it for ever." The band here played the National Anthem.

The procession was then formed again, and proceeded in the same manner to the site of the Freemasons' Hall, which is at the back of the Essex Arms Hotel. The new building will consist of a hall and general room, to be used also by the proprietor of the hotel, about 40 feet by 24 feet, approached, as was the old hall, through an anteroom in the hotel, and also, by a new and commodious staircase and corridor, to be erected instead of the present staircase at the rear of the Corn Exchange. There will be lodge-rooms adjoining, exclusively for the use of the Freemasons, about 25 feet by 18 feet, with lobby for Tyler, lavatory closet, wine closet, and other conveniences. The hall and lodge-room are lofty and lighted with sunlights. The whole building is carried on brick piers and iron girders, without intervening columns, as was the case in the old building. The building is of the simplest description, both externally and internally, but it is hoped that the interior may eventually be suitably decorated, the design admitting of the hall and lodge-room being made very handsome. The architect is Mr. J. T. Christopher, of Watford, and the builder Mr. Miskin, of St. Alban's, who is also building the Public Library.

The foundation-stone is in the brick pier at the north-west corner, a few feet from the ground. A platform was erected, on which the Masons performing the ceremony stood. The ceremony was precisely similar to that already described. When Bro. Halsey had inspected the plans handed to him by Mr. Christopher, he gave the following address:—"Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, we have assisted in laying the foundation-stone of a public building, and we now have to provide a domicile for ourselves. It will be in the recollection of those present that the old hall, which stood somewhere about on this site where we are now standing, and in which we held our meetings for many years, was burnt down three or four years ago. Of course, various difficulties arose which have retarded the rebuilding of it up to the present time, but now I am glad to think that these difficulties have been all settled, and we are about to lay the

foundation-stone of a building where we shall be able to celebrate our peculiar rites and ceremonies with more comfort than we have been able to do during the last three of four years. Some of you may feel curiosity, perhaps as to the nature of the rites and ceremonies which we profess, but I can only say that it is not in my power to gratify you fully on this occasion as to the nature of those mysteries. If you wish to make acquaintance with them, I say that any worthy man among you, who really joins us from no interested motives, will come among us and receive a hearty welcome, and we shall teach him all we know ourselves. But I may assure you in the words of an old song well known to us—

"There's nought but good to be understood
In a free and accepted Mason."

And the fundamental principle of our order must commend themselves to everyone. They are "Brotherly love, loyalty, and charity." I am afraid that I cannot extend the same invitation to the fair sex present; because we have it on record that there was once a fair lady who was, I was going to say, a brother of our craft (laughter), but I suppose I must say a sister. This lady was determined to find out what took place, and concealed herself in a clock, where she was discovered after the conclusion of the ceremonies, and as she had seen all, there was nothing for it but to admit her into the fraternity. I must, therefore, ask the ladies to accept her as their representatives. But I can assure you in the words of the same song to which I have alluded—

"No mortal can more the ladies adore,
Than a free and accepted Mason."

I, therefore, conclude now by wishing prosperity to this hall, which we are about to lay the foundation-stone of, and I cannot do better than conclude in the words of a brother mason whose name is well known in this land, and who has secured for himself a lasting name in the temple of fame. I mean Robert Burns, who wrote for the lodge to which he belonged—

"Within this dear mansion may wayward
Contention
Or withered Envy ne'er enter;
May Secrecy round be the mystical bound,
And Brotherly Love be the centre."

The ceremony then proceeded with the Chaplain offering a prayer as follows:—"Almighty and eternal God, Architect and Great Ruler of the Universe, have respect unto the prayers of Thy servants who call upon Thee. Prosper the work which we this day begin, and enable us in due time to bring it to a happy conclusion. Here may we learn the things which belong to our perfecting. Here may true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love remain, and every moral and social virtue cement and unite us in one brotherhood of peace, truth, and charity, through, &c."

The members of the Craft responded "So mote it be," and the interesting ceremony concluded as before.

At 5 o'clock, more than 50 of the gentlemen who assisted at the ceremonies dined in the Corn Exchange. The dinner was excellent and well served; it was supplied by Mr. Neary, of the Essex Arms Hotel, and Mr. Buck, confectioner. T. F. Halsey, Esq., presided, supported by Dr. Brett, Mr. J. Sedgwick, Dr. Iles, Mr. C. F. Hubbard, Mr. S. Camp, Rev. N. Price, Rev. B. J. Warren, Mr. C. Heaton, Mr. J. Benskin, Mr. J. Benskin, jun., Mr. H. C. Finch, Rev. G. Finch, Mr. A. O. Sedgwick, Mr. J. T. Christopher, Mr. G. Lambert, Mr. Marnham, Mr. W. H. Hubbard, Mr. W. R. Williams, Mr. J. Terry, Mr. G. H. Haydon, Mr. G. Mickley, Mr. A. Godson, Mr. William Cutbush, Mr. T. Wargrave, Mr. J. Hart, Mr. E. Hayward, Mr. W. Wilson, Mr. G. Henry, Mr. Syme, Mr. T. Bodimeade, Mr. Miskin, Mr. Pratt, and others.

Bros. G. T. Carter, John Hodges, and Theodore Distin, were engaged, and enlivened the proceedings by some songs excellently sung. The toast master was Mr. Turner of London.

On the withdrawal of the cloth, the Chairman proposed the "Queen and the Craft," which was received in the usual loyal manner observed by all assemblages of Freemasons. A similar reception was also accorded to the next on the list, viz., "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the

Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

Some other toasts having been proposed and responded to, the Chairman proposed "Success to the Watford Public Library and School of Science and Art," coupled with the name of Dr. Brett, the Chairman of the Committee, who responded in eloquent terms.

Bro. Lambert said, Mr. Chairman, brethren, and gentlemen, when I entered this room I had little idea that any toast would have been awarded to me, but I am delighted to accept that task, for I am willing to do anything that I possibly can for the good of this town, the Public Library, or the Watford Lodge. You have talked about debateable ground, and we have heard about science and art, but what is their progress attributable to but to the old Roman guilds laid down so well in the imperial city, and which pervaded this country and were laid down with most admirable laws by Julius Agricola? And what have these guilds resulted in? In the various academies—the academiæ. And call them what you will, I will sum them all up in one word—the lodge (loud cheers); for it is the fact—the school of Athens, with Plato for the philosopher, was nothing but the Freemasons' lodge. It is what the Freemasons' lodge ought to be. We ought to eschew everything bad and cling to that which is good. This is Freemasonry in the fullest extent. It is the casting to the wind all old women's fables and rubbish of that kind. Let superstition fly before us; stick to the truth, for in that you have pure unsullied Masonry—the Volume of the Sacred Law unfolded. It is on these terms and on these alone that I accept the toast and wish success and prosperity to the Watford Lodge and their new hall. I am sorry that the old hall was burnt down; but as the phoenix rose from its ashes, so we hope to have another hall, like another phoenix, rise upon the ashes of the old one. I call upon you, gentlemen, to rise and drink prosperity to the Watford Lodge of Freemasons, because in that must be centred and pervade everybody and everything which should have good attached to it. It is the adoration of the Most High, the volume of the Sacred Law unfolded, education spread wide, so that we should have no sectarian nonsense of any kind, and be able to preach that which we can perform. the law of lights and the prophets (cheers).

Bro. Steavenson (W.M.) said: Worshipful Past Master, brethren, and gentlemen, it is indeed a proud moment in which I rise to return my sincere thanks, both for myself and the lodge represented in me on this occasion. I am a very unworthy member of the Craft, but to you gentlemen who are not Masons I need not say that. But I have to return thanks for the very kind manner in which you have drunk prosperity to our new undertaking, the new hall we are about to inaugurate. Freemasonry is well known to ourselves, but to those who are not Freemasons I trust it will be known. It contains virtues which you are not perhaps aware of, but they are nothing but goodness. There is no trickery, nothing but what is good, in Masonry. I have myself reached the head of this lodge after a short apprenticeship, and I assure you it is, as I said before, the proudest moment of my life that I am in this position. I have known Watford all my life, though I am not a resident here, and therefore I can wish success to that institution, the Public Library, which has been so ably responded to by our brother on my right, Dr. Brett. I can wish prosperity with all my heart to any institution which can be of any service to Watford. I knew the town when I was five years old, and have therefore known it half a century, and, in consequence I can, with heartfelt sincerity say that I have an interest in Watford. I have, gentlemen, to thank you most sincerely for the honour you have done your brethren of the Watford Lodge by your presence here this day, and for the manner in which you have drunk to its prosperity.

Bro. J. Sedgwick said: Brethren and gentlemen, a very onerous duty has been cast upon me, but it is one of those duties which I feel to be a sincere pleasure; the only alloy in the purity of the metal is that I do not feel myself quite capable to do that justice to it which I feel it deserves; nevertheless, I have manned the yards, and am

going into the battle. Having seen the way in which our Chairman, whose health I am going to propose (loud cheers), has performed his duties in the ceremonies which we have gone through to-day, I say, as an old Mason of forty years standing, I have never seen the like—certainly he could not be superseded. Therefore, my strongest feelings were aroused with regard to the first ceremony, and also in my capacity as a Mason, identified in the prosperity of that building which we last laid the foundation-stone of. My Brother Brett has to-day, as Chairman of the Committee, mentioned and set forth the particulars concerning the Library in a manner I do not think I could have done. I recollect that a gentleman came here a few years ago to advocate a public library, and he told us a wonderful fact that there was only about one man in thirty or forty, who could make a door unless he had a model as large as the door itself, in fact that he could not work to a scale. It was a fact that impressed itself very much on my mind at the time, and I was further impressed by the statement that there was not a mechanic in France or Germany who could not do it, because in those countries schools were provided in which they taught it. This gave me an interest in the matter, and I feel extremely gratified in seeing the foundation-stone of the Public Library laid, and in having such a gentleman as the Chairman to lay it. As regards Masonry, I am old enough to recollect the laying of the foundation-stone of the old Freemason's Hall that was burnt down. About the third of a century after that we laid the foundation-stone of the hall in which you are now assembled. Subsequently the old hall was burnt down, and that circumstance, probably, has led to our being here together at this time, and I am quite sure that all those whom I represent, the Corn Exchange Company and the Freemasons, feel a debt of gratitude to the Chairman for having this day consented to perform a ceremony which those who are not Masons must admire, and those who are Masons must appreciate the manner of. I also feel, that in having the opportunity of witnessing that ceremony, we have been exceedingly fortunate, as the Watford Lodge, in having Brother Halsey to lay the stone. This is not his mother lodge, but his foster-mother; his first lodge he has left and has become a brother of ours. (Cheers.) Mr. Sedgwick concluded by proposing the health of the Chairman.

The Chairman (who was received with loud cheers) said: Brethren and gentlemen, on their own merits modest men are dumb, and, therefore, you will not expect many words from me in response to this toast. I was called upon by the undivided voice of the lodge to which I belong to lay the foundation-stone. In the ordinary course of things such a duty as this would devolve upon the Grand Master of the Province. Unfortunately, we have no Grand Master in this province; the brother who has so well and so worthily filled that position (hear, hear) for, I believe forty or fifty years, Bro. Stuart, of Aldenham Abbey, after sticking to his post to the last, has recently been compelled, I believe from failing health, to retire from that post, and no successor has been appointed. The brethren therefore met and chose me to lay the stone; why, I do not know, for I feel that some older and more experienced brother would have performed that duty in a much better and more efficient manner. The brethren, having called upon me, I had no alternative but to respond to the call, and I can only say that I have felt the greatest satisfaction to-day with the reception given me, and only hope that I have carried out the duties placed upon me, if not with satisfaction to you—for I think that it might have been done much better—yet so as not merit your disapprobation. (Cheers.)

Several other toasts were given and responded to, comprising, "The Architects;" "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who responded; "The Local Board of Health;" and "The Ladies," which latter toast brought to a conclusion what must be considered as a very happy as well as profitable meeting.

We have pleasure in stating that Mr. G. A. Sala is restored to health, and is again engaged in his ordinary literary and journalistic pursuits,

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

PEARSON.—July 19, at Old Swan, near Liverpool, the wife of Bro. H. Pearson, P.M. 242, of a daughter.

DEATH.

HORNEY.—July 8, at his residence, Rhine Villa, Seaford, near Liverpool, aged 47, Bro. H. Hornby.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1873.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

SUMMER FESTIVAL AT WOOD GREEN, DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES TO PUPILS, AND PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. BINCKES, SECRETARY.

The annual distribution of prizes and summer fête, took place on Tuesday, 8th July, 1873, at the Institution, Wood Green.

In the absence of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the chair was taken by W. Bro. Sheriff Perkins, P. Prov. S. W. Hants and Isle of Wight. The hall was crowded with visitors, on the platform being Bros. Rev. Dr. J. E. Cox, P.G. Chap.; George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treas.; John Symonds, P.G.A.D.C., Trustee; B. Head, P.G.D.; W. Patis, W. Røebuck, S. Rosenthal, Members of the House Committee; S. J. Furriam, Head Master. Amongst the company (some not until late in the day) were:—Bros. Col. N. Le Gendre Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire; J. R. Stebbing, P.G.D.; H. Smith, P.G.S. of West Yorkshire; A. Shellard, P.P.G.D. of East Lancashire; R. W. Little, Sec. of Girls' School; J. Terry, Sec. of Benevolent Institution; Sunline, P.P.G.W., Lincoln; W. Wiam, V. Patron; F. F. Hare, V.P.; J. Winter, P.M. 198 (W.M. of the Joiners' Company); B. Mickle, of New York; Ph. Kirke, P.M. 192; C. Lacey, W.M.; Charles Chard, P.M. 907; T. Cubitt, and J. Smith, P.M.s 157; F. Adlard, V.P., P.M. 7; J. East, W.M. 145; G. Motion, P.M.; R. W. Motion P.M.; Henry Lewis, P.M. 907; E. M. Haigh, P.M. 29; Atherton, P.M. 55; Cottebrune, P.M. 957; H. Massey, P.M.; A. Draper, 5; J. Loweridge, W.M. 28; M. Ohren, P.M. 5; Rev. J. A. Brown Cave, P.M. 457; and others.

Bro. Frederick Binckes, the Secretary of the Institution, having introduced Bro. Sheriff Perkins, as President of the meeting, remarking that his friend Bro. Perkins had made leisure from his multifarious duties to give them the benefit of his presence on this occasion. They all knew and congratulated Bro. Perkins upon the distinguished position he had attained in the first city in the world—and the estimation in which he was held by his fellow-citizens—and it was a source of satisfaction to know also that he was an old Mason, one who had attained high honours in the Craft, his appreciation of those honours

being proved by his attendance here to-day. (Cheers).

Bro. Sheriff Perkins then presented the prizes to the boys, as follows:—

Classical Department.

Upper Form, value 21s. each:—Classics, Hopwood; Mathematics, 1st, Warner; 2nd, Smith; Modern Languages, 1st, Bowles; 2nd, Barnes; English History and Geography, Maile; Parsing and Analysis, Hopwood.

First Class, value 5s. each:—Classics, Axon; Mathematics, Axon; Modern Languages, Axon; English, Beaumont.

Second Class, value 10s. 6d. each:—Classics, Hustler; Mathematics, Jones; Modern Languages, Parker and Green; English, Jones.

Third Class, value 10s. 6d. each:—Classics, Collinson; Arithmetic, Sawtell; French, 1st, Haskins; 2nd, Moxon; English, White.

Commercial Department. (value 7s. 6d. each).

Arithmetic, Bryant; History and Geography, Barrett; Writing, Nutman; English, Warr; General Proficiency, Baylis.

Good Conduct, 1st prize, silver medal, (presented at the Festival), W. L. Crampton.

Efficiency as Monitor (value 21s), J. A. M. Barnes.

Special Prizes (presented by private donors.)

Canenbury Gold Medal (£4 4s.), presented at the Festival, the gift of Bro. Edward Cox, Vice Patron, F. Cottman.

Oxford Local Examination, 1872, (£5 5s.) the gift of Bro. William Winn, V. Pat., C. J. Jones.

Drawing (value 10s. 6d. each), the gift of Mr. H. C. Sylvester, Drawing Master: Freehand, 1st, Atkinson; 2nd, Lane; Painting, Pitchforth; Shading, Williams; Architecture, Addison; Model, Beaumont.

Elocution (value 42s.) presented by Bro. Capt. Wordsworth, Lewis Smith.

For the best written letters, silver watches, (value £2 each) presented by the Franklin Lodge, Boston, Lincolnshire, No. 838, E. M. Harrison, and H. B. Atkinson.

Personal cleanliness (value 10s. 6d. each) presented by the Secretary, Lane and Gardner.

Prizes presented by the House Committee.

First prizes, (value 21s. each):—Writing, Moxon; Dictation, Atkinson; History, Maile; Geography and Mapping, Barnes; General Attention to Studies, Shaw; Mental Arithmetic, Smith; Proficiency in Drill, Pitchforth.

Second prizes, (value 10s. 6d. each).—Writing, Atkinson; Dictation, Warner; History, Atkinson; Geography and Mapping, Atkinson; General Attention to Studies, Bryant; Mental Arithmetic, Maile; Drill, Addison.

In addition to the foregoing prizes for drawing, J. E. M. Barns has received a prize from the Department of Science and Art, South Kensington.

The boys then sang the following songs:—"God Save the Prince of Wales," "Dawn of Day," "Spring, Spring," "Children's Cheers," "See the Chariot," &c.

The following recitations and dialogues were given:—English dialogue, "Julius Caesar," Act 4, Sc. 3, Hopwood and Atkinson; German recitation "Das Sirgesfast," Atkinson; Latin Eclogue, Warner and Bowles; French dialogue, "Cinna et Auguste," Hopwood and Warner; English recitation "Charge of Balaclava," Lewis Smith.

At the conclusion of the distribution, Bro. Perkins said: Ladies and gentlemen, you will permit me first to address myself to the pupils of this school, and more especially to those who, having been the most successful in their studies, have been the recipients of the magnificent prizes which I have just distributed. It is with infinite pleasure I have attended here for that pur-

pose, and that pleasure is considerably enhanced because I see around me the evidence of life and vitality. (Cheers.) I congratulate you on the success you have gained to-day, and I hope that success, and the prizes it has won, will be regarded as a substantial reward for the exertions you have used, and serve as a stimulus to others—not so fortunate to-day—to do all in their power to reach the top of the same ladder of proficiency. I look upon education as the grandest thing in life—nothing can equal it, nothing can approach it; secure it with all the opportunities you have, and you secure a boon of inestimable value—an advantage that will be priceless under all circumstances; to neglect it will be the greatest sorrow of your lives. (Applause.) I am glad to see that in this school there is something taught in addition to the three R's; you have mathematics, modern languages, and the classics. With regard to the latter, I know opinions differ; but my advice is, without giving too much time to their cultivation, don't, by any means, ignore them; and if—as I presume at times must be the case—you find a shining light amongst the boys, let provision be made for his ultimately entering himself at Oxford or Cambridge. (Loud cheers.) I am very glad to hear that the laws of the institution now permit the pupils to be retained until they arrive at the age of sixteen. The extension of a year is, in my opinion, most valuable, and in granting it, a proper and prudent course has been adopted. From fourteen to sixteen a boy begins himself to appreciate the value of education, and I shall look for considerable results from the change so wisely made. I am here to-day representing the Lord Mayor, whose absence I very much regret. That absence is occasioned by the discharge of a similar duty elsewhere—incumbent upon him. It was his intention to be here, and I wish he were in my place, because, you know, one Lord Mayor is worth two Sheriffs! The Lord Mayor is not a member of our Order, but he is as true a Mason at heart as I am, and we are very proud of him in the City. When I return there, I shall tell him what a treat he has lost, and what pleasure I have had in being here. I am proud of being a Mason, and that pride is increased at witnessing what I have seen to-day. You all ought to be proud of this Institution. My visit here—the first I have paid—has afforded me intense gratification. Every hall, every dormitory, every corridor, every room, gives evidence of health and cleanliness. The love of the brotherhood is marvellous, and even the ladies will acknowledge that there is something in Masonry when they see so many boys well clothed and cared for, healthy, and acquiring an education that will enable them to take their part in life as good and useful men. I see boys from my own town,—one the son of an esteemed friend whom I knew intimately when enjoying wealth, position, and influence. Evil days came—losses, death; and do you think I can be unmoved when I see the son of my departed friend receiving here paternal protection, and all the advantages which this noble institution affords to the children of the unfortunate members of our Order! I thank you, boys, ladies, and brethren for the opportunity given me of being here to distribute these prizes. I shall regard this as a red letter day in my existence,

the recollection of which I shall ever cherish—It will be one of my greatest delights to remember I was here on such an occasion. (Loud and continued applause.)

Bro. Head, V.P., rose and said: Ladies and gentlemen: I am about to make a proposition which you will receive with great pleasure. We have seen to-day the great kindness and great ability that have been shown by the Sheriff of London. We are proud to have him here; we find him a true brother. (Cheers.) I ask you now to pass a vote of thanks to Bro. Perkins for his kindness in coming here, and for the very handsome way in which he has conducted this meeting. (Cheers.)

Bro. Rosenthal, V.P., seconded the proposition, which was put and carried by acclamation.

Bro. Sheriff Perkins, in responding, said: Ladies and gentlemen, and boys of this home; I thank you for your kindness. All I can say is, as a Mason, I am delighted to be able to do something towards the promotion of its welfare. (Cheers.)

The boys then gave three cheers for Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. They then sung the National Anthem, which brought the meeting to a close.

The ladies and gentlemen adjourned to the gymnasium, where a cold collation was served, which gave great satisfaction.

On the withdrawal of the cloth, Bro. Sheriff Perkins proposed the following toasts.—“The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen;” “His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.,” “The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family.”

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, said: Ladies and gentlemen, though we regret the absence of the Lord Mayor, Bro. Perkins, I am happy to say is present. He loves to take part in every good cause, and is the right man in the right place. (Cheers.) I have not known a brother who has done such credit to himself as our brother has to-day; we are proud to have him here. (Cheers.) I have the greatest pleasure in proposing a toast to the health of the Chairman.

Bro. Sheriff Perkins in responding said: I thank you all for the kind manner in which you have received me. It has been a great pleasure to me to come among you; I am gratified beyond expression at being able to do something for such a noble Institution as this. How comforting it is to think that such a home is established and thrown open for the relief of the sons of the distressed members of our Order. See what Masonry has done to relieve the poor, the widow, and the orphan! (Cheers.) I speak with thankfulness that I am a Mason. I should think every lady would be anxious that her husband should be a Mason. Masonry will have a tendency to elevate his thoughts, it will make him a better man, therefore, ladies and brethren, permit me to thank you for allowing me to be present, and to preside here. I shall take back with me such recollections that I shall never forget. (Cheers.)

Bro. Sheriff Perkins then proposed “Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.” He said: I have endeavoured to picture to you this grand school, governed by a Master and Matron, and whose heart and soul are in the work,

whose delight is to see such an Institution as this flourish. If Masonry is extending, and fortune is uncertain, men who are rich to-day may be poor to-morrow, and thus forced to seek for the assistance of this school, in which if, the intentions of its managers are carried out, will ere long be received a large increase in the number of boys we see to-day. We know not what a day will bring forth. Therefore all who have money in their pockets, who have love for their brotherhood, ought to help this good cause. I am glad to learn that the Institution is free from debt. You have a beautiful building, situated in a lovely part of the country. See what Masonry can do for the benefit of humanity. I challenge the world to find any other society that has done so much as Masonry has. (Cheers.) Nothing can touch us for our generosity to our poorer brethren, and we have to reason to close our eyes to the fact. We trust that the boys in this Institution will rise to be great men of the future. (Cheers.) I couple with this the toast “Health of our good Bro. Binckes.” (Cheers.) I look upon him as one who mainly brought this Institution into existence. He never fails, always looking forward; progress is his motto. (Cheers.) Masonry cannot afford to lose sight of such a man who has done so much. (Cheers.)

Bro. Plucknett begged permission to interpose for a few moments between the toast just given and the response. There was no one occupying a similar position for whom he had a greater regard than for Bro. Binckes. He had witnessed with much pleasure and more delight his unwearied exertions on behalf of this noble Institution, and it was with feelings of unalloyed gratification that he had taken the active part he had in the organisation from which had resulted the testimonial to be presented to Bro. Binckes that day. He considered Bro. Binckes worthy of all the honour they could do him, and there was no interference with, or derogation from, the honour they wished to do him, in deciding that the testimonial should take the substantial and practical form in which it would be presented. He would hand to the Chairman a silver salver, with a purse, representing the amount contributed by many of those who had watched Bro. Binckes' labours with interest and anxiety, and ask him, in the name and on behalf of the committee, to hand them to Bro. Binckes, accompanied with their sterling and hearty good wishes for health, happiness, and prosperity through many long years. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Sheriff Perkins said:—Ladies and Gentlemen, I have known Bro. Binckes for many years but little thought that the honour of presenting him with this silver salver, accompanied by a thousand guineas would be conferred on me. (Cheers.) This testimonial has been obtained through the kind efforts of friends, privately, unknown to the world. Bro. Binckes, and the boys of the Masonic School is a proverb in the country; they live together, they look on him as a father. His heart and soul are in the Institution, we are very proud of him, I sincerely hope, through the kind blessings of Providence, he may be spared to give this institution the benefit of his good judgement and advice. Bro. Binckes, as a token of your friends' es-

teem, I hand you this silver salver with a purse of one thousand guineas, and in the name of the subscribers I wish you God speed. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Binckes rose amidst loud cheers and said, Bro. Sheriff Perkins, Bro. Plucknett, Ladies and Gentlemen, Brethren and Pupils of this Institution. In rising on the present occasion I really feel inadequate to find words to express my gratitude for the handsome testimonial now presented to me, and for the too flattering and complimentary addresses by which that presentation has been accompanied, embodying as they do your appreciation of my Masonic work. Many of us are tempted to describe this or that event as the most important of our lives, but certainly I think I may well be pardoned if I describe this occurrence as at once the happiest and the most trying in my existence, While desirous of not trespassing unduly upon your patience, I trust I may be pardoned on so exceptional an occasion, in asking you to take a retrospect of the fortunes of this Institution, so that you may compare—or rather contrast—what it was with what it is. Founded in 1798, it is true it maintained a name, and was productive of much good; but down to 1855 it had no local habitation. In that year we purchased this freehold property, and within the mansion then standing we received 25 of the 70 boys then on the Institution. This showed a wonderful change since 1850, in which year, a committee specially appointed to consider the question, reported their recommendation “that a building or establishment for the boys should not be entertained.” From the date mentioned (1855) the Institution has grown. In 1861 I had the honour of being elected its Secretary. In 1865 the present building was opened. To-day you see what it is—admirably fitted and provided for the accommodation of the 136 boys within its walls, to be increased in August by the admission of 12 additional; and I am delighted to be able to inform you that 28 more boys will be admitted during the next year, the construction of new dormitories having been ordered at an outlay of, say, £1,800. These are substantial results of labour, and I do not hesitate to say I feel proud in knowing that during the 12 years I have filled my present position, £90,000 have been received for the purposes of this Institution. (Loud cheers.) This proves that something has been done. A great work had to be accomplished, and it had to be done in a short time. For myself, I have worked from the first in faith; I shall continue to work in faith—that is, in firm reliance on our widely extended Craft for support. In all that has been done, however, let me at once say, that I claim no other merit than that of having been the means of inducing a large number of friends to come to our assistance. I look round this room and see with pride and gratification the familiar faces of many—some from long distances—who have ever been for most with their purses and advice. Amongst them I am pleased to notice my friend Bro. John Symonds, with whom, in earlier days, I was often associated in the work of Masonic Charity in this and other spheres. To these, and other good friends, I throw back all the honour for their generosity, who have never been weary in well doing. On the policy involved

in all this I am well aware that differences of opinion have existed, and still exist; I am, however, unshaken in my belief that our policy has been, and is, the true and proper policy. Masonry cannot, must not, and shall not, if I can in any way help it, be behind in ministering to the legitimate wants and needs of the increasing number of its members who are rudely turned from affluence to poverty. Equally aware am I, with reference to the kind testimony of appreciation of my poor services, that opinions widely differ, and that in some quarters it is regarded as altogether undeserved. To them who thus feel I would simply say “the less I deserve the more merit in your bounty,” while to those who have so plainly expressed their favourable opinion I can only say how deeply I value this handsome and substantial mark of approval, as I feel that “I shall little grace my cause in speaking for myself.” To Bros. Winn, Plucknett, and Edward Cox, I must beg them publicly to be allowed to express my sense of obligation which is deeper than any words I can now find will allow me to give utterance to. The recollections of this day will for ever be vividly cherished by me,—the events of the day must linger in a grateful memory—and I can only assure you that the manifestation of favour extended to day, will stimulate me with a desire. I only hope I may have the strength, to work with greater vigour in the future. Again and again, I thank you one and all.

The boys then gave three cheers for Bro. Binckes.

“The Health of the Ladies” was then proposed by Bro. Head, and responded to in a very able manner, by Bro. Loveridge.

This brought the afternoon's proceedings to a close, after which the company proceeded to the lawn, when dancing, croquet, bowling, and other amusements were indulged in. Great praise is due to the Assistant Masters, who rendered valuable aid throughout the day.

At 8 p.m., the dining hall was opened as a ball room and presented a most brilliant appearance. Dancing was kept up to the strains of the 33rd Middlesex Volunteers, under the leadership of Mr. George Ison.

The entertainment passed off with the greatest satisfaction to all present.

During the afternoon Bro. Haigh succeeded in producing several excellent photographs of the School, various groups of visitors, and boys to whom prizes had been given. These will tend not only to establish him in the first rank as an artist in his profession, but they will also be cherished as interesting souvenirs of the memorable day.

“ON GUARD!”—In these days of cheap and rapid travelling epidemics are conveyed from country to country, with marvellous celerity. With cholera east and west, prudence forbids impurity, irregularity and dependency. Each of these provocatives of this dire disease, may be overcome without danger, by Holloway's remedies, provided they be resorted to without delay, the moment listlessness, looseness, feverishness, or pain discovers disordered action. The directions will enable the least cultivated to treat successfully and subdue completely these warning symptoms of cholera. When confidence in Holloway's preparations is once established, each believer in their virtues will humanely recommend them to his acquaintances, that none may foolishly harbour hostile reinforcements within his own person.—ADVT.

MASONIC HISTORIANS. No. V.

By BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

BRO. DAVID MURRAY LYON.

In reviewing a work of the magnitude and importance of Bro. Lyon's “History of the Lodge of Edinburgh from A.D. 1599,” we are aware that our attempt will only be considered as preliminary to a more careful examination and exhaustive review, to be undertaken and completed by several brethren well versed in such studies, and familiar with our old records. Our friend D. Murray Lyon has, long since, become well known to all Masonic students, wherever located, for his diligence and faithfulness in bringing to light minutes of great value previously unnoticed; and especially has his “History of Mother Kilwinning Lodge” caused his name to be respected throughout the Masonic world. All past efforts, however, necessarily pales before his present enterprise, which is not only his *magnum opus*, but, as a historical account of the rise and progress of Freemasonry in Scotland, is the most valuable contribution to our Masonic literature that has been made during this or former centuries. Based as it is upon the oldest lodge records in existence (hitherto unpublished), and profusely illustrated with engravings, embracing, not only portraits of distinguished Craftsmen, but facsimiles of charters, statutes, marks, commissions, seals, and “old charges,” dating from the sixteenth century, such a history of the Society of the Free and Accepted Masons cannot fail to take its place as a standard work, without which no Masonic library can be complete.

In his desire to present a history to the fraternity, worthy of the ancient lodge he chiefly describes, Bro. Lyon has been ably seconded by the publishers, Messrs. Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh, who may justly be proud of their part in the publication, for the typographical excellence of the work cannot fail to be noticed and appreciated by all admirers of beautifully printed books; and we are certain that the members of the Lodge of Edinburgh generally, and our excellent Bro. William Officer in particular, will warmly express their approval of the splendid volume issued by that great firm.

Bro. Lyon, in commencing his history, informs us that the Scots, Masonically, are less ambitious than the English; for, while their southern neighbours claim that the Fraternity was organised at York, A.D. 926, “Scottish Freemasons are content to trace their descent from the builders of the abbeys of Holyrood, Kelso, Melrose, and Kilwinning, the cathedral of Glasgow, and other ecclesiastical fabrics of the 12th and 13th centuries.” As a matter of fact, however, the ambition of our past historians has led them far beyond the tenth century, for nothing short of Adam as the first Grand Master appears to have limited their extensive ideas respecting the antiquity of Freemasonry.

In alluding to the appointment of King James I. as Grand Master, and other similar apocryphal assertions, Bro. Lyon tells us there are no such records. “Those of Mary's chapel, the oldest extant, contain nothing upon which such a statement could be founded, except the evidence they give of the existence in the end of the sixteenth century of the office of Principall Warden and Chief Maister of Maissonis, for the purpose of regulating the affairs of Lodges . . . and the presumption is that the Grand Master-Mason of James I. is a purely fabulous personage.” In that belief we think all intelligent readers will concur; and they, with us, must regret that such absurd notions were ever received as authentic by a too credulous brotherhood.

Laurie is proved to be (what we have often before noticed) an inaccurate historian, and, with respect to early Freemasonry in Scotland, absolutely untrustworthy. It is refreshing to turn from his crude history to a work like Lyon's, for in the latter one feels he is treading on solid ground, and supported on every hand by unquestionable evidence.

Bro. Lyon will not allow Patrick Copland's election as Warden and Justice within the counties of Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine, and subsequent ratification by the King (James

VI.) to be an "evidence of the antiquity of speculative Masonry, of the early admission into lodges of persons unconnected with the building fraternity, or of the sovereign's interference with Craftsmen in their choice of office bearers, either in lodges or incorporations." We cannot quite follow our brother in this belief. Certainly the appointment of Copland does not prove him to have been a Master Mason; but we must not forget that the grant, dated 25th September, 1590, provides for the gentleman exercising the office of Warden, "also frieli in all respectis as ony uther Wardane of the said Crafte within this realme dois or may do." Hence it appears to us a most likely occurrence for Sir Patrick Copland to have been an accepted as well as speculative Mason, seeing also that "old charges" prior to that period allude to similar initiations.

In chapter 2nd we are informed as to the number and character of the volumes of records of the Lodge of Edinburgh.

1 vol., thin folio, 72 leaves. 1598 to 1686. (The "Vardene booke.")
2 vol., folio, bound in vellum. 1687 to 1761. (Has valuable list of members.)

3 vol., 1761 to 1781 } List of members from
4 vol., 1781 to 1814 } 1781 commenced in vol. 3, and continued in next vol. to 1814.

5 vol., 1814 to 1844 } A hiatus in the years
6 vol., 1844 to 1869 } 1816-18, 1832-33, and 1834-35 is explained subsequently.

7 vol. contains the subsequent transactions.

The preservation of these books is certainly creditable to the brethren of the lodge, and must be a source of commendable pride to the present members, especially when so many other old lodges have lost all their valuable records, or, like the Grand Lodge of Scotland, are minus several years of minutes. The Lodge of Edinburgh Records are unequalled in importance and antiquity, hence their perusal by all anxious to be informed of the customs of our ancient brethren is most desirable. Without particularising the several chapters, we may state that the "Schaw Statutes of 1598" are carefully considered in a series of most able and extensive researches and their application not only to the Lodge of Edinburgh, but to all the other old lodges is noted, and compared with the records. The chapter respecting the "trial of skill in his Craft," the production of an "essay-piece," and the tutors for the apprentices is full of interest, as also those which have special reference to the office of Master Mason and its privileges.

Bro. Lyon is of the opinion that "the absence from the Kilwinning and Mary's Chapel archives of any certification of a Craftman's ability to serve the lieges in the station of a Master Mason, strengthens the supposition that lodges did not, in the seventeenth century, possess the power of raising Fellow Crafts to the position of Masters in Operative Masonry."

We quite concur in this opinion, and wonder the subject has not received attention before. So far as our memory serves us, we believe it is the first time such a custom has been alluded to, but now that Bro. Lyon has, in his clear style, exhibited the proof that the prescription of a Master Mason's essay really lay with the incorporation, we can see plenty of confirmatory evidence therefor, when the lodges were in connection with incorporations.

We believe however that in the instance of the Aberdeen Lodge the "Essays" when presented by vote of the members attending at the ordinary meetings, and we know for a fact such was the custom during the last century in that old lodge, which possesses records from 1670. We are also informed in this chapter that "applications from parties desirous of being admitted to the privileges of Master Masons within the burghs of Edinburgh and Leith required to be accompanied by evidence of their having been passed as Fellow Crafts by the Lodge of Edinburgh."

This and similar regulations during the sixteenth century, at once explains why the monopoly of the Mason-trade in Edinburgh was in the hands of this ancient lodge.

That Masonic initiation was formerly of a very simple character is evidenced by the fact

"that a century after the promulgation of the Schaw Statutes the Mason word was wont occasionally to be imparted by individual brethren in a ceremony extemporised according to the ability of the initiator. The word is the only secret that is ever alluded to in the minutes of Mary's Chapel, or in those of Kilwinning, Atchesan-Haven, or Dunblane, or any other that we have examined, of a date prior to the erection of the Grand Lodge."

This curious circumstance, mentioned by Bro. Lyon, would appear to be peculiar to Scotland, for we have several allusions to "Signs" prior to the institution of the Grand Lodge of England A.D. 1717, and therefore, simple as the ceremony of initiation may have been in North Britain, evidently in England something more than the "Mason's Word" was communicated to entrants.

A little farther on in the fourth chapter however, we find that the "Secrets of the Mason Word" is referred to in the minute-book of the Lodge of Dunblane, and we also remember that in a series of valuable articles in the *Freemason's Magazine*, the Prov. Grand Secretary of Selkirkshire stated that the word was accompanied with a grip at Haughfoot Lodge in 1707. A still more important statement is made by Bro. Lyon, viz.:—"Secret modes of recognition among other than Masonic Craftsmen are traceable through several generations. The 'Squaremen Word' was given in conclaves of journeymen and apprentice* wrights, slaters, &c., in a ceremony in which the aspirant was blindfolded and otherwise 'prepared,' he was sworn to secrecy, had word, grip, and sign communicated to him, and was afterwards invested with a leather apron . . . The entrance to the apartment was guarded, and all who passed had to give the grip . . . Like the Masons, the Squaremen admitted non-operatives. Squaremen were represented in the St. Clair Charter of 1628."

We should feel much indebted to our excellent brother, if he would favour us through the columns of *The Freemason* with the date, and a transcript of the "Squaremen Records" in which the foregoing particulars occur.

We have often seen it stated that the Freemasons alone had signs, grips and words, before the last century, and hence the fact of the "Wrights and Slaters" being the conservators of "word, grip, and sign" in their secret meetings would certainly prove the distinction claimed for the Mason Craft to be an erroneous one.

Respecting the question of Masonic degrees, Bro. D. Murray Lyon is particularly clear and emphatic in asserting that "in primitive times there were no secrets communicated by lodges to either Fellows of Craft or Masters that were not known to apprentices." About the middle of the seventeenth century apprentices actually filled the offices of the Deacon and Warden in the Lodge of Kilwinning, and in 1693 that old lodge recognised "passing" simply as an "honour and dignity."

We thoroughly believe the foregoing, and also support the following happy illustration of the fact. "If the communication by Mason lodges of secret words or signs constituted a degree—a term of modern application to the esoteric observances of the Masonic body—then there was, under the purely operative regime only one known to Scotch lodges,—viz. that in which, under an oath, apprentices obtained a knowledge of the Mason word and all that was implied in the expression, and that this was the germ whence has sprung Symbolical Masonry, is rendered more than probable by the traces which have been left upon the more ancient four lodge records (especially those of Mary's Chapel) of the gradual introduction, during the seventeenth and the first quarter of the eighteenth century, of that element in lodge membership which at first modified, and afterwards annihilated the original constitution of these ancient courts of operative Masonry."

The earliest minute of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) records its deliverance on a breach of the statute against the employment of a "cowane."

Evidently the term meant then, as it did in

* Carpenters:

later years, an "uninitiated craftsmen," or a mason "without the word" and not as some have fancied merely "eavesdroppers, or listeners outside the lodge."

We should like to glance at the various resolutions passed by the Lodge of Edinburgh in early days, respecting operative Masons and Masonry, but we must forbear, especially as the curious regulations and minutes are so numerous and valuable that one would be embarrassed in making a selection. Their value, however, to archaeological Freemasons cannot well be over-estimated.

The Lodge of Edinburgh (we are told) seems, for "120 years from the revivification of the Scotch Lodges in Schaw's time, to have existed chiefly as an auxiliary to the Masonic section of the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel."

It appears to have been the custom in the early experience of the Lodge of Edinburgh, (and so of all the Scottish Lodges) to "initiate notaries with a view to their acting as lodge Clerks" It is well to note that the Clerk of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Bro. Robert Alison, Writer), initiated and elected on St. John's day 1709 was also elected Clerk to the Grand Lodge of Scotland on its institution in 1736, without however resigning his former office, for his connection with that lodge terminated only with his decease in 1752.

Though we agree with Bro. Lyon that "Mr. Allison held the office during what may be called the transition period of the lodge's history, and by the guarded style in which he recorded its transactions has contributed to veil in a hitherto impenetrable secrecy details of the most important epoch in the history of Scottish Freemasonry," yet we think no intelligent brother could read the records presented in the history of the Lodge of Edinburgh from the sixteenth century to the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland 1736 without being struck with the gradual progress of the speculative element, and that the alterations or additions known as the "Revival period" were more of the character of slow transitions from the operative to the speculative experience of Freemasonry, rather than a violent and radical change, or an entirely new creation. In reality the Freemasonry after 1736 in Scotland was virtually a continuation of that which previously existed as respects the esoteric customs, and a combination of the old "signs, words, and grips" with others of a more elaborate style, according to the evidence of these ancient minutes. We think our co-labourers Bros. the Rev. A.F.A. Woodford and D. Murray Lyon, will support us in this view.

The admission of Elias Ashmole in 1646 is shown not to be the first instance of the initiation of a non-operative, for John Boswell, Esq., the Laird of Auchinlech, was present at one of the lodge meetings of Mary's Chapel as early as A.D. 1600.

In chapter viii. are given the celebrate St. Clair Charters of 1600 and 1628 (circa) and their history is sketched by a masterly hand, indeed we know not where else such interesting particulars are obtainable, their elucidation and collation being one of Bro. Lyon's most important works.

The next chapter, on craftsmen's marks, deserves a most careful perusal.

In chapter xi. there is much that requires consideration, especially the excerpts of minutes from 1634, for "they afford authentic instances of Speculative Masons having been admitted to the fellowship of the Lodge of Edinburgh 12 years prior to the reception of Colonel Mainwaring and Elias Ashmole in the Lodge of Warrington, and 38 years before the date at which the presence of gentlemen Masons is first described in the Lodge of Kilwinning by the election of Lord Cassilles to the Deaconship." Surely this statement sufficiently demonstrates the value of the Records of the Lodge of Edinburgh, and how pleased we should be that they are at last published.]

(To be continued.)

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Original Correspondence.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE AND THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

As a loyal member of both bodies I cannot but express my great regret at the tone of Sir Patrick Colquhoun's letter, published recently in your columns. I have the very highest regard for the English Chancellor of the Order of the Temple, and a full appreciation of his great abilities; I believe, as I have before stated in another place, that the Order is greatly indebted to him for its present unexampled pitch of prosperity; and yet, nevertheless, I am constrained to say that I believe most of the members of our chivalric Order will share with me in expressing our profound regret that Sir Patrick should have penned the letter to our American brother, which appeared in your leader of the 14th June. At the same time, I deprecate the caustic remarks you make on the said letter, inasmuch as I fully believe it was never intended to be published.

Sir Patrick, like myself, is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; and I had the honour of receiving the 31° at the hands of our venerable and esteemed Illustrious Bro. Vigne, the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander 33° Ancient and Accepted Rite, on the same day with the Chancellor.

He, however, was afterwards distinguished by being elected to the 32°, and I rejoiced, with many others, doubtless, in the selection, made with their usual wisdom, by the members of the Supreme Council.

I therefore was quite unprepared to see an attack made by him upon the Supreme Council, which is in my opinion a perfectly legitimate body, and bound to us as Templars, together with the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters under the tripartite treaty. It is just possible that some of the leaders of the Ancient and Accepted Rite may have been secretly antagonistic, if not openly hostile, to the late changes in the government and constitution of the Order of the Temple and so brought down upon themselves the righteous indignation of the English Chancellor of the Order.

I do not say that this is so, as I do not profess to be behind the scenes, but I do say that it would be better if all the high degrees and Chivalric Orders could work harmoniously together. A policy of conciliation and mutual forbearance is the true policy, I am sure, and at all events it has the merit of being thoroughly Masonic; and should therefore recommend itself to all those who, like myself, are enthusiastic Freemasons (whether of high or low degree), who thoroughly believe in the "Hautes Grades," and yet confess themselves as good Craft Masons.

I do not like to impute motives, however, and I am sure that Sir Patrick Colquhoun has been singlehearted and unselfish in promoting the interests of the Order of the Temple. I know that when the Convent General was formed he refused a very high office, and declined to be made a Knight Grand Cross, so that men could not say he had worked for his own ends.

The Supreme Council, in my humble opinion, took a very wise step in forming themselves into a company, and I like your correspondent "J.E.C.," object to the idea that there is necessarily any trading in degrees, as suggested by Sir Patrick.

The formation of the Company no doubt established the legality of the A. and A. Rite, which might possibly have been objected to before, as of foreign origin, resting its claims upon a Charter from the Supreme Council of the S. J. United States; but whilst giving every credit to "J.E.C." for his able letter, I must protest against his attempt to prove the United Orders an illegal organization.

The fact is a great deal of nonsense has been talked of late about the Templars, and many brethren who know no more about the Order than I do of Chinese, have kindly constituted themselves censors and critics where they should have been content to observe the motto of the Craft "Audi, Vide, Tace."

Bro. Hodges, for example, in your issue of May 24, knows so little of the high degrees that he speaks of Bro. Yarker as a member of the 33°,

whereas that erratic gentleman is an ostracised member of the 18°, and no more entitled to the affix 33° than I am. It is a pity brethren should rush into print only to betray their ignorance. As I have said before, the Order of Constantine occupied yesterday the position the Order of the Temple does to-day, so far as change of title is concerned, and it is simply nonsense to say that the mere abolition of the title "Masonic" makes us an illegal body. Some errors occurred in my letter of the 31st May, but I dare say your readers would follow my meaning. I there reminded them that our learned and distinguished Bro. Hughan once utterly repudiated Bro. Yarker's assertions that there were documents in existence showing that the Grand Lodge of all England at York recognised the Knight Templar degree prior to 1780, but Bro. H. has since admitted that he was wrong, and I merely mention this to show that the best of us are mistaken sometimes, and the dictum of such good Masonic students as Bro. Hughan cannot always be accepted as conclusive. In *The Freemason* of June 7, Bro. Woodworth asks me to prove my statement that Masonry is still the vital essence of the United Orders. He says that under the the old working the connecting link was "extremely slight." He signs himself P.K., (whatever that may mean), and, no doubt, is well instructed in Craft Masonry; but he certainly knows very little of Templar history or the Templar degree, or he would not have made that statement.

As to the new Ritual, I can only say that, as one of the Ritual Commissioners, I believe I am betraying no confidence when I state that the aim of the Commissioners will be to abide by the ancient landmarks as much as possible, and to return to the old chivalric *secreta receptis*, giving up only what is manifestly modern and incongruous. As to the "grand old Order" (by the way, Craft Masonry was never called an order, but a society) and its religious toleration, surely Bro. Woodworth knows that its toleration dates from 1717, and that in the old days Masons were Roman Catholics, and consequently Trinitarians. The history of the Templars and the high degrees generally has yet to be written. I published, last year, a poem which indicated that the Templar degree was known in England about 1720.

The late Dr. Leeson, had documents in his possession, I believe which proved the existence of the Kadosh degree at that date. Preston says that the Duke of Cumberland was made a Mason in 1768, whereas I have seen documents in the possession of my learned Bro. W. H. Bowden, of Bristol showing that the Duke was at the head of certain high degrees in 1763. So much for Masonic history. The Baldwin Encampment or Preceptory of Bristol is in possession of certain degrees more or less intimately connected with those given by the Ancient and Accepted Rite—Knights Rosa-Crucis, Knights of the Ninth Arch, Kilwinning, &c., but which the Templars of Bristol got from the Grand Orient of France, so late only as 1836, nine or ten years prior to the establishment of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in this country—and no doubt other encampments formerly had possession of some of these degrees. This being so I do think that now the Ancient and Accepted Rite is firmly established in this country, and under a legal basis, it would be well if the Templars would restrict themselves entirely to the Templar and Knight of Malta degrees, and leave the others to the more legitimate authority of the Supreme Council.

I hope the day may be far distant however when to be thoroughly loyal to the Order of the Temple one must be necessarily antagonistic to the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

EMMA HOLMES, 31

P.G. Provost, Member of Council, Great Priory of England.

CHARITY JEWEL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, has reminded me that, in June, 1869, the Board of General Purposes recommended to the M.W. the Grand Master that the privilege of wearing the Charity

Jewel be granted to any brother serving any two of the three charities, and that the recommendation was approved and has been acted upon since that date; and, as Bro. Terry is of opinion that my previous statement—that the Charity Jewel was only presented to those brethren who had served the Stewardship of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions—may do his Institution harm, I have very great pleasure, if you will allow me, in correcting my former statement, and thus making it known that any brother on serving the Stewardship of any two of these charities, has the privilege of wearing the Charity Jewel, with, of course, a clasp for the third and for any further Stewardship.

I am, yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN, P.M.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

On the 14th June you published a letter from Bro. Morton Edwards, P.G.C. Royal Ark Mariners, stating that the affairs of that degree were to be in future superintended by a council, under the authority of the Mark Grand Lodge. Can you now inform me who the members of that Ark Council are, and what status they are to have under the Grand Mark Lodge?

Is it now competent for the officers of the defunct Ark Grand Lodge, to wear the badges of their Past Offices in Grand Mark Lodge or not, and are the members of the Ark Council to have any distinctive badge?

Yours fraternally,

A PAST OFFICER OF THE LATE
GRAND ARK LODGE.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—On Saturday last the prizes awarded to the successful competitors in the musical contests which have been taking place in the Crystal Palace during the early part of the week were distributed. The attendance was very numerous for a half-crown day, and amongst those present on the platform were several musicians of celebrity. Mr. T. Hughes, M.P., who presided, said that was the second year on which the prizes of the company were distributed to the successful competitors in music and song. On the last occasion His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh kindly undertook to distribute the prizes but he was just now looking out for a prize for himself—(laughter)—and therefore more agreeably engaged than if he presided over the second distribution of musical prizes in the Crystal Palace. He was sure they would all rejoice in the circumstance that the Welsh choir again carried off the chief prize, and no one would grudge that honour to the smallest principality in the kingdom. The men of Liverpool had also proved themselves worthy on this occasion, and the flags and banners around showed that they need not be ashamed of the musical talents of the population of the metropolis. He believed these contests were calculated to do much good, and hoped that the result of each year that passed by would be still more satisfactory.

The Bishop of London and the Romish Archbishop of Westminster are said to have met at the Guildhall entertainment, and were seen conversing for some time. Bishop Jackson remarked to Dr. Manning:—"According to the rules of our respective Churches, neither your Grace nor I ought to be here to-night." "I have dispensed myself, and all my Catholic colleagues," was the Archbishop's prompt reply. "If not too late, I will at once follow your Grace's example," retorted the Bishop of London. And then they both enjoyed a hearty laugh.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, July 25, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, July 19.

- Audit Committee, Boys' School.
- Lodge 1185, Lewis, Nightingale Tavern, Wood Green.
- " 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
- " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, July 21.

- Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, July 22.

- Annual Benevolent Fund Festival of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Banqueting Hall, Alexandra Park, Wood Green. (See Advertisement.)
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, July 23.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6. precisely.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
- " 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St John Tavern, St John's Wood.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, July 24.

- Lodge 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Steam, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
- Higate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, July 25.

- Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.
- " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garfer, Kew Bridge. Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship Hotel, Leadenhall-street.
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For the Week ending Saturday, July 26, 1873.

Monday, July 21.

- Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
- Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, July 22.

- Lodge 1393, Hamer, 2a, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 4.
- Chap. 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, July 23.

- Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
- " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
- De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, July 24.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 11.
- " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- Chap. 202, Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
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Tuesday, July 22.

- Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.

Wednesday, July 23.

- Lodge 187, St. Johns' Carlake, Black Bull, Carlake.
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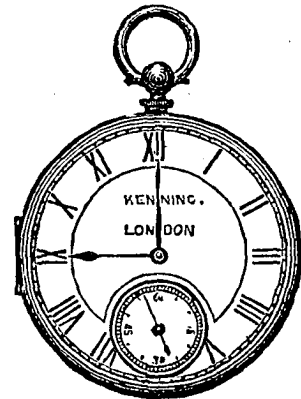
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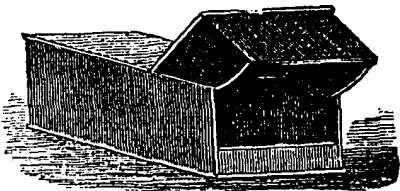
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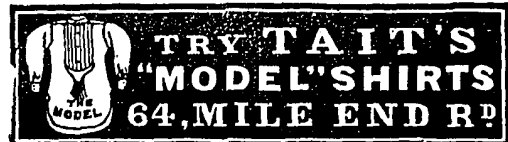
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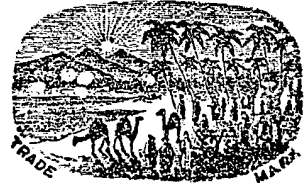
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

STONEHOUSE.—Lodge of Sincerity (No. 189).—On Monday, 13th inst., there was an exceedingly large gathering of brethren at Lodge Sincerity, Stonehouse, on the occasion of the installation, as W.M., of Bro. I Latimer. Amongst the brethren present were—Bros. L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M.; T. W. Coffin, W.M.; Coates, J.W. T. S. Bayley, Treasurer, P.M.; R. M. Rae, Sec. P.M.; S. Hutchings, S.D.; Curteis, J.D.; G. Jackson, D.C.; G. Mair, I.G.; A. Latimer, and T. W. How, Stewards; J. E. Moon, O. C. G. Gibson, P.M.; J. Sadler, P.M.; J. Dampney, P.M.; E. P. Balkwill, P.M.; H. Rider, P.M. 159; J. May, P.M. 223; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; C. Leigh, P.M. 1205; T. H. Gillman, W.M. 1099; J. Baster, P.M. St. Aubyn; R. J. Laity, P.M.; J. Montgomery, P.M. 1205; J. Austin, P.M. 1099; J. R. Franklin, P.M.; F. A. Thomas, W.M. 1249; P. B. Clemens, P.M. 954; Chapman, S.W. (Torquay); and W. Harris, J.D. 1205. One brother was raised and another was passed, after which the impressive ceremonial of the induction of the Master Elect was very beautifully performed by Bro. Coffin, the retiring Master. After a few words from the W.M. expressive of his intention to conduct the lodge with dignity and courtesy, he proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year, and the following were the appointments made:—Bros. T. W. Coffin, I.P.M.; M. Coates, S.W.; J. E. Curteis, J.W.; Rev. T. Lemon, Chaplain; T. S. Bayley, Treas.; R. H. Rae, Secretary; A. Latimer, S.D.; T. W. How, J.D.; J. E. Moon, D. of C.; Simons, O.; G. Jackson, I.G.; Jones, S.; A. Rogers, T. In the course of the evening Bro. Balkwill, P.M., stated that it was the last time he should have the pleasure of being present in the lodge, as he was about to remove from Plymouth to a permanent residence in the North of Ireland. The most cordial feelings were expressed towards Bro. Balkwill, who had been an excellent Master of the lodge, and had passed through all his offices with great credit. A vote of hearty good wishes was accorded to him, and recorded in the books of the lodge. After the business of the evening was concluded, the brethren proceeded to their half-yearly refreshment. The W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by the D.P.G.M. and Bro. Chapman, W.M. Elect of Jordan Lodge, Torquay, and on his left by Bro. Gotlieb, who was initiated in Lodge Sincerity by his father, who was then W.M., as far back as the year 1814. The W.M. proposed from the chair the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the toast of his own health, and the toast of the "Provincial Grand Officers," expressed regret at being unable to come amongst them so frequently as he had done, on account of the pressure of public and private engagements, which not only occupied all the day, but oftentimes the greater portion of the night. However he felt extremely pleased at the position which

Lodge Sincerity maintained, and concluded by proposing in eulogistic terms, the health of the W.M. The W.M. responded, and then proposed the toast of the "Visitors," at the same time adverting to the fact of their having amongst them a venerable brother, who had recently returned to England, and who had been initiated in the lodge so many years back. Bro. Gotlieb, in returning thanks, stated that he was initiated in 1814, and that he had been fifty years in India since that time, so that he had had no opportunity of again visiting the lodge till the present time. It afforded him great pleasure to be present on that occasion. Bro. Chapman also acknowledged the compliment, and expressed a hope that he should see some of the brethren present at the 22nd of the coming month. He hoped to have the pleasure of having the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. honouring him with their presence. In the course of the evening the W.M. called attention to the fact that on Tuesday next one of the oldest members of Lodge Sincerity, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcomb would be installed as P.G.M. of Cornwall. He expressed his regret that personally he should be unable to be present, stating that he was called to London on that day on important business, but he hoped that not only would Lodge Sincerity be well represented at the Grand Lodge at Truro, but that there would be a very large gathering of members of the lodges in the Three Towns, as well as of other parts of Devon, to do honour to their noble and distinguished brother.

LYMINGTON.—New Forest Lodge (No. 310).—On Monday 14th inst., Bro. Stephen Seward Pearce (Junior Bailiff of the Borough of Southampton) was installed Worshipful Master of the New Forest Lodge, Lymington, for the ensuing year. There was a large assembly of brethren on the occasion, both from the town and district, while a numerous contingent also proceeded from Southampton to take part in the proceedings of the day. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who had expressly journeyed to Lymington for the purpose, and who was ably assisted by Bro. Booth, P.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, Southampton—the latter taking the after part of the ceremony, as the Provincial Grand Master was obliged to leave for London by the two o'clock train in order to attend to his Parliamentary duties. The newly-installed W.M., on assuming his official position, invested his predecessor, Bro. H. Doman, as I.P.M., congratulating him upon the position which the lodge had assumed during the past year under his able management, no less than twenty-eight having joined the Order since he took the chair. The following were then invested by the W.M. as his officers:—Bro. Housham, S.W.; Le Roy, J.W.; Doman, P.M., Treasurer; Bath, P.M., Secretary; Scovell, S.D.; Austen, J.D.; Lumby, I.G. After the installation and investiture, the business of the lodge was proceeded with—the ceremonies of passing and raising being performed by the I.P.M.; while three newly elected members were initiated by the W.M. in a manner that drew from the Past Masters and others the remark that it was very rare indeed to find a brother on assuming the chair discharge this important duty with such marked ability. The brethren subsequently assembled at the Anchor and Hope Inn, where, to the number of more than fifty, they sat down to an admirably served banquet, which reflected much credit on the catering of Mrs. Ackland. The W.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Doman, I.P.M.; Booth, P.M.; Le Feuvre, P.M.; Lemon, P.M.; R. S. Pearce, P.M.; Waterman, P.M.; Bath, Senior Warden of the Southampton Lodge; Rev. B. Maturin (vicar of Lymington), the officers of the New Forest Lodge, and many visiting brethren—the Senior and Junior Wardens filling the vice chairs. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, Bro. Le Feuvre responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, after which the newly-initiated brethren were duly honoured; and then the company drank with right good Masonic heartiness the health of the W.M., whose exertions on behalf of the New Forest Lodge were most cordially recognised, and who

in responding, assured the brethren that if he had rendered any service to the lodge since he had been a member of it—and it would be mere affectation to say that he had not—it was but an earnest of what he would endeavour (with the kindly co-operation and assistance of all) to do during the year of office upon which he had just entered. The W.M. then proposed, in terms of warm commendation, "The Health of I.P.M., Bro. Doman," and this having been received most cordially, Bro. Jackman presented to that brother a valuable Past Master's jewel as a mark of esteem on the part of those brethren who had been initiated during his year of office. The toast and the presentation were acknowledged by Bro. Doman in a most felicitous address, and the sentiments, both of fidelity to the Order, and of gratitude for the handsome souvenir of which he had been made the recipient, were expressed in a manner which evoked the admiration of all the brethren. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was ably given by Bro. the Rev. B. Maturin, and responded to by Bro. Bath, P.M., and Bro. Waterman, P.M., respectively: "The Officers for the year," given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bro. Housham, S.W.; and interspersed with a number of capital songs by Bros. J. S. Pearce, Wilkins, Barham, Scovell, Stroud, the W.M., and others. The proceedings were of a most enjoyable and gratifying character. The majority of the Southampton brethren present were conveyed to and from Lymington in a break with four horses and postillions, provided by Mr. R. C. Bishop, of the Dolphin and Grovenor Mews. A fine day, with a light bracing breeze, following the rain of Sunday, contributed materially to the enjoyment of the trip.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The brethren of this highly prosperous and excellent lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, which is fairly entitled to rank as one of the best worked and most harmonious lodges in the extensive province of West Lancashire, met together on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., the principal business being the installation of the Worshipful Master-elect (Bro. Wm. Boulton) and the investiture of officers for the ensuing year. The gathering was certainly the largest of any private lodge which has been held at the Masonic Temple for some years, there being about 150 present, including a large number of the leaders in the Craft, and the enthusiasm which marked the whole of the evening's proceedings speaks volumes for the true masonic spirit which characterises every brother connected with No. 823. The Lodge was opened according to ancient form, shortly after 5 o'clock, by Bro. Joseph Holland, W.M., who was supported by the following present and past officers:—Bros. J. Banning, P.M.; W. Boulton, S.W.; W. J. Lunt, Treas.; W. Cottrell, Sec.; T. Shaw, S.D.; W. Wilson, J.D.; T. Ashmore, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Vale, Org.; A. T. Lowe, I.G.; H. Ashmore, S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. A. C. Mott, P.G.S.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; D. Callow, H. M. Molyneux, R. W. Robinson, J. Bishop, J. Houlding, S. Millikin, B. Birchall, T. Bloomfield, T. Taft, C. D. Raymond, E. P. Benedict, J. Marsh, J. Brooksbank, J. W. C. Brown-Cave, R. Warriner, J. Holden, J. Warriner, T. Cunningham, J. Salisbury, J. McGuire, W. H. Johnson, G. Goodman, J. Boyle, C. C. Medcalf, J. H. Play, R. Cox, F. J. Ball, G. H. Boyson, J. E. Ellis, E. Morgan, R. W. Robinson, J. H. Parker, H. Hall, G. Parry, G. Griffiths, A. Duncan, J. S. Cuthbert, J. Fletcher, H. W. Roberts, W. H. Cooper, W. Wrennall, W. H. Allen, R. Thompson, J. Marshall, T. H. Careful, C. E. Vudd, W. Oldham, C. Tyrer, L. Bagnall, T. Grant, J. Clotworthy, E. Kite, G. Purves, J. White, J. Davis, D. Casson, and E. Thompson. Amongst the visitors were:—Bros. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C.; W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. Rose, W.M. 249; J. K. Smith, P.M. 249; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; J. Devayness, P.M. 667; E. Kyle, W.M. 673; J. Parsons, P.M. 203; P. B. Gee, W.M. 1264; J. Jones, W.M. 1393; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724; J. Kenyon, P.M. 1013; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; Dr. J. V. Worthington, S.W. 220; Capt. T. Berry, S.W. 1393; C. Humphries, S.W. 1013; Rev. G. F. Cave-Brown-Cave,

J.W. 986; S. Tickle, 220; R. Carter, 249; R. Leason, 1393; T. A. Jackson, 1264; H. Firth, 667; A. Hart, 724; M. Hart 724; J. Ellis, 667; W. H. Thompson, 594; J. Newman, 1356; W. H. Dawson, 1264; W. Jackson, S.D. 1393; G. Bird, 673; C. H. Cooper, 1393; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, two candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The chair was taken by Bro. T. Ashmore, P.M., who proceeded with the installation of Bro. Boulton as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Holland, P.M., and Bro. Lunt, P.M. The entire ceremony—one of the most striking and impressive in the whole Masonic ritual—was performed by Bro. Ashmore in a manner which did not detract in the slightest degree from its value, and reflected the highest credit upon his Masonic attainments. The following brethren were subsequently invested as the officers of the lodge:—Bros. J. Holland, I.P.M.; W. Cottrell, S.W.; T. Shaw, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; W. Wilson, Sec.; J. Houlding, S.D.; Ashmore, J.D.; J. Goodman, I.G.; S. Millikin, S.S.; J. S. Cuthbert, J.S.; T. Bloomfield, A.S.; T. Ashmore, P.M., M.C.; and W. G. Veale, Organist. Bro. P. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. After the installation ceremony, the W.M., in an exceedingly pointed speech, presented a very chaste P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Holland as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of No. 823. In doing so the W.M. said that Bro. Holland had been ten years in connection with the lodge, and the brethren all knew with what zeal, assiduity, and courtesy he had discharged the duties of the various offices in the lodge. In reply, Bro. Holland thanked the brethren for that token of their approbation, and spoke with pleasure of the fact that, during the previous year, they had been as a happy family. He trusted that spirit would continue, and he would assure every member of the lodge that he would use his best endeavours to promote its interest. After the brethren had dispensed charity to deserving applicants, the lodge was closed in ampie form. A banquet was subsequently served in the lodge-room, to which about 120 sat down, under the presidency of the W.M., who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in exceedingly choice terms. In proposing the "West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," Bro. Boulton said that was a toast which was dear to every Mason's heart, and one worthy of their highest approbation. They were told that charity was the peculiar characteristic of every Mason, and he certainly considered their Masonic charities were the key stone of the whole success of Masonry. They had many noble Masonic Educational Institutions in London, but that in West Lancashire was equally worthy of their support and sympathy. Its prosperity was shown by the fact that it had now £10,000 in funded property, by which means it was enabled to educate fifty children of deceased and distressed Freemasons. He trusted every brother in the Everton Lodge would become a subscriber. Bro. Holland, in proposing "The Worshipful Master," spoke in high terms of the many admirable qualities which so fully prepared him for fulfilling the duties of the chair. After the toast had been acknowledged by the W.M., he gave "The Worshipful Past Masters," which was responded to by Bro. Holland and F. Ashmore. "The Wardens and Officers," was acknowledged by Bros. Cottrell, S.W., and T. Shaw, J.W.; and the other toasts were "The Newly Initiated," "The Visiting Brethren" (coupled with the names of Bros. May, P.M. 673, and Rose, W.M. 244), and the "Tyler's Toast," given by Bro. T. Ashmore. Excellent songs were given by Bros. Veale, T. Ashmore, D. Callow, Wilson, H. Ashmore, &c., and Bro. H. Jackson, gave a Shakespearean recitation with rare force and dramatic vigour. In accordance with the custom of several years, the brethren of the Everton Lodge, with their wives, daughters, &c., on Thursday morning, went out of town for their annual picnic, Gresford being the place chosen for the scene of the day's festivities. The morning was as unpromising as it possibly could be when the large party assembled on the

George's Landing-stage, shortly before ten o'clock, the rain coming down with a steady persistence which threatened to mar the day's pleasure. Fortunately, however, before the arrival at the exceedingly picturesque village of Gresford, the rain had passed off, and the "out" proved one of the most enjoyable which has yet taken place in connection with the lodge. When a second contingent of "outers" arrived at two o'clock there would be about 250 present, and amongst the general company present, besides all the officers of the "Everton," were Bros. the Rev. J. F. Coggin, the Rev. E. F. Cave-Brown-Cave, Councillors Dr. Taylor and Minton, Forrest, A. C. Mott, &c. As on a former occasion when Gresford was visited, the party proceeded from the station to the church, where the "Old Hundredth," read by the Rev. J. F. Coggin with great impressiveness, was sung by the whole company. The fine old church was minutely inspected, several started on a ramble through the woods, others made a tour of the village, &c., the whole of the party returning to dinner, which was served in a large tent at the top of the hill behind the railway station. The afternoon was passed in an exceedingly pleasant manner, dancing, games, and rural rambles being the principal attractions. After tea a large number started for Liverpool by an early train, while others remained until a later hour. The whole excursion was one of the most pleasant nature, and the arrangements, the abundant supply of creature comforts, and the fine spirit which prevailed, reflected the highest credit upon all who were entrusted with the organisation of the picnic.

LIVERPOOL.—*The Temple Lodge* (No. 1094).—The annual picnic in connection with this lodge took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., the place chosen being the pretty village of Kirby. About fifty brethren with their friends proceeded by train from Tithebarn-street Railway Station about two o'clock, amongst those present being Bros. R. R. Martin, W.M.; R. Washington, J.W.; Winstanley, P.M., M.C.; Yelland, S.D.; J. Wood, Treas.; Doe, Steward, and Bros. Horspool, H. Jones, Salke, Speer, W. Crane, P.M.; T. Marsh, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., P.G.S.B.; Dr. Pughe, T. Winstanley, E. Howell, Capt. H. Newman, W. Simpson, Bird, &c. Although the morning was wet, the weather cleared up in the afternoon, and a most delightful "out" was enjoyed on the lovely grounds of the Railway Hotel. Games of bowls, dancing, rustic rambles, and kindred recreations formed the staple of the afternoon's amusements, and everyone seemed to enjoy the country trip to the full. An excellent and substantial tea was served on the grounds, and the happy party returned to Liverpool at a seasonable hour. Special credit is due to Bros. Marsh, Winstanley, and Yelland for the admirable arrangements made in connection with the picnic.

THE ASAPH LODGE (No. 1319) held its last meeting for the season at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. On the 7th inst., this being the day for the election of the W.M. and officers, the election took place. Bro. James Weaver, P.M., P. Prov. G. C., Middx. and M.E.Z. Designate of the Whittington Chapter No. 862, was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Charles Coote, Jun., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. E. S. Jones, P.M. and M.E.Z., Elect, Sec. The rest of the officers forming the committee of the Benevolent Fund were re-elected. The lodge then voted a P.M. jewel, accompanied with a testimonial engrossed on vellum, to the W.M., Rev. I. M. Chamberlain, for his attention to the duties during his year of office. There was one initiation, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—*Fermor-Hesketh Lodge* (No. 1350).—Bro. Alfred Samuels, M.D., was installed W.M. of this lodge, on Friday evening, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, and the following officers were subsequently invested by him:—Bros. J. Higson Johnston, P.M.; Edward Harbord, P.M., Treas.; T. K. Hughes, P.M.; S. Jones, P.M.; T. A. Collinson, S.W.; F. Day, J.W.; M. Browne, Sec.; W. J. Morris, S.D.; J. Makin, J.D.; F. Peirce, I.G.; H. Morison, D. of C.; and J. Lawrence, Steward. During the evening a handsome

jewel was presented to Bro. Harbord, P.M., Treas., in recognition of the very valuable services he has rendered to the lodge since its formation.

LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—The fourth installation meeting of this well established lodge was held on Saturday, July 19th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion Square, Thames-street, Hampton. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Thomas Moss, P. Prov. G. S.D. of Middlesex, W.M. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. Edwin James, 871, and Bryan James 871, as joining members, also for Messrs. Canale, W. Hill, and W. Warhurst, as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry. Mr. Richard Carne being in attendance, was introduced and duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being beautifully rendered. The great event of the meeting then took place, which was the presentation to Bro. Frederick Walters, Past Master and Secretary (who was on the previous Thursday appointed as one of the Provincial Grand Stewards for Middlesex, with a complete suit of Provincial Grand Steward's clothing, which was unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds as a mark of esteem, respect and gratitude for the able manner he had performed his duties as Secretary, and the very many essential services he had rendered to the lodge as one of the founders. The W.M. Bro., J. T. Moss P. Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex, presented the clothing to the Secretary, desiring him to leave the lodge-room to put it on, and again enter the lodge. The Secretary obeyed the W.M.'s commands and on his return to the lodge-room was received as a Provincial Grand Lodge Officer with the customary honours. The worthy brother on whose behalf this reception was given returned his thanks for this renewed mark of their favour. He tried, he said, to do his duty and hoped he succeeded. Such proofs of their kindness as he was continually receiving from them were fully appreciated by him and would induce him to persevere until he succeeded in making their lodge second to none in the province. He then took the chair, when the Prov. Grand Master, Col. Burdett, was announced. He was received upstanding with, full Provincial Grand Lodge honours, and was offered, by the presiding officer, the chair and gavel, but kindly desired the presiding officer to retain his seat. The lodge business was then proceeded with. Bro. J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex, W.M., presented Bro. William Hammond, P.M., S.D., and W.M., elect to the presiding W.M., Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., Sec., to receive from his hands the benefit of installation. He soon proved his expertness by the admirable, painstaking, correct and impressive manner in which he installed the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Hammond, P.M., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers appointed and invested were Bro. H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.S. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; E. Gilbert, S.D.; J. Hayward, J.D.; C. W. Fox, I.G.; R. W. Williams, Organist; H. Potter, P.M.; W. S. J. Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler. The charges were then ably delivered, and the ceremony of installation was concluded. The work was so well done, that at its completion a cordial vote of thanks—and the same to be entered on the lodge minute book—was given to Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M. and Secretary, for his good working, and the excellent manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. This compliment was duly acknowledged by the recipient. Some brethren were proposed for joining, and candidates for initiation. A committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the lodge, and to decide the amount to be given from the lodge funds to the testimonial which was to be presented to Bro. J. T. Moss, for his valuable services whilst in the chair, and during his year of office. Some other important business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to a marquee, where a good banquet was served, under the superintendence of the energetic young landlord, Bro. R. Lawrence, who, as usual, exerted himself to please his guests,

and succeed well in doing so. The visitors were: Bros. F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; E. J. Crow, P.M. 279, P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland; S. Hill, P.M. 157; J. Sim, 834; R. T. Elsam, W.M. 889; A. J. Adams, 857; F. Honeywell, 889, and others.

LANCASTER.—*Duke of Lancaster Lodge* (No. 1353).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Present, Bros. John Bell, W.M.; W. Heald, S.W.; Jos. Barrows, J.W.; J. Acton, Secretary; J. Couton, S.D.; Robt. Wolfenden, J.D.; J. H. Williams, I.G.; John Barrow, I.P.M. Councillors C. Hantley, P.M.; W. Bullfield, S.S.; R. Parkinson, J.S., and Bros. Carr, Longmine, Ellershaw, Davies, Pattison, Coates, and others. The lodge was duly opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, and other business transacted. Two Bros. were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. Two others were raised by Bro. John Barrow, I.P.M., and the change given in a very impressive manner by Bro. Councillor Hartley, P.M. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and the lodge formally closed until the third Wednesday in next month, except in cases of emergency.

CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).—This lodge held its regular meeting on the 16th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Clapton. Bro. William Stephens, W.M., opened the lodge in the three degrees, assisted by Bros. C. R. Miles, S.W.; Lutwyche, J.W.; and J. D. Taylor, I.P.M. The ceremony of raising was then performed, Bro. Harwood being admitted to the degree of Master Mason. The traditional history and explanation of the tracing board was then given in the W.M.'s usual lucid and descriptive style. Two brethren (one of the Leigh Lodge) were then passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. This being the usual period of election, Bro. Miles, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. Batchelor, Treasurer; and Gilchrist, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were:—Bros. Cottebrune, Grand Pursuivant; Jones, P.M., and P.D.C. for Northampton; J. Diprose, W.M.; Watkinson, 813; Pinder, S.D. 18. There was no banquet, as the Summer festival took place on the following Friday, at the Greyhound Hotel, Bushey Park, when about 50 ladies and gentlemen attended, a special steamer having been provided for their accommodation (from Kew Gardens Pier). The usual loyal toasts were proposed, and the visitors responded to by Bro. Brett, P.G.P., P.M. 177, &c., and that of the ladies by Bro. Cathin. A sumptuous dinner was provided by the Host, Bro. Coomber, followed by a dessert which could not fail to please the most fastidious. On the return of the steamer, dancing was kept up to the strains of an excellent quadrille band, a most enjoyable day was spent, and one that will be long remembered by those who had the opportunity of attending.

Royal Arch.

WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862) was consecrated on Saturday, July 19th, at Anderton's Hotel, by Comps. James Brett, P.Z. and P.G.P. James Weaver, P.M. 862, P. Prov. G. Org., Middlesex, and W.M. elect 1319, installed M.E.Z.; William Harlstone, P.M. 862, installed H.; J. H. Jones, W.M. 866, installed J. Comp. Weaver invested W. F. Smith, P.M. and P.Z., N.; R. W. Little, P.M. and P.Z., P.G. Sec. Middlesex, Secretary; W. Kingstone, P.S. A vote of thanks, and the Honorary Membership of the Chapter was given to Comp. Brett, also a vote of thanks to Comps. Buss and Boyd for their assistance at the consecration. Seven brethren were proposed for exaltation at the regular meeting in November, the companions then adjourned to the banquetting-rooms, where a few happy hours were passed away. It is anticipated that this will be a very successful chapter.

ALTRIRCHAM.—*Stamford Chapter* (No. 1045).—The usual meeting of this flourishing Chapter was held on Wednesday, 16th July at the Town Hall, Altrincham, and was well attended by the companions of Cheshire, as well as of the neighbouring province of East Lancashire. The following officers elect were duly installed by Companion H. Thomas Baldwin, P.Z.:—

Comps. Captain Hardy, Z.; Charles H. Coates, H.; Thomas H. Kirk, J.; R. Newhouse (P.Z.), E.; R. Ferguson, N.; Charles Goodacre P.S.; The ceremonies having been most impressively performed, several candidates were balloted for and duly elected, and Bro. Saltaferi of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 204, Manchester, was proposed by Bro. Capt. Hardy, for the September meeting. After a sumptuous repast, prepared in Comp. Harvey's best style, the companions separated, after a most delightful evening, which was much enhanced by the charming music of H. P. Roberts, Prov. G. Org., East Lancashire, and Comp. Thompson, Stamford Chapter. The next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at Altrincham, on the 18th of September, by appointment of the Right Worshipful P.G.M., Lord De Tabley.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 151).—The annual meeting of the members of the above lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, Maryport on Thursday, the 17th inst. The lodge was opened at 4 o'clock by W. Bro. J. Nicholson, W.M., Prov. G. Treasurer, supported and assisted by W. Bro. G. G. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.G.I.G. England; Wor. Bro. James Porter, P.M. 60, P.G.S. Deacon, England, Prov. G. Sec.; J. R. Tickle, S.W.; W.M. elect, and others. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Hayward assumed the chair, when Bros. Nicholson and Porter presented Bro. Tickle for installation, and that impressive and interesting ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Hayward, assisted by the above mentioned Past Masters. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Nicholson, I.P.M.; J. Lawson, S.W.; Armstrong, J.W.; Gardiner, M.O.; Brown, S.O.; Mandle, J.O.; Rev. R. W. Beby, J.P., Chaplain. J. R. Banks, Treasurer; G. Moore, Secretary; J. Price, Registrar; T. Moore, S.D.; D. Bell, J.D.; J. Abbot, I.G.; Mackbride Tyler. It was then announced that the Annual Benevolent Fund Festival would be held on the 23rd inst., and that the respected Dep. Prov. G. Master of the Province, Wor. Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., would preside, the sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to be forwarded to Bro. Whitwell for presentation on that occasion. After a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks had been granted to Bros. Hayward and Porter for their services on that and previous occasions, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer, according to ancient custom. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and a very agreeable evening was spent. We must congratulate the members of this young and flourishing lodge on the great progress they have made during the short time the lodge has been in existence.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SOUTHAMPTON.—*Canute Chapter Rose Croix*.—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on the 20th June. The brethren present were:—Ill. Bros. W. Hickman, 30°, (Mayor of Southampton) M.W.S.; T. Best, 30°, J. W. C. Whitbread, 30°, and Bros. Rev. Basil Wilberforce, J. E. Le Feuvre, J. N. Pocock, J. R. Stebbing, (P.M.W.S. of Royal Naval Chapter), R. Welch, R. Sharpe, and H. W. Bull, and the following visiting brethren viz.:—C. J. Vigne, 33°, M.P. Sov. Grand Commander; J. Coombs, 33°, Lieut. General; Doherty, C.B., 33°; Hyde Pullen, 33°; Capt. Phayre, R.A., 31°; G. Langley, 18°, and Harrington, 18°. The chapter having been opened, the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander and the other Ill. Brethren of the 33° visiting the chapter, were received under the arch of steel. Ill. Bro. Hyde Pullen 33°, at the request of the M.W.S. conducted in his usual able manner, the ceremony of perfecting, W. Bro. James Lemon, P.M. 594 (P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, Hunts and the Isle of Wight) and Bro. William John Hickman 130 and 304, Prov. G. Supt. Hunts and the Isle of Wight (one of the M.W.S.); the High Prelate (Rev. Basil Wilberforce) and the officers of the chapter undertaking their several

duties. The M.W.S. having retaken the chair, the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, in addressing the chapter, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him in again visiting the chapter and also that he and his brethren of the Supreme Council felt much satisfaction at the progress the chapter had made since its inauguration and also with the way in which it had been conducted, and therefore they had the gratification of confirming and presenting to the chapter its Warrant of Constitution. The M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander concluded an eloquent address by expressing his best wishes for the continued prosperity of the chapter. A letter was read from the Supreme Council 33°, informing the chapter of the appointment of Ill. Bro. Coombs, 33°, as Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Southern District, and a vote of congratulation on his appointment having been proposed and unanimously adopted, the Ill. Brother suitably acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his confidence in receiving the support of the brethren of the chapter. A vote of thanks to the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, for honouring the chapter with his presence, was then passed, and also a vote of thanks to Ill. Bro. Hyde Pullen, 33°, for his kindness in attending the chapter at some inconvenience to himself, and conducting the ceremonies of perfection. The M.W.S. (Ill. Bro. Hickman 30°) was unanimously re-elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The third point having been given, the chapter was closed at 6.30 p.m. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet at the South Western Hotel.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—*Liverpool Conclave* (No. 55).—The annual assembly of the Six Knights connected with the above-named Conclave of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, took place at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Friday last, the 18th inst., the chief business being the enthronement of the Sovereign-elect (Sir Kn. H. M. Molyneux), the consecration of the Viceroy-elect (Sir Kn. Clark), and the investiture of officers. Em. Sir Knight J. R. Goepel, M.P.S., opened the conclave in solemn form, supported by Ill. Sir Knight G. Turner, Int. Com. for West Lancashire; Ill. Sir Knight J. K. Smith, D. Int. Gen.; V. Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, V.E.; Sir Knights H. James, S.G.; T. Clark, J.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treas.; W. Doyle, Rec.; J. E. Jackson, Prefect; J. B. Mackenzie, H.; M. Mawson, S.S., and P. Bell, Sentinel. The illustrious members of the conclave present, were Sir Knight W. Cron; Em. Sir Knight H. Nelson, M.P.S. 77; Sir Knights B. Robinson, R. Pearson, H. Pearson, J. S. Robertson, J. W. Kelly, J. Ellis, W. H. Shakespeare, J. Capell, &c. There were present as visitors Ill. Sir Knight C. F. Matier, D.I.G., North Lancashire; Em. Sir Knight the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, P.S. 23; Em. Sir Knight H. Nelson, M.P.S. 57; Em. Sir Knight T. Ashmore, P.S. 77; Sir Knight J. T. Callow, V.E. 77; Sir Knights J. Banning, V.E. 77; H. Barrows, Y.Y.; H. Jackson, H.P. 77, &c. After the records had been confirmed, Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux was presented to Ill. Sir Knight Smith, who proceeded to enthronize him as the M.P.S. of the conclave. Sir Knight T. Clark was next presented by Ill. Sir Knight Smith, and he was consecrated V.E. for the ensuing year by Ill. Sir Knight Turner. The following were subsequently invested as officers: Sir Knights W. Doyle, S.G.; J. Jackson, J.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treasurer (re-elected for the third time); Reginald Young, Rec.; J. B. Mackenzie, S.P.; R. Brown, J.P.; J. Capell, S.B.; J. Wood, Organist; W. H. Shakespeare, O.; J. Wood, H.; and H. Pearson, D.C. Sir Knight Peter Bull was unanimously re-elected Sentinel. After the master roll had been entered, and some important business had been transacted, the conclave was closed in peace and harmony. The knights adjourned to the Adelphi Hotel, and on the evening previous to the next day and cordially responded to.

MASONIC FETE AT KNOPPOGUE CASTLE.

JULY 9th will be long regarded as a rubrical day in the memory of the masonic fraternity—their wives and families—in the district of North Munster. The Provincial Grand Lodge, according to precedent, “goes circuit,” so to speak, throughout its bounds at the Summer Quarterly Meeting, and the noble Prov. G.M., Lord Dunboyne, in a truly fraternal spirit, determined that the July meeting of 1873 should take place at the historic castle of Knoppogue, in the “Kingdom of Clare.” Invitations were accordingly issued by order of the noble Lord to all the brethren who owe him Masonic allegiance, and in response a large number of gentlemen, accompanied by their female relatives, arrived by rail or vehicle at Knoppogue, which, by the way, is worthy of a much more extended notice than we can at present devote to it.

On entering the grounds about one o'clock, there were evidences on all sides of approaching festivity. A large marquee was erected on the lawn, and servants were to be observed busy in plying the culinary art. The Royal Standard unfurled its folds to a gentle breeze at a convenient distant—the Jack (red-crossed)—held a coigne of vantage on the “Clock Tower,” and over the main entrance, the banner of the ancient house of Butler or Fitz-Walter, with its lions rampant and scallop shells—remembrances of Holy Land pilgrimages, was displayed. The croquet lawn was in readiness, and the band of the Clare Militia discoursed marches, quadrilles, mazurkas, and waltzes on the greensward. When the entire party had assembled, warning was given to the brethren by the sounding of a gong that the P.G.L. was about to transact business, Lord Dunboyne's library, which is filled with many curious works of art, was fitted up as a lodge room. His lordship having taken his seat on the throne with the usual Masonic honours, Bro. Wilson acting as P.G.S.; John Hill, S.W.; Alexander Rowand, J.W.; Henry Sikes, S.D.; Rev. Dr. Mangan, J.D.; Rev. J. McMahon, Chaplain; Isaac Banks, I.G.; Rev. W. F. Seymour, Tyler. The lodges represented were 13, 50, 73, 135, 250, 268, 201, 272, 333.

While the Prov. Grand Lodge were in sedesunt, the ladies availed themselves of the privilege kindly accorded by Lord Dunboyne of viewing the interior of the castle, the most curious feature of which is perhaps the spiral staircase which ascends the old “Keep” from basement to turret, where warders in less happy times than ours kept “watch and ward,” while the mailed barons held feudal state below. Many of the interior fittings are curious, and suggestive to antiquarians.

Time passed very pleasantly for an hour or so in this inspection, after which the Past Grand Lodge having suspended labour, the united company sought refreshment in the spacious marquees erected on the lawn, not, however, before they had been photographed in groups through the medium of Mr. Belcher's camera. The entertainment was of the most *recherché* description, accompanied with copious flowings of generous wine. Nothing could exceed the courtesy of Lord Dunboyne, his daughter, the Hon. Miss Butler, and his son, Hon. T. Butler, in their assiduity and attention to their guests, proving that they thoroughly appreciated the sentiment that in honouring others we honour ourselves.

After the repast, Bro. the Rev. J. McMahon said:—Ladies and brethren, I do not think we ought to separate without drinking the health of our noble Provincial Grand Master and our generous host on this occasion (cheers). We have all had ample evidence often before to-day of the liberal mind and kind heart of Lord Dunboyne (applause). Much as we thank his Lordship for this day's great enjoyment at this beautiful residence, I am sure, my brethren, our enjoyment is still further heightened by the presence of so many fair ladies (cheers). I will now ask you to join with me, as I am sure you will heartily, in drinking health, long life, and happiness to our revered Provincial Grand Master, (louds of applause). Lord Dunboyne was not present when this compliment was paid him, but subsequently having entered the tent,

The Most Worshipful Grand Master said:—Brethren I was at the other end of the tent when I heard your hearty cheers, and it was intimated to me that you had done me the honour of drinking my health (applause). I assure you it gives me a great deal of pleasure to see you all here, and I give you welcome with all brotherly love (cheers.) I thank you, brethren, from my heart, for the honour you have done me, and I am proud to see you all at this happy re-union, accompanied by your wives, sisters, and daughters, and I may tell you that you would not have been half so welcome if you had not brought them with you (loud applause). I had hoped to have some little amusements provided for you out of doors; but I am afraid the threatening state of the weather will render it more desirable to keep in doors. I hope we shall be able to, however, to pass the evening not the less pleasantly. I may remind you, brethren, that you are closely watched outside, for yesterday I was gravely told that the assembling of the Masonic brethren here to-day would bring bad weather and a blight on our potatoes (laughter). Well, we don't see much blight as yet, thank God, and the weather is not so bad after all! Looking around me I am really delighted to see such a splendid array of beauty and loveliness which would be an honour to any country in the world (cheers), and our united meeting to-day is a sufficient answer to all detractors, and will show what Masonry really is—an institution which cannot exist without the display of love, harmony and good fellowship (cheers.) In conclusion, brethren, I thank you heartily for the compliment you have paid me in coming here, and for so cordially drinking my health (loud and prolonged cheers.)

Bro. Richard Studdert, Knocknareechy in concise and elegant terms proposed the health of Bro. the Hon. Theobald Butler, who in response said he had no higher ambition than to follow in the footsteps of his father, either as a man or a mason, and thus secure the good wishes of all such as he saw around him (applause).

Rev. Dr. Mangan, said their sentiments would be incomplete if they did not drink the health of the noble wife of a noble man. He need hardly say he alluded to Lady Dunboyne (cheers) and her amiable daughters (renewed cheers).

The toast was drank amid renewed cheers.

The company then separated for out-door exercises, and later in the evening a dance and supper wound up the proceedings, and Lord Dunboyne's guests departed after spending a day of unalloyed pleasure.

Original Correspondence.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

If our eminent Bro. Holmes, 31°, took as much interest in Royal Arch Masonry as he does in the “Order of the Temple,” it would not be necessary to inform him that our Irish “P.K.” is the equivalent of the English “P.Z.”

My statement that the connecting link between Freemasonry and the old Templar working was “extremely slight,” satisfies our brother that I know “very little of Templar history, or the Templar degree.” I thought I had a fair knowledge of both; but suppose I must be mistaken, and regret that our brother does not condescend to enlighten my ignorance by showing wherein the relationship consisted. I can quite understand that the matter could not be fully discussed in print, but I certainly fail to see in the ceremony of Templars' installation anything connecting it with Freemasonry, except the one “commemorative point,” to which I am sure I need not now more particularly refer.

I bow to our brother's correction of my use of the word “order.” Society is the correct designation, and I may suppose that my language has become slightly demoralised by occasional contact with those whom our late Bro. Dalcho (Frederick the Great?) would have addressed as “my respectable brethren.”

I do know that the great principle of toleration as it now exists in Freemasonry, took its rise at

the revival of Grand Lodge communications in 1717, and that one of the first acts of Grand Lodge was to excise sectarianism from its working. As speculative Freemasonry, in its present form, is not traceable further back, it is not to the purpose to state the well-known fact that in the anterior society “Masons were Roman Catholics, and consequently Trinitarians.” Our society is “old” as continuing many of the “arts and mysteries” of the original framework. It is “grand” in its adoption and faithful rendering of the modern principle of universal religious toleration.

It is satisfactory to learn that the “Ritual Commissioners” of the “United Order” intend “to return to the old chivalric *secreta receptio*.” Where on earth did they get it?

How does the new “Templar Order” propose to deal with such encampments or preceptories as the “Baldwin,” whose possession of certain high grade degrees our brother Holmes admits? Though I ask, with great diffidence, is he quite correct in ascribing their origin to the year 1836? I actually believed that the old Templar rite of seven degrees was regularly worked in England long before the close of the last century, that Bro. Dunckerley was elected Grand Master of H.M., K.H., in 1790, and that Baron Raneliffe, the Duke of Kent, Judge Wright, and the Duke of Sussex, were successively heads of the rite, till the year 1811, after which Grand Conclave ceased to meet, and that in consequence the older conclaves formed a confederation, under which those “high grade” chivalric degrees were still conferred on duly qualified brethren. Is the law passed by Grand Conclave in 1866 to become inoperative? providing as it did for the continuance of the privileges enjoyed by certain encampments holding warrants granted prior to 1791? Are those privileges to be “snuffed out” by the new arrangements? And will the encampments referred to fall in with the views of Bro. Holmes, and quietly hand over the control of those degrees, whatever they may be intrinsically worth, to what he calls “the more legitimate authority of the Supreme Council?” Knowing, as I presume they do, the origin and history of the rite controlled by that Supreme Council, remembering what it is, when and where it originated, and the authorities on which it puts forth its claims to recognition.

Bro. Holmes states that the history of “the high degrees generally has yet to be written,” and if that history be truly recorded, while it would, doubtless be found very interesting and instructive after its kind, I fear the publication would not redound to the credit of Freemasonry with which those “hautes grades” would be surely, though improperly confounded, by those outside, as well as by many within our society.

The existing quarrel between the “Templar rites,” and the “Dalchoites,” is “a very pretty one as it stands.” It might be “worth the while” of both parties to pause and consider the probable results.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH.

Dublin, 16th July, 1873.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot allow the letter of Bro. Holmes to pass without comment.

“I certainly have not attempted to prove the “United Orders” an illegal organisation.

It is true that, for the purpose of argument, adopted, for the moment, Sir Patrick Colquhoun's assertion that the Order of the Temple is not Masonic, and I then proceeded to show that his view was correct the legal, or rather illegal position of its members.

I agree with Bro. Holmes that “it is simply nonsense to say that the mere abolition of the title ‘Masonic’ makes us an illegal body.” But here again Bro. Holmes has unintentionally, by doubt, misread, and put a false construction upon my letter.

I have said, and I reiterate, in the most explicit terms possible, that if we are content to accept the Arch Chancellor's decision that we are not a Masonic body (and this is not a mere “abolition of title” but a change of fundamental principles) we must be content to abide by the con-

sequences it will entail upon us, and consider ourselves members of an illegal society, and as such liable to prosecution as felons.

That divers opinions existed relative to the late changes in the constitutions of the Order, there can be no doubt, and that some of the Supreme Council who hold exalted positions in the Order of the Temple have not agreed with those changes cannot be denied, but why this should call down upon their heads the "righteous indignation" (whatever that may be) of the English Chancellor of the Order I am entirely at a loss to understand.

I hold that every Knight Templar has a right to express his opinion upon so weighty a question as the one under discussion, and I trust the day is far distant when such egotism, arrogance and blundering as that displayed by Sir Patrick Colquhoun can be passed over in silence or with such a lame defence as that with which we have been favoured by Bro. Holmes, who, whilst differing from me in opinion, has in no way attempted to controvert my assertions or deal with my argument.

I am, Dear Sir, and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

J. E. C.

A LIFE GOVERNORSHIP OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR ONE SHILLING.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter you were kind enough to publish in *The Freemason* of the 12th inst. has brought many applications for tickets, also several letters, asking an explanation of my project, which I beg to repeat.

"The tickets are one shilling each, and the purchaser thereby secures a chance of having £10 paid to the above-named Institution in his or her name, constituting a life governorship; with the power of voting at each election of Annuitants; the corresponding numbers to those of the tickets sold will be placed in the ballot box, and according to the number disposed of will depend the issue. Every 200 tickets will represent £10."

I earnestly solicit the assistance of the brotherhood in furthering my object to enhance the funds of the Benevolent Institution. Lodges and Chapters periodically dispense their funds on behalf of our charitable institutions, and a vote of a few shillings carried in favour of my project may secure a life governorship, which I am sure many of our brethren and companions would be pleased to have recorded in their names in preference to the usual practice so universally adopted in recognition of their past services. Some of our members have spoken of my project as "a chandler's shop system," to them I would answer, many a small business is characterised for its honest dealing, and compares favourably with some of our gigantic establishments.

In soliciting charity, I maintain that any means to which we may resort being honest and equitable, is entitled to, and worthy of support, and as we are taught to guide our hearts by justice, and extend our hands by benevolence, let us endeavour to become influential in diffusing the light of wisdom to aid in the strength of reason, dispense the beauties of virtue, and lessen the aggregate of human vice and misery.

Applications for tickets to be accompanied by stamps or post office order.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN CONSTABLE, S.W. 115.
July, 21st, 1873.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

Yesterday was a gala day with the Free and Accepted Masons of Cornwall. The occasion the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe as the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of their Province. The recorded list of the Masonic Provincial Grand Masters of Cornwall is brief. It begins with William Pye, appointed 1752, over two lodges, all then in exist-

ence; Stephen Bell, 1762, over three lodges; George Bell, 1764, over four lodges; Stephen Bell re-appointed, 1775, over five lodges; Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart, 1786, over six lodges; Sir Charles Lemon, Bart, 1843, over eight lodges; Augustus Smith, 1863, over fifteen lodges; and now the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, 1873, over twenty-four lodges.

The late Provincial Grand Master, Augustus Smith, so long and so favourably known as the pseudo sovereign of the Scilly Islands, was an able and popular Masonic ruler. During his lifetime throughout his Province he was held in high esteem, and on all occasions of his visits to his brethren was received with great warmth of fraternal feeling. He was not appointed to his high office formally until 1863, on the death of Sir Charles Lemon. For several years previous to that date Mr. Smith, had, however, been the ruling power in the Province. The result of his ruling was a great extension of the Masonic body in Cornwall. During his career the lodges nearly trebled.

At the lamented decease of Bro. Smith, much speculation arose in the Province as to who would be his successor. The names of two prominent Masons in the Province were for some time in active discussion as likely to be the new Prov. Grand Master, but the mantle of the departed worthy did not fall upon either.

When it was announced that the succession had fallen upon its present noble occupant, the only feeling was that of general cordial congratulation among the brethren of the Province. The Earl of Mount Edgumbe is a brother of several years standing, having joined the Masonic body early in life, and passed through the principal chairs at the "Sincerity" Lodge, Stonehouse, some years since. The Mount Edgumbe family have also from a remote period occupied a prominent relationship with Cornwall, the county of the Paternal Home, the hill from which they take their patronymic. A metropolitan legend asserts that it was once the custom of Cornish children on retiring for the night, after imploring a benediction on their parents, to remember next the head of the Mount Edgumbe family. However this may be, the lords of Mount Edgumbe have undoubtedly for several generations stood high among the county families in the esteem of Cornishmen for their ability, urbanity, honourable feeling, and liberality. The call of the present Earl to the conspicuous position of Grand Master of the Masons of Cornwall is therefore regarded by that body as a promising omen of the continued success of their order in that county.

The installation of his lordship was arranged to take place at Truro. A Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of the Masons of the province assembled there in the Concert-hall of the new public rooms at ten o'clock. The attendance was unprecedented. Over 500 brethren were present, including nearly the whole of the leading names among the members of the order connected with the province.

The Provincial Grand Master presiding, opened the Grand Lodge with the usual ceremonies. After the minutes of the last P.G. meeting had been read and confirmed, in a brief address he paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the merits of the deceased G.M. of the Province, and congratulated the brethren upon the new Provincial Grand Master appointed.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe was then introduced by seven P. Prov. G.W., the V. W. Bros. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart, W. D. Pearce, F. W. Dabb, E. T. Carlyon, Col. Peard, T. Solomon, and W. J. Mason.

The P.G. Secretary read the diploma of his lordship's appointment. R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe, put the usual questions as Installing Master. P. Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Hughan, read the ancient charges and regulations, to all of which his lordship gave the usual assent. The new P.G.M. was then duly obligated and placed in his chair. The P.G.D.C. proclaimed his lordship with the usual formalities as R.W.P.G.M. of Cornwall who then received from the brethren the usual salute.

R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe then delivered the customary charge in a very impressive manner, the Devon brethren present noticing with

much satisfaction the vigour with which their respected G.M. carried out his arduous duties.

The P.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received him. After the very able manner in which they had been just addressed by his friend, the Rev. Jno. Huyshe, he said he would content himself for the present with urging a careful attention to the precepts just inculcated.

The business of the lodge was then proceeded with.

The P.G.M. appointed Sir F. M. Williams as D.P.G.M. who was duly obligated by R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe as Installing Master, invested by the P.G.M., and installed in his seat.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his annual statement, which exhibited a balance of £47 9s. 5d. in favour of the lodge, notwithstanding thirteen of the lodges had not yet paid up their dues. The forfeits incurred by those lodges were for the present passed over. The Prov. Grand Master, however stated that for the future he should be for the bye-law being put in force.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, presented his annual statement, which showed number of lodges in the province to be 24; number of initiations during the year, 130; number of joining members, 37; members remaining, 801; total, 968. Number of initiations in the previous year, 103; joining members 19; members remaining, 772; total, 894. Increase of initiations, 27; joining members, 18; remaining members, 29; total increase during past year, 74.

The report of the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund" shewed a favourable progress of that institution.

The Committee of Relief reported that they recommended that the widow of a brother, a P.M. of Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro, and the widow of a brother, a P.M. of One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, be granted £10 each for their relief. The committee further reported that since the last meeting they had relieved two distressed brethren to the extent of £2 each.

The whole of these reports were received and adopted. The proposition of Bro. Hughan was carried; "That the rules and regulations as lately issued to the several lodges and members entitled thereto and bearing date "12th July, 1872, be accepted as the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, with the exception that the sum of £10 towards the expenses of the lodges receiving the Grand Lodge be altered to £20.

On the motion of Bro. T. Chirgwin, seconded by Bro. Hughan, £25 were voted to the "Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund." Twenty guineas were voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, this donation completing the number of votes held by the P.G. Lodge in the London Masonic Charities to 60—Bro Solomon said this vote would be a compliment to Bro. Hughan, who had just been appointed a Steward to the Girls' School, and would be some recognition of the time and labour so generously devoted by Bro. Hughan to the interests of Masonry.

At this stage of the proceedings the Grand Lodge adjourned in procession, in full regalia, with emblems and banners displayed, and headed by the St. Austell Volunteer Rifle band to St. Mary's Church. The procession was the most imposing ever seen in the Province.

The Past Grand Master said the lodge must feel a deep sense of gratitude to Bro. Huyshe for his kindness in coming down and taking part in the proceedings of the day. The impressive manner in which that respected brother had just delivered the charge had made clear to him the importance of the office he had ventured to accept, and the duties he and the members had to carry out. It was their duty to shew their fellow-countrymen by their conduct in life that to be a Freemason was to be an honest and just man.

The Past Grand Master then appointed his officers.

The Past Grand Master presided at the usual banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toast were warmly drunk, and the latter ably acknowledged.—*Western Morning News.*

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1873.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Thursday, 17th inst., at the Town Hall, Hounslow, the V.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Col. Burdett, J.P., presiding, supported by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., the retiring Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a great number of past and present Provincial Grand Officers. There was also present a goodly throng of representatives from the sixteen lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge business having been disposed of, and a sum of money voted to procure the Provincial Grand Secretary clerical assistance in the routine portion of his arduous and rapidly increasing labours, the Provincial Grand Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

J. C. Parkinson, P.M. 131 and 778, and of Prince of Wales's Lodge, 259, P.Z. Prince of Wales's Chapter, etc., Deputy Grand Master.

Sir G. E. Campbell, B.A., W.M. 1415, Senior Grand Warden.

Arthur R. Richards (P.M. 8 and P. G. Steward Eng.), P.M. 865, Junior Grand Warden.

Rev. Chas. J. Martyn (P.M. and P. G. Chap. Eng.), 1310, Grand Chaplain.

Rev. J. M. Vaughan (P.M. 907), Chap. 1423, Grand Chaplain.

Henry G. Buss (P.M. 27), Sec. 1293, Grand Treasurer.

Hickson Briggs, P.M. 865, Grand Registrar.

R. Wentworth Little (P.M. 975), P.M. and Treas. 1293, Grand Secretary.

Robert Kenyon, P.M. 1293, Senior Grand Deacon.

Octavius H. Pearson, P.M. 708, Junior Grand Deacon.

Wm. H. Hubbard (P.M. 173), 1293, Grand Superintendent of Works.

Isaac D. McDougall, P.M. 788, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

John H. Butten, P.M. 1309, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Richard D. Odell (P.M. 3), 1194, Grand Sword Bearer.

Richard Limpus, Org. 1309, Grand Organist.

Richard Bancey, (P.M. 79), 1293, Grand Pursuivant.

George J. Jaquin, P.M. 382, Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

John Gilbert, 1194, Grand Tyler.

GRAND STEWARDS.—H. G. Edlman, P.M. 708; G. Elliot, M.P., W.M. 778; T. Nash, W.M. 865; R. T. Whitley, P.M. 946; F. Walters, P.M. 1309; H. A. Dubois, S.W. 1423.

The popularity of the foregoing appointments was proved by the hearty applause which greeted each brother as he donned the insignia and assumed the position accorded to him, and Colonel Burdett may be congratulated upon his tact and knowledge of the art of governing, as exemplified by these proofs that he had precisely met the wishes of those he presides over, by his selections for the purple of Middlesex.

So thoroughly successful was this Provincial Grand Lodge meeting that a Past Grand Chaplain of the province suggested the desirability of holding two Provincial Grand Lodges in each year, a proposition which was received with cheers, but which, as the Provincial Grand Master shewed, was more pleasant than expedient. It is wiser, as Colonel Burdett said in effect, to keep these festivals as annual treats, at which the officers of the year are appointed, and though Middlesex is lusty and vigorous as a young giant, it will do well to avoid stepping out of the beaten path followed by provinces it is perhaps destined to lead.

THE BANQUET.

Dinner was served in the great public room of the Town Hall about six, Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master, presiding, supported on the immediate right by Bros. J. C. Parkinson, the new Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Raynham W. Stewart, Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Boyd, P.G.P.; S. Rosenthal, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. Sir Claude de Crespigny, P.G. Chaplain; F. Walters, P.M.; Dr. Ramsay, J.W.; R. G. Glover (P.M. 131), S.D.; and Major Harding, (P.M. St. Andrews), I.G. all of the Bard of Aven, 773. On the Prov. G. Master's left were:—Bros the Rev. C. Martyn, P.G.C., and

Vaughan, Prov. Grand Chaplains for the year; the Rev. D. Shaboe, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain; Terry; Little, Prov. Grand Secretary; Buss, Prov. Grand Treasurer; and many others. A first-rate selection of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. Limpus, the vocalists being all friends of Bro. Walters, P.M., who had most kindly volunteered their services, to give eclat to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge festival.

After the banquet, and when grace had been sung, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and responded to by Bro. Martyn, as Past Grand Chaplain of England; Bro. Boyd, P.G.P.; Bros. Terry and Little, for the Charities; and Bro. Raynham Stewart, P.G.D., who, in also proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," expressed his entire satisfaction with the principle of changing the personality of the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master from time to time, and his conviction that in his successor, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the Prov. Grand Master would find a zealous and able Deputy, and the Province a valuable ally. The Prov. Grand Master, in returning thanks, spoke feelingly of the honour conferred upon him when asked to become chief of the province, and added that his first impulse was to advise the brethren to offer the Prov. Grand Mastership to some nobleman of high rank, as in his judgment the position was one which men of the first rank in the State always filled with most advantage to the Craft. Colonel Burdett's remarks, so far as they were in modest deprecation of himself, were received with loud cries of "No, No!" from the brethren, and were met subsequently by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the new Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who, as will be seen below, spoke up stoutly for the importance of the province, and the special fitness of Colonel Burdett to preside over it. In returning thanks for the Prov. Grand Officers of the year, (a toast to which the Prov. Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Sir Gilbert Campbell, and Bro. Richards, the Prov. Junior Grand Warden, also stood up) Bro. Parkinson spoke thus:—

Very Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren, Once upon a time, a worthy countryman of ours was staying at a foreign watering place, and was made positively uncomfortable by the number of petty German princes with great titles by whom he was surrounded. Serene Highnesses, Grand Dukes, High and Puissant Princes (over four acres and three soldiers, or thereabouts), their Mightiness of this and their Effulgence of that, made him feel that plain Mr. Smith was a nobody (laughter), and that the landlord neglected and the waiters spurned him, because of his being the only man there without a title. He fled to another town, and after much cogitation on the way, entered his name in the next hotel books as "Smith, Elector of Middlesex." (Loud laughter.) From that moment the tables were turned, and he was the most important person in the place. They had heard of the Elector of Hanover (laughter), and knowing how great a man he was, they felt certain that the "Elector of Middlesex" must be a person of vastly more consequence than the herd of German princes and counts staying with them. All the attention of the servants, all the

smiles of the ladies, all the homage of the crowd were his, and Mr. Smith, whose health improved as his wounded dignity was appeased, returned to his counting-house in the City, thinking with the Swedish Chancellor, "My son, with how little wisdom is the world governed!" Brethren, this anecdote comes into my mind when I think of writing myself down in the future as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex! I feel that the Masonic brethren I may visit will expect, on hearing that high-sounding title, there is far more in me than I shall find it at all possible to bring out; and I also feel that to be a Grand Officer of this Metropolitan province involves a heavy responsibility upon those wearing its purple, because the sound of "Middlesex" conveys more to the ear and to the understanding of the outer world than the names of provinces which are more remote. Middlesex is comparatively new, but it presents at this moment a picture of great and stable Masonic prosperity, and it rests with its members to elevate and strengthen it to a practically unlimited extent. (Loud cries of hear, hear.) The Freemasons of Middlesex are at this time one thousand strong, the lodges in the province have quadrupled in number since its formation in 1869; and all that is needed to make its real strength apparent, is a close and impenetrable union among its forces, and a leader whom it is honourable to follow and whose position is assured. Brethren no one who is acquainted with our Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Burdett, can have any doubt as to our good fortune in this last particular; and I must protest against the deprecatory tone which the Prov. Grand Master's modesty led him into a few minutes ago, when speaking of himself. (Hear, hear.) For Masonry, if I understand it, is a thing made up of honourable traditions, and while it would be our duty, as it would be our pleasure, to pay respect and obedience to any brother filling the distinguished position of Provincial Grand Master, the performance of that duty receives an undoubted stimulus when it is called forth by the inheritor of a lofty lineage, and the successor to a long line of noble deeds. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, our Grand Master bears an historic name (loud cheers), and the archives of his family are permanently inscribed upon the roll of England. Those whose tastes or whose avocations have led them to the study of genealogy—in the belief that the history of great families furnishes a faithful reflex of the changing conditions and progressive thought of a nation—those students know that when the Norman conquered, the Burdetts took root; and that from that time onwards their representatives have, under successive monarchs, played a leading part in the council-chamber, and on the battle-fields of England. (Cheers). We find them founding priories under the Normans; making valiant pilgrimages to the Holy Land, to fight the infidel, under the Plantagenets; bravely defending our French possessions under the House of Lancaster; scouring the seas for the defence of our Southern coast, under Henry the 8th; and affording an asylum to men of learning and piety during the troublous times which befel the Stuarts. (Cheers). The representative and heir of these gallant spirits

has, it is true, fallen upon quieter times than they, and after serving his country in that distinguished regiment which carries a human skull upon its standard, and has "Death or Glory" for its motto, has for many years paid diligent attention to the "emblems of mortality" in another walk. (A laugh.) I trust, however, we shall hear no more from our Provincial Grand Master of his having any doubts concerning his own fitness, socially as well as Masonically, for the high position he fills amongst us. (Hear, hear.) It is as its own chosen chief, as one who unites the charm of personal qualities with the claims of ancient blood, and who has inherited the qualities of leadership from a long line of illustrious ancestors, that Middlesex is proud and happy in its Grand Master. This being so, what remains for us? I reply to be true to him and to ourselves, by displaying at all times our unity and organisation. In our gallant regiment of a thousand strong are so many Vice-Presidents and Life Governors of our Charities, that we have only to unite to make our influence felt, and to return a fair proportion of candidates. In Grand Lodge we may be sure that our influence will be respected, so long as we exercise it in furtherance of those great objects for which Freemasonry exists, and to which all our obligations point. I see before me, therefore, a great future for Middlesex, and in that future I discern, as in a vision—it may be but a vision, but I will cherish it—extended usefulness, vast responsibilities, great means adapted to noble ends, and this great Province marching onwards in calm strength and majesty, respecting itself and respected by the Craft. (Cheers.) My immediate predecessor in this position, whose good wishes on this occasion I most heartily reciprocate, is widely known for the time, devotion, and energy he has displayed in connection with our various Masonic institutions. (Hear, hear.) Our Provincial Grand Secretary has, as was shown pretty conclusively a few months since, won for himself, by his proved Masonic qualities, troops of Masonic friends. The three predecessors of the Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Middlesex of to day have represented respectively those scientific attainments which give their possessors a world wide fame, and those sister arts of music and of painting, which soothe the spirit and refine the mind. (Hear, hear.) Why if Plato himself were devising a modern republic—but a republic with a senatorial class—do not those I have quoted represent the very sections of the community he would rejoice to elevate? Great services to the Commonwealth proved administrative ability: Science, which, by increasing the aggregate of human knowledge, swells the sum total of human happiness; and the beautiful arts by means of which mankind is made less rugged, and life itself more elevated and graceful. Such are the qualifications which the Province of Middlesex has, during its brief life, seen in the highest place it has been in the power of its Grand Master to bestow. Remembering this, I am most proud to accept the trust reposed in me to-day, and for my own part, in thanking the Provincial Grand Master for the honourable position he has placed me in, and you for the favour you have shown me, let me say that from this hour, I throw in my

Masonic lot with Middlesex, and that such time and energy as I am able to give are yours. Let us always act together as friends united in a common cause, and above all, let us be true to our flag. Such, brethren, is the spirit and such the hopes with which I enter upon my new duties under the Grand Master. And in all earnestness I henceforth bind myself to the Province in the expressive words of the good old marriage service, *not* "forsaking all other," but "for richer or poorer, for better or worse," and to this I plight my troth. (Loud cheers, and cries of hear, hear.)

The Prov. Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the Stewards," to which Bro. Buss, Prov. Grand Treasurer, and one of the members of the Dalhousie Lodge, responded, after which the meeting broke up.

MASONIC PROFESSIONS AND PRACTICES.

There is a manly beauty and consistency in the formation and support of character, first adopting a system of ethics, by which to be governed, and then manfully to live up to the specific requirements of our own chosen standard. Manliness cannot be better displayed than by such a course.

All truly great men have attained their high standing in society by first adopting correct moral principles, and then having the firmness and independence to maintain them, in the face of all opposition, and thereby have shown their superiority over those who either have no defined and fixed principles, or if they profess them, have not the moral courage to support them.

The great character of our distinguished brother, George Washington, owed all its lustre and grandeur to the uncompromising fidelity with which he adhered to his chosen standard of moral principles. These sustained him in every position in which he was placed, and if he was called upon to make great sacrifices of ease, comfort and gain, or to sacrifice his principles, he ever choose the former; and these trials and sacrifices only made the true grandeur of his character to shine forth with increasing lustre.

The character and example of Bro. Washington has had a powerful influence in fixing the type of the true American character. In the primitive purity and simplicity of the American people, the influence of his example was more forcibly felt, than in later times, and as time rolls on, we are still being borne away, farther and farther from his personal example as a model of American manhood; but the principles which gave him all the force and influence of his illustrious life are imperishable and still retain the power to elevate, refine and promote all who, as he did, adopt and maintain them with unfaltering fidelity and devotion.

No Institution with which Washington was associated ever gained so powerful a hold on his affections and esteem as that of the Masonic Order, except that of the Church, to which he was greatly devoted. The system of ethics adopted and enforced in the Masonic Order, were found to be of the highest order, and that upon which the Church was founded, written by the finger of God Himself, upon tables of stone, imperishable and universal in their obligation, and upon which the laws of civil government are founded. This code of morals suited him; and it was the rule of his life, and formed the basis upon which he carved out his brilliant career, both in his military and civil achievements.

Others, with Washington, have found the lights which are shed from our sacred altars to be sufficiently strong and clear to illuminate their paths to virtue and its great rewards. The "great light" still shines in all its primitive brilliancy and force, and cannot fail if we are careful to follow in the paths and duties it reflects to gain like honours and rewards.

But the question arises here. Why are not all Masons good men, if not great men?

We answer, in the first place, that Masonry cannot confer capacity upon those who are not endowed with it by the God of Nature; we can only improve what we find they possess, we only give form and polish to the "Rough Ashlar" brought to our hands. Hence, all Masons are not great men.

We answer, in the second place, that if all Masons are not good men, it is not the fault of the Order, so far as its laws and principles are concerned.

In the nature of things, Masonry has a great work to do, in its labours upon the material brought up, to be fitted to its place in the great social and moral edifice. Some stones will not take a polish; some workmen have never, themselves, been reduced to Order,—not "fair work and square work." Some are too ready to compromise principle, and the immutable laws of the Order, for ease, luxury, self indulgence and prejudice. From these and many like causes, the high standards are lowered down to suit the circumstances of the times, and prevailing habits of place. There is too often a woeful departure from the principles of our profession, by which the sacred Order is made to suffer in all its great interests.

It is by far too common with many who profess to be Masons, when urged to uphold the sublime principles of our beloved Order, to repel the appeal by asking: "Do you want to make Masonry a Church, a temperance society, or a set of bigots? We are liberal in our views, and not disposed to restrain ourselves or our brethren when they choose to indulge their appetites and passions; we are but men, and don't profess to be saints; let us alone; other Masons can engage in any business, live as they please, and their lodges endorse their conduct. Why can we not do the same?"

The man who refuses to "subdue his passions and improve himself in Masonry"—a system of morality—should never knock at our doors; he should never bow at our altars; he should never make a profession of our doctrines and principles; he should never take upon himself the solemn vows and obligations by which he bound himself to be a Mason; to be a good man and true; and strictly to obey the moral law. The man who voluntarily takes upon himself our high profession, our sacred vows, and then indulges in profane swearing, gambling, frequents liquor shops, and lends his example and influence to promote drunkenness and debauchery in any form, violates his solemn vows, does violence to his profession, injures the cause of Masonry, and brings disgrace upon himself.

"We are not saints." No we do not, as Masons, profess to be saints; but will any intelligent Mason tell us the difference between the morality of Masonry and that of Christianity? Are they not the same? Our system of morality is derived from the Bible—the "Great Light" of Masonry. No man can be a good Mason, and not keep the moral law. The thing in itself is right, and every right-minded man will say so, whether he is a Mason or not. Masonry creates no new obligation; it only holds good men, under their own voluntary obligations, to do that which they ought to do, if there was no such thing as Masonry in the world.

Show us the man who willingly takes upon himself the high profession of a true and undefiled morality, such as every Mason subscribes to, and acts upon his profession, and we are prepared not only to take him by the hand, but to take him to our bosom as a brother and companion. We require nothing else. He may belong to any church or party in politics, or to no church or party; it matters not, if he is a good man and true, he is our brother. But profession and practice must go hand in hand, or else there is a fraud, a deception, and we pity the man who cannot be a man after the pattern of his Masonic profession.—*Masonic Mirror*.

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LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN NEW ZEALAND.

By reason of the land upon which the Masonic Hall, on LeCren's-terrace, stood being required by the General Government for the Timaru and Temuka railway, the Freemasons were compelled to seek for a suitable site elsewhere, and, after some trouble, succeeded in securing an eligible plot of land in Church street, opposite the English church. The old Hall, which was built of stone, was erected in 1866, and was used by the Freemasons until the year 1872. At this time, the cutting for the railway was made close to the building and undermined one corner of it, rendering it unsafe for use, and causing the Freemasons to forsake it, and conduct the business of their lodge in a room of Mr. White's offices. In 1872 the building was pulled down and the material stacked up until the Government paid the compensation for the removal of the building and placed the lodge in possession of funds to rebuild it. The amount of compensation to be paid the lodge was assessed in the District Court on January 15th, 1873, when the Freemasons were awarded £1,300, and interest on that sum at the rate of 8 per cent from the beginning of May, 1872. As soon as this was paid, the new site in Church street was purchased, and tenders called for the re-erection of the building, Mr. Parsons being the successful tenderer.

The foundations having been completed, it was decided to re-lay the foundation stone on Monday last.

The attendance of Freemasons was pretty large, several having come a considerable distance, but the number of visitors was small, probably in consequence of the laying of the stone being performed without Masonic ceremony, and therefore not so attractive as it otherwise would have been. The outward display was of a limited description, consisting merely of a number of poles ornamented with evergreens erected along three sides of the foundations of the building, and from which were suspended a profusion of bunting, giving to the scene rather a lively appearance.

At noon, the time appointed for performing the ceremony, the members of the Masonic body and some others mounted the platform at the eastern side of the building, at the northern corner of which the stone was suspended by a scaffolding ready for lowering it into position. Among those present were—Messrs. G. H. Wildie, W.M.; John King, I.P.M.; J. W. White, S.W.; G. W. Wade, J.W.; R. Scott, Treas.; W. M. Sims, Sec.; W. A. Hobbs, S.D.; J. Mackintosh, J.D.; G. Cliff, I.G.; H. Exley, Tyler; Rev. L. L. Brown, Chaplain.

In the stone on which the foundation-stone was to rest was cut a square hole, into which was placed and cemented down a bottle taken from the original lodge building when it was pulled down, containing newspapers, coins, &c., and another bottle containing a *Lyttelton Times* of Saturday's date, a *Timaru Herald* and *South Canterbury Times* of Monday's date, and a parchment, on which was inscribed the following:—

"This is to commemorate the re-laying of the foundation stone which was laid on the 30th of August A.L. 5866. The stone was taken up on the 14th of May, 5872, in consequence of the land being required for the Timaru and Temuka Railway. This stone is now re-laid without Masonic ceremony this 14th day of April, 5873, by George Hunter Wildie, W.M., in the presence of the officers and brethren of the Lodge."

Everything being readiness, the Worshipful Master said that he thought it was almost necessary that some apology should be made for bringing so many there to witness the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, when probably many had come under the impression that it would be accompanied with the usual Masonic display and honours. In explanation, he would inform them that the stone was laid originally by the District Grand Master, Dr. Donald, and this being so, it was considered by the Grand Lodge in Christchurch unnecessary to re-lay it with Masonic honours, seeing that it had been already

laid with all due ceremony. They had assembled there that day not as a Masonic body, but in their capacity as private individuals, to witness the re-laying of the stone for the honour of the institution to which they belonged. The stone was laid by the District Grand Master in 1866, and the cause of the removal since was in consequence of the Government requiring the land upon which the old hall stood for the Timaru and Temuka Railway. The removal of the stone was made on the 14th May, 1872, by their venerable Bro. Captain Scott, and the documents and coins which were placed underneath it and sealed up when the building was built were removed and placed inside the stone that day, together with some newspapers of that day's date. He trusted that those things would never have to be removed within the memory of man. The plans for the new building which he had in his hand, had previously been examined by the Committee. They were very fair specimens of skill and ingenuity on the part of the architect, Mr. Wilson, and he trusted the building would be carried out in its entirety according to them.

The stone was then lowered into its place, and after the W.M. had pronounced it perfectly square, level, and upright, he declared it duly laid.

The Chaplain then, in a few appropriate words invoked a blessing on the building.

The W.M. again addressing the assemblage remarked that it was barely necessary for him to say anything on behalf of the institution of Masonry, as he suspected many present were more thoroughly acquainted with the advantages to be derived from being a member of a Masonic body than he was himself, he being but a very young member. He might say that the present hall would be erected solely and wholly for the purposes to which it was dedicated—Freemasonry alone. It would be a hall in which Masons could meet, the reason of their assembling together being to bind themselves into one bond of brotherhood to work unanimously for the world's good, to feel they had to assist and improve the position of their fellow creatures, and not to say "Am I accountable for him, he is not my brother," but to assist his fellowman in all his undertakings. The great virtue of a Mason should be charity, not only in almsgiving—for a man is not expected to give more than he can afford—but he is expected to give at least sympathy to a brother in distress. Ancient writers had stated, and he believed it, that Masonry began with almost the beginning of the world, that the very moment sufficient people were created on the earth, and shook hands together with professions of good will to each other, that then Masonry commenced. This friendship naturally caused societies to be created, and in time they became universal. Now he supposed there was not a town in Europe or in the world of any importance, but what had in its midst one or more Masonic lodges. Anathemas had been hurled against Freemasonry, foul epithets have been used to decry it, but these had failed to weaken it, and it was now as secure as ever. Kings had passed away, and kingdoms and dynasties had decayed, but Masonry still possessed strength, and was now more prosperous and vigorous than ever. The longer they lived the more prosperous their Order would become, lasting until it was not required any longer, and that time would not be until the millennium arrived, when all people would be brothers, and when there would be no necessity for benevolence. Till then Masonry had its work to do. There were many charities belonging to Masonry which the world never heard of. If a man was a proper Mason, and adhered to the teaching given him in the lodge, he walked with benevolence in his hand and charity in his heart. He thought well and tried to do his duty to all mankind. Such was a Mason, according to the teaching of their lodges, and he trusted that that teaching was acted up to by all brothers. There were erring brothers but they were all human, and therefore could not expect every person to be perfect, but if they followed the teaching they received in Masonry they could not err greatly. No matter to what sect or to what clime a man belonged, so long as he was honest and upright and believed in the Great

Architect of the Universe he would be allowed admission to the lodges. When once a Mason, no matter in what country he travelled, he would be certain to find a brother, and it was an acknowledged fact that many an assassin had stayed his hand when intending to take a man's life, and instead of being his murderer had become his greatest friend. Such things had not only been heard of, but also authenticated. He trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would send his blessing on that building, and that plenty and abundance would be the lot of all the members of the lodge. In conclusion he (Bro. Wildie) invited those present to partake of refreshment in an adjoining building.

The Freemasons present, and a number of visitors, accepted the invitation, and partook of a cold collation laid out in the upper room of Bro. Cliff's stone store.

At the conclusion of the repast and champagne having been handed round, the W.M. rose and said that as the spread was altogether an impromptu one, he hoped the company would excuse its bareness. He did not feel inclined to make a speech and would at once propose a toast which he was sure would be drunk with enthusiasm, namely, "Queen Victoria."

The toast was drunk in a loyal manner.

The Chairman then proposed "Prosperity to Timaru and the new Lodge." He coupled the new building with Timaru, because if Timaru progressed the Lodge would progress. There was certainly every indication of Timaru continuing to prosper, and while doing so the Lodge would be sure to prosper also. As the prosperity of Timaru affected the inhabitants generally as well as the masons, he would couple the toast with the name of Bro. Maxwell.

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. Maxwell said he was taken by surprise by hearing his name coupled with the toast. He would merely state that as regarded Timaru no one could wish it more prosperity than he did, and as for the new lodge he wished it every success.

Bro. King said he had the pleasant duty of proposing the toast of "The Architect and Contractor," the first of whom had in a most skilful manner designed the building, and the latter had made a good start towards building it according to those designs.

After the toast was drunk,

Bro. Wilson said that he was greatly obliged for the manner in which they had drunk the toast, but would reserve his speech until the building was completed.

Bro. Parsons also responded.

Bro. White said he would ask the Freemasons to charge their glasses and drink the toast of "The Gentlemen who had attended that day to witness the re-laying of the foundation-stone, and who had graced the board by their presence afterwards." He would couple the toast with the name of Bro. Luxmore.

The toast was drunk with musical honors.

Bro. Luxmore said he thanked them exceedingly for the kind manner in which they had drunk the toast of the visitors. He was very glad himself to be present on the occasion, because he believed that Masonic and other kindred bodies were really a great advantage to the public, as they already afforded support to any member who might happen to be in distress. He had much pleasure in congratulating the Freemasons on being in the position of freeholders instead of, as they were before, leaseholders. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, he stated that he felt confident the Masonic Institution would prosper in Timaru, and be a benefit not only to the town but the district at large.

Bro. Price said he had a toast to propose, in which he was sure they would all heartily join—"The health of Bro. Wildie, the W.M."

The toast was drunk with all the honors.

Bro. Wildie thanked the company for their kindness, and assured them that the toast was entirely unlooked and uncalled for. (No.) If he were possessed of the eloquence of Cicero, or the oratorical power of Demosthenes, he might have been able to do justice to that day's proceedings, but he felt that he lacked the ability to do justice to them himself. He would like to see in Timaru and other towns, persons at the

head of Freemasonry of ability and intellect, to do that justice to the cause which it deserved.

The toast of "The Press" was then drunk and responded to by Mr. Ball and Mr. Feldwick.

The company then separated.

MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

The regular monthly meeting of the committee of this institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Monday, the 14th inst., Bro. E. W. Maunsell in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed,

The Secretary announced that the receipts for the month of June amounted to £158 9s., and included a second donation of £50 from Bro. James Tyrrel £20, from R. Arch Chapter, No. 225; £10 from the Preceptor of H.K.T. No. 141; £10 from the Secretary of Prince Masons Chapter, No. 9, Dublin; £10 from Bro. James Stirling; £2, jury fees, from Bro. Harry Hodges, and £2 from J. H. Edge.

The half-yearly report from Bro. Rev. Samuel Skeen, of Adelaide Hall School, Merrion, at whose establishment the pupils of the school are now located, was submitted, and gave a most satisfactory account of the progress the pupils had made during the previous six months. Immediately previous to breaking up for the midsummer vacation examinations were held. The Rev. J. K. Leatham, A.M., Mathematical Moderator, T.C.D., who conducted the ordinary examinations, says in his report:—"Your boys answered me extremely well in all the subjects in which I examined them. Their acquaintance with geography and history was particularly good. The Latin and Greek grammars were well known, and the translations from classical authors were correct and flowing. In Euclid, the style of answering of most, showed not only that they had been carefully taught, but that they understood the subject."

The special examination for prizes offered by a member of the committee for the best answering in arithmetic, spelling, and dictation were, at the request of the committee, conducted by Bro. the Rev. Joseph Galbraith, F.T.C.D., assisted by Benjamin Gibson, who, in forwarding their report, state—

"The answering was very good, and we are happy to be able to add that the excellent condition and appearance of the boys do credit to Mr. Skeen."

The committee confirmed the recommendation of the examiners, and awarded the first prize in the first class, value £1, to James Erett; the second prize, value 10s., to John King Irwin; and the prize in the second class, value 10s., to George Du Noyer.

Brett's marks at the special examination reckoned as 280, out of a possible 300; and at the general examination, 1,359, out of 1,500.

The Good Conduct Medals, presented by Bro. S. B. Oldham, were awarded—that in the first class, in silver, to James Brett; that in the second-class, in bronze, to Robert Warren. This award was made by the vote of the pupils themselves, with the full approval of the master, who in his report says he has "much pleasure in stating that they are well deserving of them." The medal is a very beautiful specimen of die sinking, executed in Mr. Woodhouse's best style. It consists of an artistically arranged group, representing Faith, Hope, and Charity, with the name of the institution in a ribbon around it, surcharged on the equilateral triangles, interlaced, the whole forming a six-pointed star, suspended from a clasp, combining the crown and shamrock.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Negligence always inexcusable, becomes altogether unpardonable, when a pestilence, such as cholera, threatens to stalk throughout the land and relentlessly claim all ages for its victims. Have these remedies handy, let this Ointment be instantly, briskly, and perseveringly rubbed upon the abdomen, when disordered. At certain seasons, when the air is rife with infection and the water provokes disease, it becomes the permanent duty of all invalids to keep themselves and their families in full health and vigour. No wound or sore should be permitted to run its destructive course, when all such predisposing causes of danger may be effectually removed by this healing Ointment and these purifying Pills, without enervating or irritating the constitution.—ADVT.

CONSECRATION OF THE IVY LODGE NO. 1441.

On Tuesday the 16th inst., a new lodge, under the above title and number, was consecrated under the happiest auspices at Bro. Laxton's Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge road. The founders of this lodge may be heartily congratulated on their triumph in procuring the assent of Grand Lodge to their undertaking.

Only those who have themselves been engaged in the task, successful or otherwise of receiving a Warrant of Constitution from Grand Lodge can estimate the trouble and anxiety, to say nothing of the expense involved in the task. In the vast majority of cases the metropolitan applications fail; and with just reason, because already one-seventh of the entire number of the lodges owing allegiance to the English Constitution and spread over the four quarters of the globe, are located in and about the metropolis, and it may be well assumed at head-quarters that every reasonable facility at present exists for the promulgation of the tenets and principles of Freemasonry without the issue of further warrants.

We have ascertained that the intention of the founders of the Ivy Lodge, and more especially we would not mention the name of the Worshipful Master designate, Bro. Chas. Smith, to whom in chief measure the merit of obtaining the warrant is attributable, is to establish it on a high moral standard, to hold as the only object of its being the furthering of Masonic principles and the active support of Masonic benevolence, holding all other matters as subservient. Actuated by this spirit, which we sincerely hope may animate it even when those who have ushered it into existence shall have passed away we trust that the Ivy Lodge will never degenerate into a mere dining club or estimate the regular recurrence of costly banquets above the privilege of being frequently announced to the Masonic world as benefactors to those in temporary distress, the aged, the widow, and the fatherless. If the intention of the founders is carried out in its integrity with regard to the moral qualifications of its accepted members it will only fulfil the wishes which should be understood as commands, expressed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master when he last presided at Grand Lodge, and when he strongly animadverted on the conduct of certain lodges which had been lax in their acceptance of candidates for admission into the Order.

Three o'clock was the time fixed for the opening ceremony, and shortly after that hour the lodge-room, which is handsome and very well adapted to its intended use, being well filled with the founders and visiting brethren, the majority of whom had passed the chair, the Consecrating Officer appointed by the M.W.G. Master, Bro. James Terry, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, P.Z. 17 &c., P. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, Herts, a Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, commenced the ceremony of consecration. In the preliminary business he was obligingly assisted by Bros. C. A. Cottebrun Grand Pursuivant and Wm. Stuart, P.M. N 141, as Wardens; Bro. George Free, P.M. N 13, as Honorary Secretary; and by Bro. John Noke, P.M. No. 87, as Director of Ceremony. Bro. C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler; was in attendance with the golden consecrating vessels, a the appointments of the lodge, were altogether well chosen and even elegant.

Bro. Bilby presided at the harmonium, and with his fine voice the anthems, &c., were given with great effect.

To those brethren who have been present when Bro. Terry has acted as Consecrating Master, to describe his style would be superfluous; to others we will fearlessly say it throughout the whole length and breadth of Craft no brother could be found to excel in delivery in dignity or effect, or the high religious earnestness he has the power of effusing in hearers.

The lodge having been consecrated and constituted, Bro. Smith, the W.M. designate, was presented, and in due form, and with ancient custom installed as first Worshipful Master. By especial favour of the M.W.G. Master, I

Smith has obtained the summit of his Masonic ambition at one bound, having never served the office of warden in a regular lodge, but never has such signal favour been more worthily bestowed. A young mason, Bro. Smith, early distinguished himself by constant devotion to lodges of instruction, and no duty attached to the chair in which he will be found unprepared or incompetent. The chair of the "Ivy" lodge is now filled by a diligent masonic scholar and a courteous gentleman, who will, we are confident set a good example to those who will succeed him in his high office, which they will do well to study and imitate.

The W.M., having been installed, at once proceeded to appoint his officers as follows.—Bros. Geo. Mattock, S.W.; Josiah T. Cantle, J.W., *pro tem.*, consequent on the absence of Bro. Louis Hirsch, J.W., Designate; Edward Thurkle, Treasurer; Charles T. Jolly, Secretary; Charles J. Poupard, S.D.; Louis Corneilssen, J.D.; Ashwell, I.G. and C. Fox; Tyler. Past Master, John Noke, No. 87, undertook the P.M.'s duties until a regular successor should be appointed. After the final addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren had been finely delivered by Bro. Terry, and the formal duties of the day had been completed, the W.M. rose and said:—"That the first duty that devolved upon him as W. Master of the "Ivy" lodge, was to him a very pleasing one. It was to propose that a vote of thanks be tendered to Bro. Terry, for the manner in which he had so efficiently performed the arduous duties imposed on him by the M.W.G.M., as consecrating and installing officer. He was confident that a deep and lasting impression had been made upon the minds of all who had witnessed the solemn services of the day; the brethren of the "Ivy" lodge felt profoundly grateful to Bro. Terry, and he had been requested by them to enquire if he would be good enough to accept an honorary life membership of the lodge. Bro. Terry having expressed his sense of the compliment, the motion was put from the chair, carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the Consecrating Officer in appropriate terms.

The W.M. then stated that he had another duty to perform of an equally pleasing character, it was to propose Bro. Cottebrune as an honorary member of the lodge.

This motion was put, and carried with unanimity equal to the former.

After Bro. Cottebrune had expressed his acknowledgements, thanks were tendered to Bro. Bilby for his services as Organist, and to the brethren generally for their kind assistance at that day's ceremonial. Several candidates for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

After a cold collation had been served to the brethren, presided over by the W.M., the following toasts were proposed and duly honoured, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M., the Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon, K.G.;" "The M.W.P.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.;" "The R.W.D.P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Past and Present."

This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Cottebrune, G.P.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Terry, in graceful and eloquent terms, he stated that the newly constituted lodge enjoyed the advantage of being presided over by one who was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word, and eminently qualified by his Masonic attainments for the post to which he had been appointed. He sincerely wished every prosperity to the Ivy Lodge, and hoped that it would long cling to the tree of Freemasonry.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm and replied to by the W.M. in suitable language and in a manner which showed that he fully appreciated the kind sentiments of his brethren.

The visitors replied seriatim to the toast of their health, all of them expressing hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the new lodge and regard, and affection for its W.M. Bro. T. H. Meredith, P.M., in his reply incidentally stated that he had initiated Bro. Smith, into the Order, and felt a natural pride in witnessing the position he

now occupied in the Craft, there were four brethren whom he introduced into Freemasonry now occupying the position of W.M., a fact which he need hardly say was exceedingly gratifying to him.

After the health of "The Officers" had been proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast was given and the brethren separated shortly after six o'clock.

Amongst the brethren present on this interesting occasion beyond those already designated were:—Bros. G. Ashwell, P.M. 22; G. Wingham, P.M. 25; W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45; E. Harris, P.M. and Treasurer 73, Collector of Institution for Boys; G. T. Fox, P.M. and late Treasurer 73, P.Z. 13; C. Hartley, W.M.; C. Nott, H. Wright, and J. Welsh, 87; H. Bartlett, W.M. 147; G. F. Swan, P.M. 304; Domburg, 511; R. Welsford, P.M. and Treasurer; and R. Foster, 548; R. Gans, P.M. 632; J. N. Gailant, I.G. 813; F. H. Meredith, P.M. 1257; T. Laxton, W.M. 1321; and many others.

CONSECRATION OF THE ETRUSCAN CHAPTER, LONGTON.

The consecration of the Etruscan Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, took place at the Masonic Hall, Longton, on Thursday, July 17th. The ceremony was most efficiently performed by the Grand Superintendent of Staffordshire, M.E. Comp., Geo. S. Tudor, assisted by M.E. Comp. Lewis and several other P.Z.'s.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of M.E. Comp. E. Shargool and were very well rendered.

Comp. John Pratt delivered a most excellent oration on Masonry.

After the chapter had been consecrated the following companions were regularly installed:—Horton Yates, Z.; A. Patterson, H.; F. S. Wright, J.

At the close of the ceremonies the companions sat down to a most sumptuous banquet at the Portland Hotel, provided by Bro. J. Meigh, M.E. Comp., Alfred Glover, presided, supported by M.E. Comp., G. S. Tudor, and M. E. Comp. Lewis, and other companions. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The whole of the arrangements were everything that could be desired.

The furniture, which gave great satisfaction, was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of London, and Liverpool.

HERE'S HEALTH TO THE PRINCE!

By Bro. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. and P.Z.

Here's a health to the Prince who now graces the dais,

A Prince and a Mason united in one,
But a Prince though he is, we all meet on the level.

May the tie that unites us be never undone!

May his home be as happy as true love can make it,

May domestic affliction ne'er ruffle its calm,
May the Wife and the Children who share his affection

Be preserved with himself from all that can harm!

May he see all the peoples over whom he may reign,

United and happy—attached to the throne;
Remembering ever that all blessings must come
From our Father in heaven—and from Him alone!

Then Here's to the Prince who now sits on the dais,

To whom we're united by brotherly love,
May his life be a long one, and happy as long—

Endow'd with all wisdom, and grace from Above!

A Poem to Her Majesty the Queen, with the celebrated wine-skins which she has graciously granted to the leather, for all ages; and children's hats with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

NOTICE.

"MASONIC HISTORIANS, No. 5," by Bro. Hughan, the Masonic Historiographer, will be completed in all probability in our next issue. Its delay is consequent on the "History of Freemasonry and the Lodge of Edinburgh" by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, not having yet made its appearance, although confidently expected last week.

Bro. Hughan wrote the first portion of his interesting article from advanced sheets kindly sent him by the publishers, and as the work itself is almost certain to be issued during the coming week, we hope the friendly review will be concluded in "The Freemason," for the 2nd August.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 1st, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, July 26.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, July 28.

Lodge 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship, Bancroft-place, Mile End-road.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (145), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Cruden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthell, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, July 29.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, July 30.

Lodge 846, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place Poplar.

Orthodoxy Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Tavern, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thevet Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, July 31.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Arguers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, August 1.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st. Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (724), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, August 2, 1873.

Monday, July 28.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chap. 24, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
 Tuesday, July 29.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, July 30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.
 Alpass Encampment of Knights Templar, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Thursday, July 31.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Friday, August 1.
 Lodge 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, August 2, 1873.

Monday, July 28.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Tuesday, July 29.

Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Wednesday, July 30.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
 Thursday, July 31.

Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Buildings, Govan.
 Friday August 1.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 " 459, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Millport.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

Advertisements.

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ON

Friday, August 1st, 1873,

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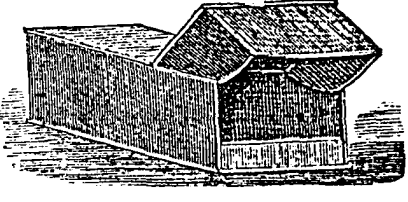
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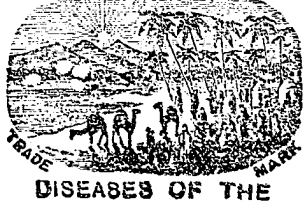
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and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be
present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened
at Five o'clock.

A LODGE OF INSTRUCTION
will be opened at Four o'clock, when the cere-
mony of advancement will be rehearsed.

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July 19th, 1873.

BUSINESS.

To read and (if approved) confirm the min-
utes of the previous Grand Lodge Meeting, held
at Richmond, in August last.

To call over the Roll of Lodges, and report
thereon.

To decide as to the amount of Subscription to
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To appoint and invest the Provincial Grand
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GARSTON.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the members of this successful suburban lodge, assembled at the Garston Hotel, Garston, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. J. V. Worthington. The attendance of members and visitors was large and highly influential, and the whole of the afternoon's proceedings were of the most interesting character. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Jones, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Vines, P.M.; C. Leedham, P.M.; J. Sellar, P.M.; Dr. J. V. Worthington, S.W.; J. Evans, J.W.; J. W. Baker, P.M. Treas.; T. B. Tellett, Sec.; J. Hughes, S.D.; A. Fisher, J.D.; R. Jones, P.M., D.C.; J. Clark, Org.; M. Bush I.G.; G. Aspinall, S.S.; I. Raw, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Coats, F. McGarvey, J. Booth, R. Webster, D. Ellis, J. H. Norton, J. Jones, S. Hardy, J. Tewkesbury, W. Guest, C. Humphries, S.W. 1013; J. Gordon, J. Parslow, J. Cave, J. Ellis, T. E. Lloyd, S. Tickle, W. H. Lovelady, J. D. Graham, I. Platt, J. Jarvis, T. Coates, W. Newall, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. C. Mott, P.G.S.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; W. Boulton, W.M. 823; W. G. Veale, Org. 203; J. Banning, P.M. 823; J. Busfield, 216; J. Kenyon, 1013; A. T. Smith, S.D. 1299; G. Dodson, P.G.S.B.; J. Kenyon, S.S. 897; J. Rose, W.M. 249; G. Williams, 1182; J. J. Jacob, 294; John Banning, 823; T. Dodson, 995. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Dr. J. V. Worthington, was installed W.M. according to ancient form by Bro. J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; and the following brethren were subsequently invested as officers for the ensuing year—Bros. W. Jones, I.P.M.; J. Evans, S.W.; J. Hughes, J.W.; W. Vines, P.M., Treas.; T. B. Tellett, Sec.; A. Fisher, S.D.; M. Bush, J.D.; I. Raw, I.G.; R. Jones, P.M., D.C.; S. Tickle, S.S.; and J. Tewkesbury, J.S. Bro. J. Robinson was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. After the installation ceremony, the newly-installed W.M. initiated Dr. F. D. Sutherland in a highly effective manner. It should be mentioned that Bro. Worthington presented the lodge with a new set of gavels, and rough and perfect ashlar, and that before the business proceedings closed a very chaste P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. W. Jones, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the brethren. A sumptuous banquet was subsequently served in a fine tent, provided by the Garston brethren, fitted up in the grounds of the Garston Hotel. The tables were decorated with a number of choice plants, lent by Bro. Meredith, of the Lodge No. 1182, and the band of the Pride of Garston Lodge of Druids played during the dinner. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and cordially responded to during the evening. In giving the toast of "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M. and the P.G. Officers," the W.M. alluded to the fact that his Lordship had promised to visit all the lodges within his province in the course of time, and he

was sure that the brethren of 220 would do all in their power to give him a becoming welcome. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. J. W. Baker, and A. C. Mott. Bro. W. Jones, I.P.M., gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," to whom he paid a high compliment as a worthy Mason and one who would admirably fulfil the duties of his important office. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, after which Bro. Worthington, W.M., responded in eloquent terms, promising to do his utmost to forward the interests of the lodge during his year of office. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. W. Jones, I.P.M.; "The Officers" by Bro. Evans, S.W.; "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," proposed by Bro. P.M. Leedham, by Bro. Mott, "The Visiting Brethren," by Bros. Boulton, Rose, Kenyon, and P.M. Banning; "The Resident brethren of Garston," given by Bro. R. Jones, P.M., responded to by Bro. Tickle, and "The Newly Initiated Brother" acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Sutherland. Several excellent songs were sung during the evening, and the pleasant proceedings terminated at an early hour.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual summer festival of this admirably conducted lodge, which took place on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., was in every respect one of the most successful and enjoyable which has yet been held in connection with the lodge. Favoured with the most brilliant weather, which was all the more grateful after the terrible thunderstorm of the previous evening, a large party of about 160 started from Lime-street, shortly after 10 o'clock, and proceeded to Thatch Heath, which had once more been selected as the scene of the day's festivity. On arriving at the lovely grounds of the village hotel, the brethren and their fair friends immediately set about enjoying themselves according to their various tastes. Amongst those present were:—Bros. Davies, W.M.; P. B. Gee, I.P.M.; J. Healing, P.M., Treas.; J. Pemberton, P.M., Sec.; J. Taylor, P.M., M.C.; H. Williams, P.M.; J. Dixon, S.W.; T. Singleton, J.W.; W. Roberts, S.D.; J. Cotter, J.D.; Royle, I.G.; Korn, S.S.; Hughes, J.S.; Fish, A.S.; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 673; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; Burrows, 673; and others. Mr. Wittle, the landlord of the hotel, had made special preparations for the excursionists by providing a new entrance to his grounds, which at present show a magnificent display of flowers, and are beautifully laid out. Messrs. Walsham and Thomas's band met the brethren at the station, and marched at their head to the ground. An excellent banquet was served in the large dining hall connected with the hotel, at which Bro. Arthur Davies presided, supported by a large number of P.M.'s and other officers of the lodge. A number of loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to. Bro. P. B. Gee, I.P.M., in giving the health of "The Worshipful Master of the Neptune Lodge Bro. Arthur Davies," said he had known Bro. Davies for about four years in Masonry, and during the whole of that time he had seen the invariable kindness which had marked his conduct, in fact he had displayed every quality which should endear him to a Mason's heart, and he trusted their W.M. would have health and strength given him to fulfil aright the duties of his important office. In acknowledging the toast, the W.M. in an eloquent speech, referred to the great pleasure it gave him to meet again so many brethren on their annual festival day. He also spoke of the excellent effect which such annual social gatherings must have upon every member, especially when they were favoured with the presence of so many ladies. Bro. Gee responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. P.M. Healing to that of "The Ladies," Bro. Dixon, S.W., to "The Officers of the Lodge;" Bro. P.M. Williams on behalf of "Our Absent Sea-faring Brethren." After toast, song and sentiment, the company betook themselves to various amusements. Dancing appeared to be the chief attraction, excellent music being furnished by the quadrille band in attendance. Various groups of the "outers" were successfully photographed by Bro. H. Burrows during the afternoon. After spending a pleasant afternoon the party returned to town at an early hour.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—At the White Swan Tavern, High Street, Deptford, on Thursday, July 24th, this lodge held its meeting. Bro. William Andrews, P.M. and Treasurer (in the unavoidable absence of the W.M.), opened the lodge. Bro. W. Myatt, W.M., soon afterwards arrived, and took the chair. He was supported by Bros. G. Andrews, S.W.; S. A. Lewin, J.W.; F. Walters, P.M. and Secretary, Prov. Steward Middlesex; H. J. Tuson, S.D.; J. J. Pakes, J.D.; H. J. Wells, I.G.; R. Killick, W.S.; J. Hawker, P.M.; J. Truelove, P.M.; G. Porter, H. W. F. Fellows, H. J. Fisher, J. G. Thomas, R. West, L. Lemon, T. Spencer, T. Harton, H. Schartau, J. Rennie, and others. The long list of visitors comprised Bro. H. Sadler, P.M. 147; J. Beckett, 148; E. H. Thiellay, S.D. 145; W. Kipps, I.G. and Organist 1275; E. Wisner, 700; P. From, 1326; F. Jensen, 1326. The work performed was conferring the third degree on Bros. H. W. F. Fellows, P. From (1326) and F. Jensen (1326). The W.M. distinguished himself by his admirable manner of performing the important ceremony of raising. Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Those, in addition to others already balloted for, made more than five names on the list of candidates for initiation, consequently to ease the work, it was unanimously resolved to hold an emergency meeting of the lodge on Thursday, August 28th, at five o'clock, p.m. To enable the wife and family of a brother, who was at one time a member of this lodge, to join him in America (where he had gone to better his position in life), it was unanimously resolved to raise a sufficient amount (£23) from the lodge and charity funds of the lodge. Business being ended, the lodge was closed. There was not any banquet or refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge, (No. 1035).—Wednesday, the 23rd ult., being the day selected for the annual picnic of the Prince of Wales Lodge, 1035, about 150 of the brethren, their wives, and sweethearts, met at Lime-street station at noon, where first-class saloon carriages were waiting to convey them to Runcorn station, where they were provided with conveyances to Halton Castle, the scene of the afternoon's enjoyment. Amongst those present were the W.M., Bro. Sculthorpe; Bro. M'Nab, S.W.; Crosby, J.W.; Bunting, P.M.; Morgan, P.M.; A. Willis, Sec.; Salmon, S.D.; Westbury, J.D. Amongst the visitors were Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; Bro. North, P.M. 216; Walmesley, 292; Bro. Captain Berry, S.W. 1393; Bro. Gee, 249, &c. The scene from the elevated point of Halton Castle may be, and no doubt is, very fine on a clear day; but unfortunately a smoky mist hanging around the valleys below somewhat interfered with the pleasure of the prospect. However, the party, having come to enjoy themselves, determined to do so, and having some good turf, and excellent music, by the Liverpool police band, under the leadership of Mr. Beardall, the younger portion took to dancing, while the more sedate played bowls on a green, which was of anything but of the best description. Ample provision was made for the comfort of the inner man, and, as the shades of evening closed round, the party made towards home, well pleased with their "out."

SOMERSET.—Saint Kew Lodge (No. 1222).—Bro. General Gore Boland Munbee, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., was installed W.M. of this lodge by Bro. E. Else, P. Prov. G.S.W., P.G. Sec. (who ably performed the ceremony in the absence of Bro. Captain Bridges, D.P.G.M. through indisposition), on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall. The following officers were afterwards invested:—Bros. B. Cox, P.M.; Rev. R. H. Bigsby, S.W.; S. Jones, J.W.; Rev.—Martin, Chap.; H. W. Davies, Treas.; H. R. Pearson, Sec.; A. W. Butler, S.D.; S. Lewis, J.D.; E. E. Earle, D. of C.; L. H. Ricketts, I.G.; W. Gaskell, Organist; J. Bath, and A. Wickenden, Stewards; W. Cousins, Tyler. The W.M. closed the lodge with prayer. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Bath's, Railway Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was served under the superintendence of the Stewards. The visitors present were:—Bros. E. Else, P. Prov. S.G.W., P.G. Sec., Somerset, 291; G. T. Inskip, P.G. J.W. Somerset, 626; J. Cook, P. Prov. G. J.W. Somerset, 135.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Lodge* (No. 1293).—This lodge met at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 26th ult., when there were present:—Bros. D. R. Still, W.M.; Colonel Burdett, P.M. and Prov. G.M.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M. and Treas., Prov. G. Sec.; H. Phythian, S.W.; D. R. Pearse, P.M., as J.W.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; J. W. Wiles, J.D.; S. Rosenthal, P. Prov. G.W.; J. W. Saunders, J. W. Berric, R. Kotzenberg, W. Owen, D. Bindoff, and E. Baxter, with several visitors, including:—Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, P.M. 141; R. G. Glover, P.M. 181; and S. Lazarus, P.M. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Wilkin was accepted as a joining member, after which the annual subscription was, pursuant to notice of motion, increased. Two brethren were proposed as joining members and the lodge was then closed. A banquet followed, but after the loyal toasts, the usual routine was dispensed with, and the brethren went out to enjoy a charming evening on the banks of the river.

POTTER'S BAR.—*Acacia Lodge* (No. 1309).—On Saturday, July 26th, at the Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar, Middlesex, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. Punctually at the appointed time the lodge was opened by Bro. Frederick Walters, Prov. G.S. of Middlesex, P.M. and Secretary. The W.M., Bro. E. W. Richardson, was detained in town by professional duties. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Captian John Harnett Dodd (in consequence of his going to sea long before the next lodge meeting, his candidature was declared to be a case of real emergency, which enabled him to be initiated at this meeting). The long list of work was got through by the presiding officer, initiating each candidate separately into the several degrees. He commenced by initiating Messrs. Henry Bryceson, John Bryceson, Abraham Gould, and Capt. John Harnett Dodd, into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. He passed Bro. R. Jennings (907) Royal Albert Lodge, to the second degree; and completed the day's work by raising Bro. J. J. Colman to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was very carefully, impressively, and correctly done by the worthy Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M. Bro. G. J. Waddington, S.D., by letter resigned his office and membership of the lodge in consequence of leaving for New Zealand. His resignation was accepted with very great and deep regret, as he is a popular and highly esteemed brother. The promotions which were made was the appointing Bros. C. A. Ferrier, Junior to Senior Deacon, and C. G. Rushworth, from Inner Guard to Junior Deacon. The new officers then appointed and invested with the collar and jewel of their office were Bros. H. J. Webster, I.G., and W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler. The following resolutions were duly made, and unanimously agreed to, namely—That the sum of five guineas be taken from the lodge funds, to purchase a Past Masters' jewel, to be presented to Bro. John Henry Button, I.P.M., P.G.A.D.C., Middlesex, for the efficient services rendered to this lodge during his year of office; also that his name be returned to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col F. Burdett, as the member whom the lodge would like to see selected for higher honours in the province. The name of Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.S., Middlesex, P.M., and Secretary, was ordered to be returned as the member whom the lodge recommended and would like to see receive Provincial Grand Lodge office in 1874. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. There were present, besides those enumerated, Bros. G. W. Schollar, S.W.; R. Limpus, P.G.C., J.W.; J. W. George. The visitors were Bros. T. H. P. Moore, J.W. 907; R. Jennings. At the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, held on Thursday, 17th July, the following members were honoured with appointments, viz., Bros. John Henry Button, I.P.M., promoted from P.G.S. to P.G.A.D.C.; R. Limpus, P.G.O.; and Frederick Walters, P.G.S.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room on the 15th inst., to instal Bro.

Thomas Dodgson, the W.M. elect and P.M. 995, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The chair was taken by Bro. R. Dodgson, the W.M. and P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bro. T. Dodgson, S.W.; J. Mills, J.W.; Jas. Meredith Leo, S.D.; Postlethwaite, I.G., W. Cook, S.S.; W. Whiteside, J.S.; J. Holloway Org.; and J. T. Scott, Tyler; John Case, P.G.J. West Lancashire, P.Z. and P.M. 995; B. Pearson, P.M. 995; H. Waiting, W. Bradley, J. R. Beck John Barrow, P.M. 1353. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Henry Cook, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland and P.M. 1021, &c.; Morgan, Chaplain 1318; W. Harrison, S.W. 995; Dr. Robinson, Sec. 995; John Hartley, 1398 and S.S. 995; F. Best, J.D. 1398; and Bro. Casson, P.J.D. and Org. 995; who ably presided at the harmonium. The minutes of the last regular communication were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Case presented Bro. T. Dodgson, the W.M. elect, who after promising adherence to the ancient charges and regulations, took the O.B. of a W.M. elect. A board of Installed Masters was formed, and the brethren below that rank having retired, Bro. T. Dodgson was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. R. Dodgson, I.P.M., which ceremony was performed in an exceedingly impressive and effective manner. The brethren saluted the W.M. in the three several degrees, and the following officers were invested with their respective badges.—Bros. Mills, S.W. and Treas.; Jas. Meredith, J.W.; Jas. Postlethwaite, Sec.; W. Crook, S.D.; H.M. Meakin, J.D.; W. Whiteside, I.G.; J. Holloway, Org.; H. Waiting, S.S.; W. Bull, J.S.; and J. T. Scott, Tyler. Bro. Pearson, J. and P.M. 995, explained the jewel. The Installing Master addressed the Wardens, afterwards the brethren generally. The lodge was then resumed in the first degree. Communications were received from several brethren, containing expressions of regret at not being able to be present at the installation. Hearty good wishes were given from lodges Nos. 86, 119, 281, 1021, 1353, 1398. The lodge was finally closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 3.45 p.m. The brethren, to the number of about forty, afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet at the Station Hotel, provided by the host, Bro. Henry Waiting. Bro. R. Dodgson, Installing Master, acted as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. gave the following toasts, "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family." "The Army, Navy, and Volunteer Forces," responded to by Bro. Dr. Robinson; "The Grand Lodge, Grand Master, Deputy G. and Master." In giving the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers," the W.M. said he was personally acquainted with them all, and the way in which the business was conducted. He need make no remarks about any particular officer, as they were all good, and he would couple the name of Bro. R. Dodgson, P.G.S.B., Cumberland and Westmoreland, who responded, and said that Earl Bective, it was well-known, had always discharged his duties with fervency and zeal, so had the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Col. Whitwell, M.P.; he was a thorough good worker, and took great interest in the Craft; he was happy to hold an office under his management. Bro. Cook, P. Prov. G.S.W. also replied. Bro. Cook, P. Prov. G.S.W. proposed "The newly installed W.M." The W.M. said he was exceedingly flattered by the kind manner in which Bro. Cook had spoken of him. He sincerely intended to do what that day had been given in his charge, and he relied on his officers to help him to do all he possibly could for the good and great work of Freemasonry. Bro. Pearson, P.M. 995, proposed "The Past Masters and Installing Master." He said they did not often find a retiring W.M. capable of acting as Installing Master. Bro. Dodgson had performed his duty in such an efficient manner that the Lodge intended to present him with a jewel. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Dodgson a handsome P.M. jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, in recognition of his Masonic zeal and excellent services rendered to the Lodge. Bro. R. Dodgson replied in a feeling manner, and thanked the brethren for their kind acknowledgement of his labours. He would still continue to do all he could for the Lodge and the Craft. He could

say the S.W. was always ready to further the interests of Freemasonry; the J.W. was also a zealous Mason. He thanked the officers, who had all regularly attended to their duties. Bro. Case, P.M. 895, proposed "The S.W., J.W. and the Officers generally." The S.W. and the J.W. responded. "The Clergy" was proposed by Bro. Mills, S.W., and responded to by Bro. Morgan, Chaplain 1398. "The Visitors" was proposed by the S.W., and responded to by Bro. Cook. "The Host and Hostess," and the Tyler's toast were then given, and the gathering broke up to leave by the 7.15 train.

LEICESTER.—*Commercial Lodge* (No. 1391).—The annual picnic of this lodge took place on the 21st inst., at Belvoir Castle, the residence of the Duke of Rutland. The weather being serenely beautiful, a numerous party of brethren and ladies assembled at the first-class waiting-room to proceed by the 9.20. train to Melton, where carriages were provided to complete the journey, a distance of 15 miles. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Halford, W.M., the carrying out of the arrangements for the day's enjoyment devolved upon Bro. J. B. Hall, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. W. H. Chamberlain, Secretary; J. S. Tomlin, and W. Tomlin, who admirably performed that duty. There were also present:—Bros. R. A. Barber, J.W.; C. Wilkinson, T. Matts, B. Moore, A. Chamberlain, J. Hunter, R. Waite, P.M.; C. Gurden, J. W. Smith, J. Turner, G. K. Billings, Ewen, Odell, J. M. McAllister, and Kennedy, Fletcher Lodge, Birmingham. Amongst the ladies present were:—the Misses Hall, Mrs. W. Chamberlain, Mrs. A. Chamberlain, Miss Chamberlain, Mrs. W. Tomlin, Mrs. J. S. Tomlin, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Gurden, Mrs. Smith, Miss Parsons, Mrs. Turner and Miss Turner, Misses Kemp, Miss Ewen, Mrs. Panter, Mrs. Odell, Mrs. Hunter, and Miss Hunter, and Mrs. McAllister. Much might be said of the drive from Melton through that celebrated hunting district, but more especially from the heights beyond Waltham, where the first view is obtained of the extensive vale of Belvoir, so rich in many picturesque and sylvan scenes, which cannot fail to improve the taste, gratify the curiosity, and increase the knowledge of the visitor. The approaches to the castle are in keeping with its general character, and the views from the park are the best calculated to strike the stranger with a sense of its imposing majesty and feudal magnificence, for from these spots the massive towers and wide battlements stand haughtily forth in the upper air, and are environed with large forest trees. The entrance hall is a lofty apartment of oblong shape, fitted up in the ancient baronial style, and containing within recesses in the walls at a considerable height above the floor, figures in complete armour, the size of which corrects the mistaken impression that the men of old were of greater stature than those of modern times. The Regent's Gallery, a magnificent and princely apartment, is ornamented in compartments by some beautiful tapestry representing the most prominent scenes in Don Quixote. The furniture throughout the principal rooms is of the most costly description, and many works of art and family portraits by the most celebrated masters, decorate the walls. The library has a very neat and unique appearance, and the collection of books is large, including many rare and choice works. The chapel is fitted up with great taste and neatness, the altar-piece being a valuable painting by Murillo. A visit to the mausoleum, approached by an over arching grove of fine yew trees, and the beautiful gardens, completed the tour of inspection, under the guidance of Bro. Ingram, a gentleman whose high attainments and benevolence of character, have deservedly placed him in a high position of trust with the noble duke, and secured to him the respect and esteem of all who enjoy the pleasure of his acquaintance. As a souvenir of the visit, Bro. Johnson, P.M., succeeded in producing two excellent photos of the party, artistically arranged in social groups, the castle forming the background in one of them. Great credit is due to the committee for the completeness of the arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party, and to the host of the Peacock Hotel for the bountiful and agreeable manner in which the cuisine was supplied.

ROMFORD.—*Liberty of Havering Lodge.*—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Fox and Hounds, Romford. The lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the consecration meeting read by the Secretary and signed by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Wilson. It was proposed by Bro. English, and seconded by Bro. Brayshaw, that a committee of five, consisting of W.M., S.W., J.W., Secretary and Treasurer, be formed to decide upon a code of bye-laws, to be submitted to lodge for approval at next meeting. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Hitchen, J. Ellis, A. W. Naylor, and G. H. Vaughan, as candidates for initiation. The lodge was opened in the second degree. A letter was stated by the W.M. to have been received from Bro. Parker, W.M., King Harold Lodge, 1327, requesting that Bros. Malcolm, Sole, and Miller, might be passed to the second degree. The lodge was closed in the second degree, and resumed in the first. Mr. A. W. Naylor, the only one of the candidates in attendance, was initiated. It was proposed by Bro. Bishop, Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. J. J. Wilson, W.M., that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Young, of Lodge No. 1327, for having presented the lodge with sword, poniard, and die, and that Bro. Young be elected an Hon. Member of lodge. The lodge was then closed in due form, until the fourth Wednesday in August, emergencies excepted. The following brethren were present:—J. J. Wilson, W.M.; J. Tydeman, S.W.; E. West, J.W.; G. W. Patmore, Secretary; Bishop, Treasurer; G. English, S.D.; B. B. Brayshaw, J.D.; Steadman, Parkinson, Sackett, Wootton, and others.

Royal Arch.

ULVERSTON.—*Chapter of Furness (No. 995).*—The installation meeting of this young and flourishing chapter took place at the Masonic Temple, Ulverston, on Monday, 4th inst., at two o'clock, p.m. The chapter was opened by Comps. Case, Z., P.Z., P. Prov. G.J.; T. Dodgson H.; and R. Pearson, J. There were also present, Comps. T. Wylie P.Z., P.G., Reg.; and W. Dodd P.Z. The companions being admitted, minutes of last regular convocation were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Comp. the Rev. J. M. Morgan, No. 1, Ireland (Vicar of Dalton-in-Furness) as a joining member, which proved favourable. (In this chapter one black ball excludes). All below the rank of Z. then retired, and the installations were proceeded with by Comp. Case, M.E.Z.; assisted by Comp. Wylie, who is an honorary member, Comp. T. Dodgson H., P.M. 995, W.M. 1390, being installed as Z., Comp. R. Pearson, I.P.M., 995, H.; and Comp. Roger Dodgson, Scribe E., P.M. 1390, P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland, J. The companions were then admitted, and the following investments made, viz. Comps. Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chaplain; J. H. Matthews, Scribe E.; G. Cornfield, Scribe N.; J. Postlethwaite, Treas.; W. Whiteside, P. Soj.; R. T. Taylor, Org.; John Barrow First A. Soj.; John Morris, Second A. Soj.; Samuel Davies, Steward; John Robinson, Janitor. It was resolved to hold the chapter every two months, instead of quarterly. The M.E.Z. in name of the Chapter presented to Comp. Case, P.Z., P. Prov. G.J., a very handsome P.Z. jewel, (supplied by Comp. Kenning,) as a slight recognition of his services to the chapter, having twice served the office of Z., and also being one of the founders of the chapter. Comp. Case warmly and suitably responded. The chapter was closed at four o'clock, p.m. and the companions retired to the Sun Hotel, where a banquet was provided, in Mrs. Smith's usual style. It was presided over by the M.E.Z., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were very heartily responded to, a most agreeable evening being spent by all.

TWICKENHAM.—*Royal Middlesex Chapter (No. 1194).*—This chapter met at the Grotto Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 19th ult. (July), and amongst the companions present were Comps. G. Cattell, M.E.Z.; W. Roebuck, P.Z., Prov. G.H.; C. Horsley, J.; R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., S.E.; D. M. Dewar, A.S.; S. Ros-

enthal, P.Z.; H. Parker, Org., and T. W. White, S.N. 21. Bro. Alfred Solomon was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, after which the Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was served. During the evening Comp. Roebuck was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel, for his efficient services during the year 1872-3.

Knights Templar.

IPSWICH.—*Prudence Preceptory.*—The usual quarterly meeting of this old preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 23rd July, when the following answered to their names on the muster roll being called:—Sir Knight Emra Holmes, Past Grand Provost, Acting Preceptor, in the room of Sir Knight Dr. Beaumont, Staff Surgeon on board of H.M.S. Northumberland; Sir Knights Dr. Mills, P.E.C., Acting First Captain; J. Pitcher P.E.C.; G. S. Findley, P.E.C., Registrar; S. B. King, Acting Capt. of Lines. Visiting Frater Sir Knight W. T. Westgate, of the Plantagenet Preceptory, Acting 2nd Captain. The preceptory having been opened in ancient form and the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the Emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, the Eminent Preceptor drew the attention of the Sir Knights to the bye-laws of the preceptory, with reference to a candidate who had been proposed, ballotted for, and accepted at the last meeting, but whose proposition fee had not been paid. The companion had been written to twice, but had not answered either communication. The bye-laws directed that if a companion did not appear at the next regular meeting after he had been ballotted for, in order to be installed, or send a reasonable excuse, his name should be erased. The companion, who was an officer in the army, had not thought it worth his while to acknowledge the communications which had been addressed to him, and had made no excuse whatever for his non-attendance, but the E. Preceptor would leave the matter in the hands of the Sir Knights as to what should be done in the matter. Sir Knight Mills suggested that as the candidate was proposed by the present Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight Dr. Beaumont, who was at present absent with his ship in Sweden, perhaps it would be as well to await his return in order to get an explanation. Sir Knt. Findley thought it would only be courteous to delay erasing the brother's name till the next meeting, for the reason stated by Sir Knight Mills. The Registrar announced that he had received the official accounts of the proceedings at Convent General and Great Priory. The Preceptor suggested that the Sir Knights would peruse the proceedings at their leisure. There being no further business before the preceptory it was closed and the Sir Knights retired for refreshment, which Frater Spalding had provided for them in the adjoining banqueting room. An admirable repast was served and ample justice was done to the viands. On the removal of the cloth Sir Knight Emra Holmes gave "The Queen, the Patron of the Order of the Temple;" "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital;" "The Earl of Limerick, Great Prior of England," in quick succession, the toasts being greeted with the usual loyalty and enthusiasm. He next proposed "The Health of their popular and estimable Provincial Prior, Sir Knt. Capt. Phillips, which was warmly received. Our visiting Frater was next proposed the Preceptor taking occasion to remark that the Prudence Preceptory was always very glad to receive visitors and only sorry it did not see them oftener. Sir Knight W. T. Westgate responded in his usual modest manner. A very pleasant evening was spent by the Sir Knights, the merits of the new "Masonic Magazine" being discussed, the advantages or disadvantages likely to arise from the proposed lowering of the fee for the Royal Arch as suggested by Sir Knight Emra Holmes, Masonic funerals and the law respecting them, the interest attaching to the Mark degree, and various other topics being discussed and dilated upon by the fratres in turn, much to their mutual edification. The Templars

separated at a reasonable hour mutually pleased with the refection and discourse, and not the less gratified at the announcement of the Registrar (the accounts having been audited) that the funds of the preceptory had never been in so flourishing a state as at present.

EDITIONS OF THE CONSTITUTIONS, GRAND LODGE AND GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

For some years I have endeavoured to obtain a complete list of all the Constitutions published by the Grand Lodge of England, as also to purchase copies of each edition, and the following exhibits the result:—

The first edition of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge (the first of any Grand Lodge in fact) was published A.D. 1723, and it was followed by various editions issued in 1738, 1756, 1767, 1776, and 1784, which was the last of the series, prior to the "Union" of the two rival Grand Lodges in 1813. After that eventful period, there were published those of 1815, 1827, 1841, 1847, 1853, 1855, 1858, 1851, 1853, 1857, 1871, and finally 1873, making eighteen editions in all. Besides these, there were published a copy in 1769 (which does not appear to have been regularly authorized), and the edition of 1738 was issued in 1746, with only the title-page altered, bearing the last-mentioned year. The 1815 and 1827 copies are both styled the "second part," but the first portion, though promised, was never published. It was to have been edited by Bro. William Williams, Prov. G. Master, Dorsetshire. Bro. the Rev. George Oliver, D.D., subsequently offered to write the *History of Freemasonry*, which the expected volume was to contain, but his fraternal assistance was not accepted, although evidently some such valuable aid was needed. What may be termed the *Traditional History*, is to be found in all the issues of last century, but since the "Union" only the "ancient charges" and the laws have been published. I think the Grand Lodge wisely decided not to commit itself to several absurd statements first of all promulgated by Bro. the Rev. James Anderson, D.D., and contained in all our "Old Constitutions," by refusing any longer to publish, as under their sanction, the account of our ancient society, accepted as authentic from 1723 to 1784.

In this short notice of the foregoing, I do not intend to dwell at all on their contents, but my desire is to give the list publicity, so as to secure the co-operation of all Masonic students in seeking to discover other editions, if any such existed, and if not, then to take it for granted that my category includes all published from 1723 to 1873, a period of a century and a half.

I have said nothing about the *Ancient Constitutions*, or *Charges*, peculiar to operative Masons, of which many versions have appeared in print from 1722 to the present time, neither have I chronicled the "Ahiman Recons" of the "Ancients or Atholl Masons" as I intend these for a separate article. The 3200. copies of the Constitutions I have not alluded to, as they are precisely the same as the larger regular editions.

Of the Grand Chapter Regulations published—apart from the "ancients"—we have traced the following editions, viz.—1778, 1782, 1817, 1823, 1843, 1852, 1864, and 1869. The first two were issued whilst the Grand Chapter acted independently of the Grand Lodge, and the remaining six were all published by authority of the United Grand Chapter recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England.

The laws for the government of the Royal Arch Degree as worked by the "ancients" from 1756 to 1813 are contained in the "Ahiman Recons" or constitutions of that body, and were never issued in a separate form. The first edition of the laws of the Atholl Grand Lodge of A.D. 1756 mentions the Royal Arch Degree, but it is also noticed several times in a work of A.D. 1744 by Dr. Dassigny, of which I have a copy, believed to be unique.

I have copies in my library of all the foregoing constitutions and regulations of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, excepting the edition of 1746 (really the edition of 1738, with a new

title-page), and the edition of 1776 (the 1767 with an appendix).

Will not some good brethren procure me copies of these, in order to complete my set? I shall not mind the expense, and shall be grateful for the assistance rendered. I shall also be glad to reciprocate the kindness any way in my power, for I am particularly anxious to possess the whole of the various editions of the laws of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter published in this country, having already some twenty-six out of the total—twenty-eight.

I believe a complete set is to be seen at Bro. Spencer's magnificent depôt of all Masonic works, London, which is the only collection of its kind in this country, (excepting the copies in Grand Lodge), although there are many near approaches to perfect sets in private Masonic libraries. In the United States I believe that Bro. E. T. Corson, of Cincinnati (Ohio) has a complete set of the constitutions, having also the largest Masonic library in America. I have obtained from Bro. Corson's Library transcripts of works not in any private library that I could discover in this kingdom. In conclusion I beg to thank the many private collectors in Great Britain for their valued assistance in the prosecution of my Masonic studies and researches.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT THIRSK.

On Tuesday, July 22nd, the remains of Bro. Richard Davis Carter, the much respected agent of Messrs. Backhouse and Co., at their branch bank at Thirsk, were consigned to their last resting-place in Thirsk Churchyard.

The deceased being a Freemason, and having previously expressed a wish to be buried with the formalities of the Fraternity, a dispensation for a Masonic Funeral service was granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon.

There was a large attendance of the members of the Craft, not only from Thirsk and neighbourhood, but also from Northallerton, Richmond, and Darlington, in which latter Lodge—Restoration, No. 111, the deceased was initiated, and continued a subscribing member to the time of his death. He was also a Royal Arch Freemason, having been exalted in the Darlington Chapter—Vigilance, No. 111. He was very active in the formation of a new Masonic Lodge in Thirsk—the Falcon, No. 1,416, of which Bro. F. Bell, Senior Grand Warden of North and East Yorkshire, was the first Master, and the deceased the first Senior Warden. He was looking forward with much pleasure to the ceremony of the laying of the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall, at Thirsk in September, when on Thursday evening, July the 17th, he was visited with an attack of apoplexy, and ceased to breathe the following morning.

On entering this quaint old town from the railway station, signs of mourning were everywhere visible, all the shops were closed, and the window blinds drawn down.

The Freemasons opened their lodge in the temporary lodge-room, and adjourned to a larger place for meeting in the Fleece Hotel, when the dispensation was read by the Secretary, and from which place the Masonic procession started, two Tylers, with drawn swords, leading the way. On reaching the residence of the deceased, the Freemasons led the way in front of the hearse, and on reaching the church gates they opened out right and left, to allow the coffin to pass through, followed by the widow and other relatives, when they closed in, and took their places inside the church.

The procession was met by the Rev. Canon Coates, who, in the absence of the Vicar of the parish, performed the service very impressively.

On entering the church, the organist, Bro. Walton, who is also Organist of the lodge, played the "Dead March," a surpliced choir occupying the chancel stalls, who chanted the 90th Psalm to a single Anglican, by Dr. Hayes.

After the lesson was read, hymn 191, "Ancient and Modern," was sung, when the congregation followed the body to the grave.

The coffin was of polished oak. On the top was a simple Latin cross of the same material,

and a wreath of flowers. Upon the pall were placed the insignia of offices the deceased held—the sky-blue apron and collar of a Master Mason, and the purple and crimson apron and sash of a Royal Arch Mason.

At the conclusion of the Church service, the Masons formed a circle round the grave, when the Chaplain, the Rev. J. M. Guilding, vicar of Sowerby offered a suitable prayer.

The first part of the exhortation was given by the Master of the Restoration Lodge, and the conclusion by the Master of the Anchor Lodge, Northallerton, No. 1,337, who deposited in grave a scroll containing the name, age, and date of death of the deceased; likewise a lamb-skin, or white apron, the emblem of innocence, and the badge of a Mason; and, lastly, a branch of acacia—the emblem of faith in the immortality of the soul, with the exclamation, "Alas my brother!" The brethren then severally advanced to the grave, and also dropped the sprig of acacia.

The Rev. H. Jones, vicar of Osmotherley, offered another prayer, when the public grand honours were given, the brethren audibly pronouncing the following words:—"We commend his spirit to God, who gave it,"—the hands extended above the head,—and consign his body to the earth,—the hands extended towards the ground; "We cherish his memory hear,—the arms crossed on the breast.

The procession then returned in the same order, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to partake of luncheon at the Fleece Hotel.

Among the brethren present were the Rev. H. Jones, M.A., vicar of Rev. A. T. Attwood, M.A., Rural Dean; Rev. J. M. Guilding, vicar of Sowerby; Fred. Stichfull Bell, P.S.G.W.; John Rhodes, W. A. Bourne, G. Anderson, James Walton, W. Hall, Charles Greensides, William Coltman, George Ayre, H. Milburn, T. Wilkinson, N. C. Lawton, John Flatten, T. Cooper, of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1,416; Brunton, W.M.; Baily, P.M.; Farmer, P.M.; Jackson, P.M.; Boulton, Luck, Chadwick, Willis, Hoggett, Martin, Blacklock, Pape, Bell, and Gargett, of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111; Walton, P.M.; Palliser, C. Waistell, W. Waistell, Clarkson, Smithson, Hutchence, Oxendale, Rymmer, and Fairburn, of the Anchor Lodge, No. 1,337; T. Thompson, P.M., and P. Prov. G.D.C., of the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, Hoskins and Russell, of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1,379, R. S. M. Vaughan of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham; E. C. Pearson, of the Hope Lodge, No. 302, Bradford.

Nearly the whole of the principal inhabitants of Thirsk attended the funeral. There were also present Messrs. Alfred Backhouse, E. B. Mounsey, J. E. Clapham, and B. Boulton, from the Darlington Bank. A more highly respected neighbour and citizen could not exist than Richard Davis Carter. The Freemasons revere his memory and deplore his loss. May the fragrance of virtue, like the sprig of acacia, bloom over the grave of the deceased brother.—*Northern Echo.*

THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.—The Pope, receiving the Bishops who were recently nominated said they should acquire influence in their dioceses by giving an example of holiness, and recommended them to defend the rights of the Church. The Pope added that a question was now being discussed between some bishops and an American Catholic Government. Freemasons, he said, had re-entered the councils of the Sovereign of that country and religious associations. They believed on that account, and because the object of their association, as in Europe, was a charitable one, that the Church did not condemn them. This idea was false. They were excommunicated, like all other secret societies.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

Reviews.

The Etymology and Syntax of Murray's Grammar, systematically arranged by Charlotte Kennion. Second edition, edited by Thalia S. Engall, Simpkin, and Marshall.

Kennion's Grammar is by this time too well known in the higher seminaries to need eulogy from us. By it the "dry" and distasteful study of English Grammar has become not only easy but pleasing to both teacher and pupil, "parsing," the horror of both, being rendered as amusing as the putting together of a child's geographical puzzle, and, to the eye, almost as pictorial. Valuable, however, as Kennion's Grammar has hitherto been, it is rendered much more valuable by Mrs. Engall's revision. The fellow-student and fellow labourer of the authoress, her aid was unsparingly given in the production of the first edition of the Grammar, and now, by an appendix, containing rules for parsing, so plain that a child of ordinary intelligence can scarcely fail to understand them, even without the aid of a teacher. In fact Mrs. Engall's revision has made this book not only what it professes to be, a systematic arrangement of Murray's Etymology and Syntax but without any fanciful departure from the great authority.

It is Lindley Murray revised and corrected, and so arranged that the student is carried forward, step by step, with the utmost speed and facility to the end of the journey; his love for it increasing with his onward progress. The Appendix is not the least valuable part of the book, and, now that the work is put before the public at a price that places it within reach of the ordinary class-room, or the humble private student, we have little doubt that it will soon become the general handbook for those who desire to obtain a thorough knowledge and understanding of the principles of the English and of other languages.

Medical Notes and Queries. London, Simpkin, Marshall and Co.

This paper (weekly) is devoted to the interests of the medical profession. The papers on "The Management and Diseases of Children" are evidently from the pen of a very able writer. It also gives a complete record of the special and general hospitals of the metropolis, with the addresses, means of obtaining admission, days for attendance of patients, &c. Taking the work as a whole, we heartily commend it to our readers, and to students of medicine it will yield much gratification.

Burial of Moses, sacred song. Words by Mrs. C. F. Alexander; music by H. R. Chamberlain. London, Chappell and Co.

We have much pleasure in drawing the attention of the Craft to this very interesting song. We heartily recommend it, feeling assured it will give satisfaction to all lovers of music.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Ye Leg-end of ye Pre-historic Manne," with thirteen illustrations designed and drawn by the author of "Waste of Wealth."

"The early History of the Property of Married Women, as collected from Roman and Hindoo Law."

"Debate on Married Women's Property Act." "Official Bulletin of the Supreme Council of the 33° for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States."

"Proceedings of a Convention, and the First Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine of the State of Illinois, U. S. A."

Bro. Baxter Langley and Mr. Angerstein, of the Woodlands, Blackheath, who formerly represented the borough, are the Liberal candidates for the representation of Greenwich. The Conservative party have adopted as their candidate Bro. T. W. Boord, 31°, of the firm of Boord and Sons, distillers, of Bartholomew-close.

The Bishop of London has given notice that he will hold the next general ordination in St. Paul's Cathedral, at Christmas.

MASONIC HALL IN NEW ZEALAND.

We recorded in our last number an account of the laying the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall at Timaru, Canterbury, New Zealand. We regret to have to add the following account (from the *Timaru Herald*), of its being rifled the same evening:—

“DISGRACEFUL THEFT.—The records of a Police Court show the worst phases of human nature, show to what depths man will go to accomplish crime, but usually there is a reverse side to the picture so presented, some reason being generally apparent. Starvation and poverty are at times assigned, but too often drink is found to be the *prima causa* which has led to the filling of our gaols and reformatories. But for the crime of robbing of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall of its contents—the robber must have been actuated by the basest of motives. Poverty could hardly be assignable, and only a desire for committing the pettiest of petty thefts could have actuated the very peculiar blackguard who effected the robbery. After the ceremony of laying the stone on Monday was completed, the workmen placed on the top of the “foundation stone” (a piece from the Oamaru quarries) a heavy piece of blue stone in the ordinary course of building. The two stones were found prized out of position, the cavity in the stone underneath the foundation-stone broken into—a cover of sandstone having been on Monday well cemented in—one of the bottles it contained smashed, the other bottle taken away, and the contents of both bottles stolen. The one bottle which was removed from the old hall contained two copies of the *Timaru Herald*, one of 29th August, 1866, and one of either the 11th or 18th June, 1864, a copy of the *Lyttleton Times, Press, and Oamaru Times*, besides a sovereign, half-sovereign, a crown piece, a half-crown, a florin, a shilling piece, sixpence, fourpenny bit, threepenny bit, a penny, and a half-penny, the cash in all being £2 1s. 8½d. The other bottle contained a copy respectively of the *Timaru Herald* and the *South Canterbury Times*, a *Lyttleton Times*, and a parchment setting forth the reasons for the then ceremony. The night was bright moonlight, and the thief or thieves must have worked at their rascally task in fear and trembling, the locality facing as it does a much frequented road. That he or they were disturbed is evidenced by a knife being left behind, with which the cement mortar had been picked out. This may eventually tell tales. We sincerely trust that it may, and that the police may catch the perpetrator of this vile act. The law, unfortunately, does not provide a sufficiently adequate punishment, but still we trust the people will not employ Judge Lynch to adjudicate. A warrant was issued for the apprehension of ‘a suspect,’ which has been acted upon, the man taken in custody and committed for trial.”

SUNDERLAND MASONIC PICNIC.—The sixth annual picnic of the Freemasons of Sunderland was held on Wednesday week, July 23rd, at Gilsland. The party, which numbered over 260, were conveyed by special train, which, after clearing the crowded lines of rails between Sunderland and Newcastle, travelled up the valley of the Tyne, among some of the prettiest scenery in the North of England. A section of the party went on to Corley, and inspected the beautiful grounds attached to Corley Castle, the old church at Wetheral, which contains one of the finest pieces of modern sculpture in England, and other places of interest, returning to Gilsland to luncheon and tea. At Gilsland a substantial luncheon was spread for the whole party, the chair being taken by Bro. W. H. Crookes, W.M. 1389, P.G.S., (Chairman of the Committee). This disposed of, dancing was commenced on the croquet lawn and bowling green attached to the Shaw's Hotel, and kept up with great spirit. Bro. R. Humphrey, W.M., 97, and Bro. Jas. Davison, W.M., 97, officiated as M.C.S. Bro. Jas. H. Coates, W.M., 949, acted as Secretary to the Committee.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL EXCURSION.—The London and Middlesex Archæological Society recently made an excursion to Hampton Court. A saloon steamer of the Citizen Company was specially chartered for the occasion, and a numerous freight of ladies and gentlemen embarked from St. Paul's or Westminster during the afternoon. Arrived at the Court, the company repaired to the Great Hall, where a general meeting of the society was held, by permission of Mr. Ayerton, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was subsequently passed. In the course of the introductory proceedings, sympathetic mention was made of the recent death of the Bishop of Winchester, who is well-known, amongst his other pursuits, to have been partial to archæology. The Rev. T. Hugo, a vice-president of the society, who had been president of the meeting, then took the society in tow, and throughout the remainder of the visit acted as a most able and agreeable cicerone. He gave an account of the Manor of Hampton as described in Domesday Book, and, in a few graphic sentences, brought the history down to the 13th century, when the widow of Sir Richard Gray left the estate to the Knights-Hospitallers of St. John. Mr. Hugo entertained his attentive audience with some receipts and expenditure of that remote period. The next stage in the historical narrative was to the 16th century, when the Order leased the manor to the famous Cardinal, who died “broken with the cares of state,” at Leicester. Wolsey was at the time of this lease Archbishop of York, and the popular idea has been that he pulled down the old Manor-house, and constructed the palace pretty much as it now appears. Nobody disputes that he made short work of the old Manor-house; but Mr. Hugo very plausibly argued that the Great Hall, as the visitors behold it in these days, was the work of Henry VIII. Mr. Hugo took his pleased company over the chapel and grounds, dilating with considerable enthusiasm upon the splendid brickwork of the eastern front, the handiwork of Sir C. Wren. Mr. W. J. Rogers, the celebrated wood carver, was present, to testify to the objects to which he was most interested, especially as to the Grinling Gibbons works, which many competent judges think he has fully equalled. A most pleasant day was spent, and after the heat of the day, and numerous learned disquisitions, the Citizen boat, in the cool of the evening, brought back a highly delighted cargo of excursionists. It should be mentioned that Mr. Waller on tapestry, and Professor Tennant on geological topics, contributed largely to the interest of the visit.

Sheriff Bro. Sir F. Perkins is a candidate for the vacancy caused in the representation of the Ward of Cordwainer, in the Court of Aldermen, by the death of Sir David Salomons.

The Dowager Countess of Carnarvon is lying seriously ill at Pixton Park, Somersetshire, of congestion of the lungs. Her sons, Lord Carnarvon and the Hon. Alan Herbert, are with their mother.

A Memorial of the late Field-Marshal Sir George Pollock, constable of the Tower, has been placed in Westminster Abbey.

His Majesty the Shah of Persia has consented to become patron of the British Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

A circular has been issued from the Local Government Board to the various local authorities advising sanitary measures to prevent the outbreak or spread of cholera in this country.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Dangerous Diarrhœa. The causes of this weakening disease being so various and the nature of its attack being so changeable fully accounts for the present high rate of mortality registered diarrhœa. Under Holloway's treatment the source of this complaint may be in obscurity and the success be still the same, whether the stomach, liver, large or small intestines be the seat of the malady. His Pills judiciously taken and his Ointment briskly rubbed over the abdominal wall: restrains the excited vessels and regulates each erring function, let it spring whence it may. Both medicaments address themselves directly to produce the exact balance between sensibility and irritability, between healthy and morbid secretions, between natural and excessive excretion.—ADVT.

Masonic Tidings.

THE EASTERN STAR.—The advocates of this system have now perfected their organization in such a manner as to insure its permanent existence, so as to more thoroughly accomplish the purposes for which it was established. This union which, after much consideration, has been effected, is entitled “The Supreme Council of the Order.” It assumes control of all grades and orders connected with it, and claims jurisdiction co-extensive with the Republic. To extend the knowledge of this subject to all inquirers; to form societies of ladies, being the wives, widows, &c., of Masons, in every community; to organize Grand Bodies out of their constituent societies, and finally to enlarge the sphere of charity and sociability by securing the countenance and aid of the ladies—these are the aims proposed in the organization of the Supreme Council. A committee of three is appointed to draft a constitution, and to appoint Deputies of the Supreme Council in those jurisdictions that have not yet formed chapters of the order. An adjourned meeting of the Supreme Council will be held in the city of New York at an early day to receive the reports of the committee, and the first regular meeting for the more perfect organization will be held in New Orleans on the Monday preceding the convocation of the Grand Encampment of the United States, December, 1874.—*New York Dispatch*.

Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33°, in his last journalistic enterprise, has failed of that support from the Fraternity to which his great ability and transcendent talents entitle him. In all the walks of Masonry, as an historian, author, commentator and ritualist, he has few peers; his works are regarded as text books, and his opinions upon questions of Masonic jurisprudence are universally accepted. He needs no greater monument to his genius and Masonic life than the volumes which will live after him; then (if possible) to be more highly prized than now. Hence it seems passing strange that in this progressive age, the *National Freemason* should languish for support and maintenance among the Craft, that the diffusion of *esoteric* intelligence which it imparts should be interrupted, and that the Pierian spring for whose water we have so often thirsted, should cease its refreshing tribute.—*New York Dispatch*.

BIBLICAL REVISION.—The New Testament Company of Revisers assembled on Tuesday, the 15th ult., in the Jerusalem Chamber, for their thirty-second session. The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol presided. The other members present were:—Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishop of St. Andrews, the Dean of Rochester, the Dean of Westminster, Canon Lightfoot, Archdeacon Lee, the Prolocutor, Professor Milligan, Professor Moulton, Professor Newth, Professor Roberts, Dr. Brown, Dr. Vance Smith, Dr. Scrivener, Mr. Hort, and Mr. Humphry. The company proceeded to the revision of the 19th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

THE RESTORATION OF KIRKSTALL ABBEY.—Sir Gilbert Scott, R.A., has just completed a valuable contribution to archæological literature in a report to Colonel Akroyd, M.P., F.S.A., and a committee of gentlemen formed for the purchase and partial restoration of Kirkstall Abbey, near Leeds. Sir Gilbert's services had been called in to make “a careful survey of the ruins of the abbey church, with a view to forming an opinion as to the practicability and cost of bringing it back to a state fitted to its sacred uses.” The cost is estimated at £34,250.

The Lord Mayor is to be entertained at a grand banquet at York, as a recognition of his hospitality to the mayors of the kingdom at the Mansion House recently. The various mayors have readily fallen in with the proposal, and it is anticipated that the gathering will be nearly as large as was that at the Mansion House, which was notable as a demonstration in favour of the great principle of municipal government.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1873.

THE FRENCH MASONS AND THE PERSIAN VISITORS.

From an elaborately printed brochure we learn the particulars of a Masonic Fete, given in Paris by the Lodge "La Clémentine Amicie" to some members of the Suite of the Shah of Persia who belong to a Masonic lodge at Teheran, and who first saw the light in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France.

Of the three Persian Masons invited, only two were able to accept the invitation, viz.:—Bros. Mirza-Reiza-Khan, and Neriman Khan both whom are generals, and aides-de-camp of His Majesty the Shah. Bro. Mirza-Malcom-Khan, being seriously indisposed at the time of the meeting sent an apology by his countrymen. At eight o'clock on the 16th of July the guests of the lodge arrived at the gates of the Grand Temple, which was brilliantly illuminated, and were cordially received by the brethren of the 1st gr.

A little before nine o'clock Bro. Cousin vacated

the chair, which was taken by the Senior Warden of the lodge, Bro. Vannier, Past Master, and descended into the Council Hall, to receive the President of the Grand Orient and his officers, of whom a great number honoured the lodge with their presence on this occasion.

The guests of the evening arrived at about half-past nine, and were warmly received in the Council Hall.

As soon as reciprocal presentations, and exchange of compliments were made, the Worshipful Master resumed the chair of the lodge, and made known to the President his readiness to receive the distinguished visitors.

The President of the Grand Orient and his officers were marshalled with due solemnity to their places on the dais. The gavel was, as is customary, offered to the President, who requested the Worshipful Master to retain it, and took his place at the right hand of the Worshipful Master.

The Persian brethren were then introduced with due ceremonial, and invited to seats in the East.

Bro. Cousin, the Worshipful Master, then delivered an address which was listened to by all present with wrapt attention. He said, in effect:—

"My dear Brethren,

"In the name of the Freemasons of Paris, Lodge "La Clémentine Amicie" salutes you. The lodge which you have honoured by your visit has followed its ancient traditions in meeting for the purpose of welcoming you as the representatives of Masonry of the East.

"Your place, my brethren, is naturally ranked as the first among the pioneers of progress, these good and worthy Masons who have so cordially responded to our call. We know that you love France, our dear and unfortunate country; you speak its language, you have been educated in its schools, and you have sought, under our Grand Orient, initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Possessed of the confidence of your sovereign, who has won the sympathy of European nations, absorbed by your official duties, overwhelmed with pleasure, perhaps somewhat fatiguing, you, nevertheless, spare an hour to renew with us the ties of fraternity. Rest assured of your welcome, brethren, in this assemblage of free men, friends of the virtuous whether rich or poor—in this masonic democracy—dedicated to equality yet ever ready to honour the truly noble, and to recognise the superiority gained by services rendered to the country and the human race.

"It is not, my brethren, the distinguished titles which you bear, which have attracted around you the elite of Parisian Masons; it is your filial affection for the Grand Orient of France—of which your presence here to-night is a witness—your faithful attachment to Masonry, and your noble efforts for the propagation of our principles, which have conquered our hearts and merited our approbation.

"Permit me, brethren, to make a reflection, which I think is not out of place, and which, I hope, will not wound the feelings of any Mason present. The respectful cordiality with which our nation has received our royal guest, have drawn forth the remark, that in this loyal sym-

pathy with Nasser-Eddin, may be discovered a latent desire to return to the institution of the past. These, my brethren, are the interesting thoughts awakened, and which your intelligence cannot have passed unobserved. Our poor Paris, so often calumniated, is not so frivolous as she is represented, and has learned a lesson out of her misfortunes.

"Without abandoning our honest conviction, without deserting the noble device which decorates our temple and shines on our monuments, we can, applaud the descendant of Xerxes, who despite the prejudices of his nation, has crossed the sea, and braved its dangers, in order to witness the benefits of civilisation, and endeavour to benefit his people thereby.

"You, my brethren, are the intelligent promoters, the fellow-labourers of this noble enterprise, and that is why the lodge "Clémentine Amicie" honours itself to day by placing your names upon those tablets, on which the most illustrious Masons of the two hemispheres have considered it an honour to be inscribed.

"Receive cordially these modest fraternal offerings from the good and faithful 'Sons of the Widow.'

"May they often call to mind this evening, the memory of which, traced on the brightest page of our 'Golden Book,' will never be effaced from our hearts."

The prolonged applause which greeted the oration of Bro. Cousin, was a proof that it reflected the sentiments of the brethren present.

Bro. Neriman Khan desired a word, and in a voice evidently affected with emotion, expressed to the assembly his deep gratitude for the reception with which he had been so profoundly honoured.

Bro. Mirza-Reiza Khan, in a brief but graceful address, endorsed the sentiments of his friend, and warmly returned thanks for the reception.

The brethren were called from labour to refreshment.

The Persian brethren were surrounded and warmly complimented. Their modest demeanour, the simplicity of their dress (they had worn no decorations), their affability, their readiness to answer the numerous interrogatories addressed to them, and the joy which beamed from their countenances, gained all hearts.

At half-past eleven the W.M. announced the departure of the guests, and conducted them to the gate of the Temple. On the way the visitors received unanimous expressions of sympathy and affection.

The W.M. was warmly complimented on the happy occasion by the President of the Grand Orient, and acknowledged, on behalf of his lodge and himself, the compliments of the first Mason of France.

The brethren retired at midnight, filled with joy at this happy event, which the distinguished assemblage of Masons had transformed from a modest reception to a brilliant solemnity, which must have impressed the Eastern brethren with an exalted idea of Parisian Masonry.

An emergency lodge was held the next day for the purpose of initiating Aga Reza, a member of the Suite of the Shah. Bro. Mirza-Al-Nazin acted as interpreter, as the candidate did not understand the French language,

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BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

BRO. D. MURRAY LYON, P.M., W.M. 125.

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Chapter xiii. records two instances of Masons being made outside the Lodge of Edinburgh, one especially being noteworthy, viz., the initiation of the Right Hon. Robert Moray, Quartermaster General to the army of Scotland, which took place at Newcastle, England, on the 20th day of May, 1641. On the evacuation of the town of Newcastle, and the return of the army to Edinburgh, those who initiated Moray appear to have reported the fact to the lodge, which being approved by the members, was ratified by the signatures of three brethren, as representing the lodge, together with the signature of the newly-admitted brother.

The Kilwinning Lodge minutes (so Bro. D. Murray Lyon informs us) contain the earliest commission extant to enter Masons at a distance from the lodge. The date is 20th December, 1677, and it was granted to a number of operative Masons from the Canongate of Edinburgh, a facsimile of the original record being also given, with the signatures and marks of the brethren. Subsequently the Edinburgh brethren formed themselves into a separate lodge, and have continued to exist to the present time.

Farther on in the splendid volume will be found the Edinburgh Kilwinning MS. (circa 1670), and also the Acheson-Haven MS. of A.D. 1666, both being most valuable documents, and reproduced *verbatim et literalim*. The latter I think must have been the basis of Laurie's MS. in his "History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland."

Bro. Lyon's remarks respecting these and other old MSS. (particularly as to the York MS. of 1693, which I published in my "Masonic Sketches and Reprints") are well worth perusing, and evidently the result of considerable thought. The information afforded as to the custom of the old lodges opening and closing with prayer, and also other peculiarities of what may be termed the Christian period of the Craft, are full of interest to the Masonic archæologist.

The history of the various struggles which, alas, disgraced, in some measure, the lodge early in the last century, and also later on, is fully given, and in such an impartial manner, that while I lament the differences which arose, and which evidently were amicably arranged, I can plainly see that Bro. Lyon is anxious to give a true picture of the lodge's past career, and not to keep back, what for the credit of the lodge one naturally wishes had never occurred.

Fortunately, however, for the historian, the Lodge of Edinburgh has not only the oldest records, but as a lodge, it has been, and is, the most influential and distinguished in the world. The "Decree Arbitral" of 1714-15 is surpassed by no other Masonic document in importance, and whether it is regarded in an archæological or Masonic light, its text is full of interest to all students of the operative period of our history. The Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers, F.R.S. (Past Grand Master of England) visited the lodge, 24th August, 1721, and was admitted as a member. Bro. Lyon considers that the learned doctor's visit to the Edinburgh Masons was due to his desire to introduce the ceremonies, as revised in 1717, to the notice of the Scottish brethren, and he "ascribes Scotland's acquaintance with, and subsequent adoption of English Symbolical Masonry, to the conference which the co-fabricator and pioneer of the system held with the Lodge of Edinburgh in August, 1721."

There is no doubt to my mind, but that all grand lodges over the world owe their knowledge of Freemasonry of three degrees to the Grand Lodge of England, constituted in 1717, although of course lodges prior to the last century possessed *secrets* communicated only to the initiated, but then the ceremonies were simple in their character, and known to all the members, irrespective of their rank.

Another Grand Master of England visited the lodge in 1734, and took the chair on the initiation of several noblemen, two of whom became

Grand Masters of England, another Grand Master of Scotland, and two became Grand Wardens.

One of the particulars afforded anent the choice of the First Grand Master for Scotland are entirely new to me, and I expect are equally so to my readers. The Lodge of Edinburgh, it seems, favoured the election of Lord Herne, and the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, William Sinclair, of Roslin. We do not remember any allusion to Lord Herne prior to this, as a candidate for the Grand Mastership. The election, however, because of certain circumstances, fully explained in the history, was unanimously in favour of the latter brother, whose initiation took place only a few months before the occurrence of the great event in Scottish Masonry during the last century.

The history of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of several lodges working under its wing, being so fully treated by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, I cannot do more than express my admiration of the diligence and patience with which our brother has discharged his task, likewise my approval of the manner in which the matter has been arranged and published.

In chapter xxi. Bro. Lyon observes "With the exception of the few instances in which both offices were united in one individual, the Deacon of the Incorporated Masons during the whole of the seventeenth and the first and second decades of the eighteenth century usurped the directorate of the Lodge of Edinburgh. The Deacon of the Incorporation was also Master of the lodge in 1736, and as such took part in the institution of the Grand Lodge. For the second time in its history the Incorporation elected to the Deaconship a brother who had never received Masonic Initiation." This was in 1753, and at St. John's Day the speculatives, taking advantage of this, elected a "writer" to the office of Master, which gave great offence to many of the operatives, who considered that only operative masons were eligible for the chair. Although the Grand Master sided with the latter, the members re-elected Bro. Reoch, to the chair of the lodge, and thus gradually the speculative and operative elements became blended and united in their Masonic relationships.

The third degree is referred to, for the first time in the records, on the first day of November, 1738. There are earlier references to this degree in some of the Scottish minutes of lodges, but during the same decade as the foregoing. It is probable however that it was worked either during the visit of Dr. Desaguliers, or soon afterwards, as I am of opinion that the knowledge of the "Sublime Degree" was obtained from "across the Border."

Bro. Lyon declares that the "Minutes of Cannongate Kilwinning contain the earliest Scottish record extant of the admission of a Master Mason under the modern Masonic Constitution (viz., A.D. 1735). "We have authority for stating that there is an earlier instance of the third degree being worked in Scotland than the minutes of the Lodge of Edinburgh contains, viz., in the Ancient Lodge of Aberdeen, which has a most valuable series of records from A.D. 1670, containing a copy of the * "Masonic Charges," and other most interesting matters, which I hope ere long to see printed and circulated amongst the Craft, for their publicity would be a great boon to the studious craftsman, and to the antiquary a curious feast.

The third degree is first mentioned by the Clerk to the Aberdeen Lodge, on the 8th July, 1736, but in such a way that it is evident the degree was not new to the members at that period. A month prior to this date it occurs in Kilwinning minutes. In England it is noticed in Lodge records as early as 1724. Abundant evidence is presented in the work to prove that the third degree had not become common to the Scottish lodges, until after 1770.

Some strange correspondence follows respecting the right of the Lodge of Edinburgh to its title, in lieu of Mary's Chapel. The former was the name by which it was originally known, and by which it has been often designated, and I

cannot see why the Grand Lodge should have refused the application, in 1841, of the members to be so known for the future. What has been known as the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel, originally consisted of masons and wrights, incorporated by a seal of cause in 1475 (which document is given in full in the 24th chapter of this work), and ratified by the Archbishop of St. Andrews in 1517, by Royal Charter in 1527, by the Common Council in 1633, by Royal Charter again in 1635, and by decree of the Court of Session in 1703. Embracing at first only the masons and wrights of Edinburgh, the scope of the incorporation was gradually extended, till, in the beginning of the eighteenth century, it included glaziers, plumbers, slaters, painters, coopers, sievewrights, bow-makers, and upholsterers. In the year 1475, the members are styled "Masonis and the Wrichtis." Fines imposed on the Craftsmen in "ye olden tyme" were employed for the sustentation of the church. At Aberdeen, in the year 1483, they were given to the Sanct. Nicholas Kirk-wark. Money and wax to the altar of St. Thomas, erected in the kirk of Glasgow, and fines were exigible under the charter granted to the Incorporation of Masons in 1551, while the Ayr Squaremen (masons and wrights) were in 1555 placed under similar obligations for the uphold of St. Ninian's alter, in the parish kirk of the burgh From municipal records, belonging to the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, we learn that public bodies were accustomed to hold their meetings in the kirks within their respective bounds. This custom survived the Reformation; and was recognised by the Masonic Statutes of 1599, which confirmed the lodge of Kilwinning's right to hold its courts within the parish kirk An extraordinary communication of the Lodge of Edinburgh was held in Holyrood House in June 1600.

Chapter xxv. is devoted to a consideration of the claims of Mother Lodge Kilwinning, and the Lodge of Edinburgh, to greater antiquity, and as the old minutes of both lodges have been freely searched on this point, as also the books of the Grand Lodge, the subject is ably and exhaustively treated, and I think finally disposed of. Politics crept into Edinburgh Masonry a little, early this century, and a secession of the delinquents from the Grand Lodge was the consequence, which for a time involved the Craft not a little in the eyes of the public. The Grand Lodge of England sided with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and through the aid of the Earl of Moira, acting Grand Master, opposed any lodges interfering in political matters. Gradually the struggle became more intense until the authorities of the City of Edinburgh were called upon to settle the dispute, and all meetings were for a time interdicted. Other questions also fell to be considered, which originally formed no part in the unfortunate misunderstanding, such as the legal right of a Grand Lodge, in either England, Scotland, or Ireland, to rule all lodges in these countries, which was shown to be erroneous, as at that time lodges in existence prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland had refused to become connected with that body.

The Lord Ordinary of the Court of Sessions gave his decision on the 12th November, 1811. Amongst other clauses in this interlocutor, that legal authority thus refers to William St. Clair, the so-called Hereditary Grand Master. "That supposing the Grand Master to have possessed such powers, there is no evidence that when William St. Clair of Roslyn resigned the office of Hereditary Grand Master, he either actually did or could lawfully transfer to any other body of men any of the rights, powers, or privileges which belonged to him as Grand Master." The defendants were victorious, and the Grand Lodge party were found liable in the costs of the suits. Ultimately the Grand Lodge received the seceders back into their fold, and soon peace and harmony once more prevailed.

The various chapters on the "higher degrees" will be read by many with great pleasure, especially when the origin and progress of the Masonic Knights Templar and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, as also other Masonic bodies, including that far-famed Royal Order of Scotland*

* I have been granted permission to publish this ancient document, and shall avail myself of the valued privilege shortly.

are carefully and exhaustively treated. "It is a curious fact that the Knight Templars' Order, then known as Black Masonry, was propagated in Scotland to a large extent, through charters issued by the "High Knight Templars of Ireland Kilwinning Lodge," and what is still more extraordinary, this body of Freemasons in Dublin was constituted by mother Lodge Kilwinning in 1779 for the practice of the Craft degrees only.

As Bro. Lyon observes, the Knight Templar proclivities of the brethren in Ireland, "encouraged the belief in Kilwinning being a centre of the Hautes Grades." The truth is, however, Mother Kilwinning has never worked any degrees but those known as Craft Masonry, and knows nothing even of the Royal Arch Degree. "It is alleged that the Ancient Lodge of Stirling was, in 1743, the first in Scotland to practice the Royal Arch Degree, but of this there is no authentic evidence. . . . To such an extent had the work of lodges at this period (1799-1800) become associated with that of the Royal Arch and Templar Degrees, that in October, 1800, the Grand Lodge of Scotland issued a circular prohibiting and discharging its daughters to hold any meetings above the degree of Master Mason, under the penalty of the forfeiture of their charter."

The interesting particulars concerning the Royal Order of Scotland in Chapter xxxii. cannot fail to be most instructive and valuable to English Freemasons, as but little is known about the early history of this "quaint and ancient degree," and as it is now legally worked in London and in the northern counties, attention will naturally be drawn to an authentic account, such as Bro. Lyon affords. A transcript of the literal translation, inserted in the Lodge of Edinburgh records, of the charter of Cologne A.D. 1535, is given in the next chapter, and Bro. Lyon evidently concurs with Dr. James Barnes, Herr Findel, and Dr. George Kloss, who have declared the document to be a forgery. The transcript is most useful, however, to enable brethren to judge for themselves, and if it is carefully examined, there will be found plenty of internal evidence in proof of its modern composition.

Bro. Lyon well observes, "Statements as to the Mason Craft having three centuries ago been the conservators of chivalric rites, are not now received as historical facts, except by the more superstitious of the brotherhood."

The various grand visitations of the Lodge of Edinburgh are chronicled in a most happy manner, and I think few, if any lodges can boast of such special distinction in this respect.

The chapter in which allusion to the "dwarfish proportions of the fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence" will, we trust, be carefully read, and lead to more attention being directed to that charitable organisation, which, though now is a disgrace, will soon become an honour to the fraternity in Scotland.

The debt of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (which is also mentioned) by proper management would have been extinct long ago.

All zealous Masons are hopefully looking forward to the time when the Earl of Rosslyn's energetic measures for the welfare of the fraternity in Scotland, have borne fruit, and the financial arrangements of the Grand Lodge will then be placed on a firm and Masonic basis. I hope my friends will not be startled, but at page 355 there are evidences submitted, which unequivocally prove that the presence of ladies was permitted in open lodge in the year 1843. It is too long a subject to open up now, but the proof afforded of such an occurrence having taken place is unquestionable. The matter was duly investigated by the Grand Lodge, and the offending parties were severely reprimanded.

It is comforting to be told that the meeting was only convened on a festive occasion, and not for the conferring of Masonic degrees, or the "Lady Freemason" may have lost her unique distinction.

Chapter xxxix. is mainly devoted to a sketch of the most distinguished Masonic career of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., K.C.B., to whom the History of the Lodge of Edinburgh is dedicated, as one of its noblest Honorary Members, and whose family have for upwards of a century been closely associated with the government of the Craft. His Lordship is well-known in this country as Past Deputy Grand Master, and as the Representative of our

Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which latter body he was Grand Master for three years. To the Earl of Dalhousie the Fraternity are indebted for the patronage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and his installation as head of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and doubtless from His Royal Highness taking so much interest in Scottish Freemasonry is to be attributed the fact that the present work by Bro. Lyon is issued under his Royal patronage.

Numerous notices of many distinguished brethren, forming quite a series of biographical sketches of prominent Masons, extending over a period of upwards of three centuries, adorn the work, and form an additional attraction to the History of the Lodge of Edinburgh. There is of course one important omission, which I shall endeavour to remedy at the close of this article. I allude to the life and labours of the author of the work itself, and am persuaded in briefly noticing Bro. D. Murray Lyon's Masonic career I shall accomplish, though in an imperfect manner, the wishes of all the subscribers. Division No. xlii. may be designated the Royal Chapter, as it contains a complete account of all the sovereigns and princes of this land who have honoured the Craft with their patronage, from the initiation of Frederick Lewis Prince of Wales (father of George III) in 1737, to His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, in 1868.

We are glad to see by the notice concerning the Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that a catalogue of that valuable collection of books is in course of preparation, for the condition the library has been in for many years has been most unsatisfactory. The volume contains in conclusion quite a galaxy of excerpts from the records of ancient lodges in the seventeenth, and early in the eighteenth centuries, the whole of which, though most interesting and valuable are many years later in date than those of the Lodge of Edinburgh.

The Masonic Historian of Scotland, Bro. David Murray Lyon, of Ayr, was initiated in the Lodge of "Ayr and Renfrew Militia St. Paul," No. 204, June 1854; was put in "harness" at once, having acted as Secretary in 1854 and since then, in 1869 and 1873. He was affiliated into "Mother Kilwinning" in 1860, was its Junior Warden in 1861, Proxy Warden from 1862 to 1869, and Proxy Master of Scarborough Lodge, Tobago, from 1869 and 1873. Affiliated with St. James Lodge, Newton-on-Ayr, No. 125, in 1868, the members elected him their Master in 1873, and as such received the degree of Installed Master in St. Mark's Glasgow, No. 102, in July. Until lately the Past Master's degree was worked under the authority of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

His connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, dates from 1861, since which period Bro. Lyon has been either Junior or Senior Grand Warden, having acted to the year 1866 in the former capacity, and since then as the Senior Prov.G.M.

He has also been elected annually from 1863 as one of the Grand Stewards of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I shall not append the list of lodges of which he is Honorary Member, as I have already occupied considerable space in my review of his *magnum opus*, but shall rest content by mentioning that the Lodge of Edinburgh has his name enrolled as such in their illustrious records. In Royal Arch Masonry our brother has been also most fortunate and distinguished in his associations with the companions. Exalted in the Ayr St. Paul Chapter No. 18, in July, 1854, and affiliated into Ayr Kilwinning, No. 80, in 1860, the members were not satisfied until they were able to salute him as their Past First Principal of both chapters, and has since then rendered most invaluable assistance to the Grand Chapter by way of inaugurating chapters, and in a trying time was the chief support to that body in the Province of Ayrshire when a rival Grand Chapter was started in Glasgow.

Bro. Lyon is also a member of the Grand Priory of Scotland, having enjoyed that distinction from the year 1862. He was knighted in October, 1858, in the Ayr Priory, No. 4, for which he was the Secretary from 1860 to 1862,

and from that period has presided as its Eminent Commander.

But it is as a Masonic Historian that his chief labours for the Craft have been so successfully devoted, and in appreciation of which he was elected one of the few corresponding members of the Verein Deutscher Freimaieria in 1867; and the M.A. of the Masonic University of Kentucky in June, 1862, and corresponding member of the Rosicrucian Society of England in 1869. As the author of the histories of "Mother Lodge Kilwinning;" "The Lodge of Edinburgh;" "The Lodge of Thornhill;" "Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland;" and a host of smaller, but most valuable productions, his name will be associated with his country as a most accurate Masonic Historian, so long as Freemasonry is respected and beloved, and faith, hope, and charity, are venerated throughout the length and breath of the land, and indeed wherever masonic students exist throughout the world.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was held on Saturday 26th ult., for the year 1873, at the Station Hotel, Sutton, when a large and distinguished party of Freemasons of the county attended to show respect to the Provincial Grand Master, Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., who presided, and to perform the business of the Province which had accumulated during the year.

Among those who attended we observed:—Bros. the Rev. A. W. Hall, Prov.G.C.; George Price, Prov.G. Treasurer; C. W. Dommett, Prov. G.R.; W. Greenway, Prov. G.D.C.; C. W. Power, Prov. G.S.W.; James Squire, Prov. G. Std. B.; C. H. Woodward, P. Prov. J.G.W. Dr. Strong, P. Prov. J.G.W.; H. Cartwright, P. Prov. J.G.W.; George White, P. Prov. S.G. W.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.J.G.D., &c.; James Robins, P.M., Treasurer, No. 452; William T. Sugg, P.M., No. 452; E. H. Sugg, Org., No. 452; Magnus Ohren, P.M., No. 33, and P.M. and Secretary, No. 452; George Porter, Prov. G. Org.; James Fearman, Prov. G. Stwd. B.; J. J. Burton, Prov. G. Std. B.; Draper Woodward, W. Finlay, H. Potter, 1,347; R. R. D. Podmore, W. Church Poole, W.M., 452; C. Horsley, P.G.R., Middx.; R. T. Elsam, W.M., 891 W. J. Kemp, 1,362; A. C. Ebbutt, Walter Spencer, 452; Henry Langridge, S.W., 1,347; Herbert Potter, 55, 1,347; W. Baker, P.M., 142; James Terry, Secretary R.M. Benevolent Institution; W. Smallpeice, W.M. 1,385; C. Moody, P.M. 1,046; John Knight, W.M. 1,046, and E. E. Meakin, W.M. 1,363.

When the lodge had been formally opened and the preliminary business transacted, the Grand Lodge accepted the Finance Committee's report, which recommended twenty guineas to be given to the Boys' School, and fifteen guineas to the Girls' School, to qualify the Province as Vice-President of these Institutions. Bro. George Price was re-elected and invested as Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then read the speech of the most Worshipful Grand Master delivered in Grand Lodge on Grand Festival, which appeared in our impression of the 3rd of last May. The observations made in this speech he commended to the earnest attention of the brethren as being likely, if observed, to improve the position of both Masons and Masonry among the Institutions of the country and in the opinion of their fellow citizens.

The retirement of Bro. B. Blake from the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master was announced, and the Provincial Grand Master said he could not but regret it, as the services of Bro. Blake, in his high position, had been of great importance to the province; and that the thanks of himself and all other brethren were due to that brother for the faithful and zealous discharge of his duties.

He then appointed the following brethren as his Grand Officers:—Bro. W. F. Harrison, of Weybridge, D.G.M., in place of Bro. Blake, resigned through ill-health; Bro. Knight, P.S.G.W.; Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.J.G.W.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chaplain; Bro. G.

Price, G. Treasurer; Bro. C. Greenwood, P.G. Secretary; Bro. Ernest H. Morrison, P.G. Registrar; Bro. Charrington, S.G.D.; Bro. Owens, P.G. J.D.; Bro. W. Church Poole, P.G. Sup. Works; Bro. R. T. Elsam, G.D.C.; Bro. Horne, G. Swd. B.; Bro. Sugg, G. Org.; and Bro. C. T. Speight, Prov. Grand Tyler.

The following proposition by Bro. Woodward was brought forward and discussed:—

"That, owing to the growth of Freemasonry in the Province of Surrey, and the increasing number of lodges, a fund be established, to be called 'The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey Entertainment Fund,' to which every lodge in the Province of Surrey shall contribute the sum of two guineas annually. The amount to be paid to the Provincial Grand Treasurer, with and at the same time as Provincial Grand Lodge dues are paid. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will hand over to the Treasurer of the lodge entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge the amount he shall have received up to and including the day on which Provincial Grand Lodge shall meet in each year."

In the discussion Bros. Magnus Ohren, Sec., and James Robins, Treasurer of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, and many others took part, and it was proposed as an amendment that the sum should be made three guineas instead of two. The amendment, however, was afterwards withdrawn, and the original motion was carried. At the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Grand Master and his officers were entertained by the W. Master (Bro. W. Church Poole) and brethren of the Frederick Lodge of Unity (452) at a banquet, in a spacious marquee in the grounds adjoining the hotel. When the banquet was concluded, the musical brethren sang grace, and the toasts were proceeded with.

The Provincial Grand Master, in appropriate terms, proposed "The Queen and the Craft." In giving "The Health of the Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon," he referred again to the speech which his Lordship delivered in Grand Lodge on the 30th April, as showing the genuine interest he took in the welfare of the Craft.

The toast of "The Deputy Grand Master," which included that of "The Past Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," he said would also be received with pleasure. It was an immense satisfaction to the Craft when they found that the Prince had received Masonic light, and though he did not receive it in this country, they knew the excellent spirit in which Masonry was carried on in the country where he became a brother. Since then he had displayed great interest in Masonry; and though it could not be expected that H.R.H. could keep up the working of the degrees, yet as Master of a private lodge to which he (the Prov. G.M.) belonged, he had done his work very well. As the toast included the present and past Grand Officers, he would call on Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, a Past Grand Deacon, to respond to it.

Bro. H. H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D., in responding said how deeply he felt the honour of occupying the position of a grand officer, and of being favoured with the notice of the Provincial Grand Master. As he himself should endeavour, so he hoped every grand officer would endeavour to claim a title to such kind notice.

Bro. G. W. White Phipson proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master." As an old officer of the province, he could not forget the twenty or twenty-one years that had passed since he first had the honour of being associated with the Past Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Alex. Dobie). Under him the officers of the province had passed many years of improvement, pleasure and happiness; but as it had been said there were as good fish in the sea as had ever been caught, so on the retirement of a good Grand Master, a good one was to be found to supply his place. Of that the province had had experience in the selection of the Present Provincial Grand Master, who was always to be found attending to his duties, and seeking the welfare of his province. In a great number of instances the duties of grand officers were but lightly thought of, though in the majority of instances they were well attended to. They had seen this in the past, and had led a happy and prosperous time under Bro. Dobie. The Grand Master,

they could see, was a man of rule, and could carry out what he had set himself. He expected a due observance of the call which it was his right and privilege to make upon them. With such a ruler the province would grow in importance, and the distribution of office among men who were good Masons, would tend to raise the province in the estimation of the Craft. He trusted that the present Prov. Grand Master would long be preserved to rule over the province, and that for many years they would meet in that unanimity and good feeling which characterises them at the present time.

The Provincial Grand Master in acknowledging the toast, said his reception at the hands of the brethren had always been cordial, and if he did not meet with similar kindness in future it would be his own fault. The allusions which Bro. White Phipson had made to the career of the Past Provincial Grand Master was very touching, and he felt it very deeply, because he felt that when the time should come for himself through weakness to resign the honourable position he now held, the same good wishes and good feelings which had followed Bro. Dobie into retirement would follow him. Depend upon it he would do his best to preserve it, in all matters he would endeavour to act fairly, and honestly, and justly to all.

The Provincial Grand Master next gave "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and complimented them by saying that it was impossible he could carry out his work properly without their assistance. He was happy to say they had hitherto been found most efficient, and he hoped that those brethren, on whom his choice had fallen that day, would prove themselves as worthy of office as their predecessors. They would see the necessity of performing their duties, and attending to the work of the province. He would certainly not have undertaken the office of Provincial Grand Master if he had not intended to discharge the duties attached to the occupancy of the chair. Therefore what he had undertaken himself he expected of others.

Bro. Wright, and the Rev. Ambrose Hall responded, the latter remarking that Bro. Harcourt would have been present but for ill-health, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but for affliction, and he felt confident the brethren would express their sympathy with him in that affliction.

The Provincial Grand Master hoped the Provincial Grand Secretary would place on the minutes the few words he uttered in Grand Lodge when he expressed his high sense of the services Bro. Blake had conferred on the province, and his regret at his absence.

The Provincial Grand Master said that before he had the honour of being connected with the Province of Surrey he was able to testify to its hospitality. Since he had had the honour of being more closely connected with it, he had found a repetition of that hospitality. If at any time he had not attended their banquets, it was not for want of being asked, but for want of opportunity to accept the invitations. A large number of visiting brethren were always to be found at their board and in their lodges, which was a habit to be encouraged, as they always learned something from associating with their brethren from other provinces. "The Visiting Brethren from other Provinces" was the toast he had to propose, and he should couple with it the name of Bro. Horsley, Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex.

Bro. Horsley replied, and in doing so thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the compliment, the Frederick Lodge of Unity for their entertainment, and Bro. Magnus Ohren, an old and esteemed friend of his, for giving him the extreme pleasure of being present. The Provincial Grand Master had given them all a treat in shewing them that he could work his columns in Masonry as well as he could his columns in the army. He had had efficient officers round him in different parts of the world; but it was doubtful whether he ever had a more able corps of officers than he had at the present glorious board.

The Provincial Grand Master in giving "The Health of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary," said the duties of those two

officers were unceasing. The Grand Treasurer fortunately had well filled coffers, and it was their confidence in him which made his presence and his position so satisfactory to them all. The Grand Secretary they knew better than he (the Provincial Grand Master) did, and when he invested him with his collar he had said he did not know what we should do without him. With his own, at present, but partial knowledge of the province, Bro. Greenwood's advice had been of great assistance. He hoped in the matter of knowing the province he would go on improving every year. He had a bad memory for names, but a good memory for faces; but he trusted he should be able very soon to remember all the brethren with whom he might be brought in contact.

Bro. Price, Grand Treasurer, replied; he felt it a great advantage to be coupled with his worthy colleague, Bro. Greenwood, in this toast. They had acted together now for a great number of years, he was almost afraid to say how many, and during that period they had always worked in love and harmony together; they had never differed, and that was an advantage which others would do well to seek. If officers acted together the Provincial Grand Master would have very little trouble, and it would prove a benefit to Provincial Grand Lodge. For himself he begged to return thanks for the many kind things which the Provincial Grand Master had said of him. He had been Provincial Treasurer for many years. Last year he was in Spain when Grand Lodge met; and he was not able to attend; but he had very rarely been absent, and as long as they felt disposed to entrust him with the responsible position which he occupied, he would do his best to fill it to their satisfaction. He knew he was getting old, but while he was capable of performing their work he felt sure they would appoint no other to his place. He would, however, say that when he felt he could not perform his work satisfactorily, he would place his office in their hands.

Bro. C. Greenwood thought it very unkind that the Treasurer should have confined his speech entirely to himself, instead of responding for the Secretary as well. Bro. Price and himself were appointed on the same day, and it had given him great pleasure to work with him ever since. At Grand Lodge he had generally been present since then; very rarely had he been absent, indeed it was only two or three Provincial Grand meetings he had been absent from. It had given him great pleasure during that time to watch the progress of Freemasonry in the province of Surrey. When he was first appointed by Bro. Dobie, there were but few Masons in the province, and fewer lodges. Now, however, there was a great accession in lodges and a much more considerable accession of Masons. Most of them, he was happy to say, he knew, and he was proud to say that in the province of Surrey, they had carried out those sentiments which had been given expression to by the Grand Treasurer. Great changes had taken place. For many years he had the honour of serving under Bro. Dobie, whom he found to be an excellent Grand Master, and he was pleased to find his successor was in no respect inferior to him.

The Provincial Grand Master said the next toast was a special one. They had had a most agreeable evening; the banquet had been excellent, the hospitality of the Frederick Lodge of Unity unbounded, and the tent in which they had been greeted had been cool and airy, and everything had been done by the lodge to make them comfortable. For all this they had to thank the Frederick Lodge of Unity, and he would appeal to the brethren present for support in his assertion, that this visitation of Grand Lodge had been received with the most liberal exercise of the rights of hospitality, and good fellowship. He then proposed "W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the Frederick Lodge of Unity."

Bro. Elsam returned thanks for "The Masters and Wardens of the other Lodges in the Province," and for his own appointment as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, an honour which he was sure the Dobie Lodge would value.

Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, returned thanks for "The Masonic

Charities." In doing so he expressed a hope that at the next festival of this Institution a brother would represent the province of Surrey, indeed he was sure there was a brother present who would do so. He also reviewed the progress made by the three Charities.

The company then separated, after having enjoyed a delightful evening. Of the banquet it is but fair to say that Bro. Potter, of the Station Hotel, supplied it with excellent discretion. It was a masterpiece of skill and taste, both as to the quality and quantity of the provisions, and the wines were a proof of sound judgment in their selection.

Bro. Speight, the Provincial Grand Tyler, was an efficient Toast-Master, and was very assiduous in the performance of his duties.

Some charming singing was performed during the evening, when Bros. Baxter, G. T. Carter, Montem Smith, and Theodore Distin displayed their superior vocal powers, and Bro. E. H. Sugg, Provincial Grand Organist, and Organist, 452, his ability as an instrumentalist.

THE RELIGIOUS QUESTION AND FREEMASONRY IN BRAZIL.

From the *Anglo-Brazilian Times*, published at Rio de Janeiro, we extract the following account of an interesting debate upon the subject of the Roman Catholic hostility to Freemasonry, which took place in the Senate of that country:—

Visconde Do Rio Branco: I do not intend to enter largely into the matter of which the motion treats, or, rather, on which the speech of its mover turns, still less do I rise to contest the famous oration of the noble senator for Maranham, Sr. Candido Mendes De Almeida, an oration circulated as a tract with a special title, not as a speech in the Senate, on the vote of thanks, but as though it were a pamphlet against the so-called religious policy of the cabinet.

What I have to do now is to inform the Senate, in the name of the government, that the matter shall have a decision on the appeal which one of the brotherhoods of the city of Recife has taken to the Crown, against the interdiction imposed on it by the prelate of that diocese. This affair has been committed to that enlightened section of the Council of State which consults upon affairs of the Empire, and probably the opinion of the full Council of State will also be taken, whereon the government will pronounce the decision which its powers admit of and the case requires.

I believe that, as the noble Senator for Para (Souza Franco) has said, there is appeal, and that our ecclesiastical law is happily not what the noble Senator for Maranham has expounded, denying even the legitimacy of the placet and arguing that in conjunctures like this there is no remedy but to go to Rome.

While giving this information to the Senate, I cannot avoid adding some reflections, very brief ones, as I do not wish to prejudice the speech of the noble Senator for Bahia (Zacarias), besides the solemn promise I recently gave him. The reflections I allude to arise naturally from my special position in relation to Brazilian Masonry.

Senator F. Octaviano Rosa:—Hear.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—The noble Senator for Maranham, who has taken upon himself the defence of the acts of the prelates, has made a really inquisitorial examination into all that has been published for or against Masonic societies throughout the world, and therefrom concludes that Brazilian Masonry is identified with that of Europe, not alone in the aims common to all, but even in the special interests of the society in which each lives. By this absolute and fatal logic the noble Senator has arrived at the deduction that the proximate and inevitable consequence of Masonry is the Commune of Paris. Propositions of this kind, Mr. President, can be enounced only by one who is hallucinated by a principle or by the defence of a cause, and is ignorant of what Masonry is in Brazil.

Senator Mendes De Almeida:—Like your Excellency? Pray keep within bounds; I respect you.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—I think there is nothing offensive to the noble Senator in what

I have just said. (No, No.) To say that you are hallucinated by the principle or by the cause you defend, and that you do not know the Freemasonry of Brazil, is not throwing a slur on you. But to say that a society to which I have the honour to belong has similitude with the Commune of Paris is certainly an offensive proposition.

Sr. Mendes De Almeida:—Where is that in my speech?

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—Not only to him who is addressing the Senate, but even to a great number of Brazilians.

Sr. Mendes De Almeida:—I said no such thing; your Exc. is building a castle.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—The noble Senator said that the Commune of Paris, or the International, was a consequence of the principles professed by the Masonic societies; if this is not in his speech I think I heard it from him.

Sr. Mendes De Almeida:—I did not say so, Y. Ex. is mistaken.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—So be it.

Sr. Mendes De Almeida:—Things must be put to rights.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—I am even glad of the rectification of the noble Senator, that is, that he did not malign Brazilian Masonry so much as I thought I had heard him do.

Mr. President, I entered Masonry many years ago, and I have never seen it meddle with religion or with state politics; my experience is that it has ever been a society intended for the succour of its members and for the promotion of man's moral and intellectual perfection. If it does little for this latter aim, if it has established few schools, its acts of beneficence are incontestible, and many families receive assistance from these societies which it is sought to stigmatise, and even to deny the rights of citizenship to.

While still a young man I was invited to join one of the Masonic lodges, and I affiliated therein. Afterwards, for many years, I ceased attendance, until in 1869 I was called to the charge now exercised by me, of chief of one of the Masonic circles. I was preceded in this position by men of such recognized good catholicity as were Jose Clemente Pereira, Marquis de Abrantes, Marcellino de Brito, Visconde do Uruguay.

Sr. Francisco Octaviano:—Cayru.

Visconde do Rio Branco:—Baron de Cayru, Visconde de Albuquerque, Jose Bonifacio, the patriarch of our independence, and D. Pedro I, founder of this Empire. When accepting the position, I knew that the person elected, at the same time, to the office of assistant chief was one of our most respectable men, now no longer in existence, Sr. Furtado, also considered a perfect Catholic. Wherefore, I was very far from foreseeing that what was allowed to Sr. Jose Clemente Pereira, Provedor of the Santa Casa da Misericordia, during many years, and to Marquis de Abrantes, who succeeded him in the administration of the same institution, was a crime, a heresy, an offence to the State religion, when done by me.

I accepted the charge of the Masons of the Lavradio circle, and I do not repent doing so, let the noble Senators, in accordance with their theology and canon law, decree as many excommunications as they please; my conscience is at ease, my relations with God are those of a complete Christian.

I do not consider it expedient to defend the State religion in the manner Ultramontanes do, and I should wish that the illuminated minds who, like the noble Senator for Maranham, possess so much ecclesiastical knowledge, would promote the interests of religion in Brazil in another way, by contributing to the better education of our clergy, to the regeneration of that of now (hear, hear), to the edifying of their flocks by the prelates, evangelizing those flocks, and diffusing light and faith amidst them with apostolic works, with the example of devotion to God and society, whose pastors they are. It is thus consciences should be appealed to, not by commencing with expelling from the Catholic church the members of a society which has existed so many years in Brazil, always as a peaceful and beneficent association. (Applause.)

Discussion with the noble Senator for Maranham in these matters is difficult, because, besides his great learning, which I say without irony, he

has the defect of supposing that others know absolutely nothing of ecclesiastical history and law.

Sr. Mendes de Almeida:—Pardon me; it is a defect discovered by Y. Ex. alone.

Visconde do Rio Branco:—So that not even as to the very Masonry I am seeing and practising, does he allow that I know anything.

Permit me, however, to remind you that Masonry was very much favoured by the Popes in other times, when the Masons bore the name of Freemasons, and enjoyed privileges as mechanical and artistical corporations, to whose work the great monuments of Christianity in Europe are owed.

Sr. F. Letoniano:—The cathedrals of Southern Europe.

Visconde do Rio Branco:—Bonifacio IV., Nicholas III., and Benedict XII., protected the Freemasons, and conferred important privileges upon them. (Hear.)

Sr. Mendes de Almeida:—Y. Ex. is making a discovery greater than that of Christopher Columbus!

Visconde do Rio Branco:—Your Excellency knows Masonry only by the books of its detractors, persons interested in breaking down what they consider a widely spread and powerful element of social progress.

Later, at the beginning of the XVIII century, Masonry became converted into a philosophical society, and took in some countries an active part in the politics of the day, and a persecution of it began. That persecution, Mr. President, did not stop at excommunication, many Masons ascended the scaffold and became victims. What, however, did religion and politics gain with that? Truth triumphed, Masonry continued to exist and make further spread, and it is now respected everywhere. Merely in two or three states was it forbidden, up to modern times, I think in Austria, Russia, and Spain; and the Senate knows that it is restored in the last country, and that it flourishes throughout Germany.

(To be continued.)

A party of Irish Freemasons are expected to leave Belfast in August on a trip to the United States. They will be piloted by Bros. John Ireland, and R. B. Matthews—two of the leading Freemasons of the North of Ireland.

On Tuesday 23rd ult. Bro. John Braddick Monckton, "Citizen" and Coach and Coach Harness Maker," made the declaration of office as Town Clerk of the City of London, to which he was elected last week, and at once entered upon his duties in the court.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 8th, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, August 2.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. (See Advertisement.)

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dille, Preceptor.

Monday, August 5.

Lodge 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, at 7. Jerusalem Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (314), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, August 5:

Colonial Board at 3.
 Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 1257, Grosvenor, Metropolitan Victoria Station, Pimlico.
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, August 6.

Grand Chapter at 7.
 Lodge 1412, De La Iberia, Hill-road, St. Johns'-wood.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, August 7.

Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
 " 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.
 Chap. 176, Caveac, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.
 Friday, August 8.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st. Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (724), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 9, 1873.

Monday, August 4.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, August 5.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome (No. 77), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, August 6.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatshaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, August 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Chapter 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, August 9, 1873.

Monday, August 4.

Lodge 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
 " 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 119, Roslin, 25, Robertson-st.

Tuesday, August 5.

Lodge 31, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

Wednesday, August 6.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 122, St. John, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, August 7.

Lodge 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrews, Garngad Road.

Friday August 8.

Lodge 219, Star, Freemasons' Hall, 12, Trongate.

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Resolved, that the memories of the pleasant hour spent in intercourse with those who entertained us on that occasion, will be remembered with our most delightful reminiscences of a foreign land.

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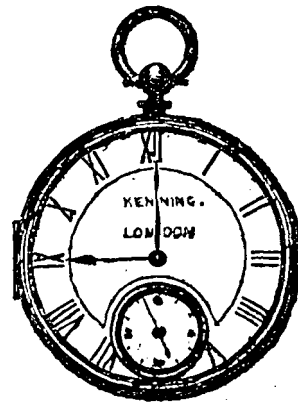
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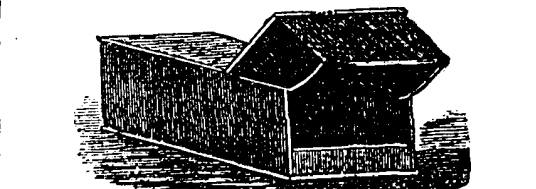
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Craft Masonry.

PAIGNTON.—*Torbay Lodge* (No. 1358).—The anniversary and installation meeting of this lodge was held at Masonic Hall, Paignton, on Monday last. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. C. Curtis Piller, was presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Rev. R. Bowden, P.P.G.C., the immediate P.M., by Bro. J. Greenfield, P.P.J.G.D. The interesting ceremony of installation was ably performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Bowden, and the W.M., having been saluted according to masonic custom appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Rev. R. Bowden, P.P.G.C., I.P.M., and Chaplain; J. T. Goodridge, S.W.; W. E. Warren, J.W.; T. E. Dyer, Treasurer; C. H. Law, P.M., Secretary; T. Pope, S.D.; T. Pope, J.D.; F. K. Tozer, I.G.; J. Greenfield, P.M., D. of C.; W. Rossiter, and J. Chinnock, Stewards; and W. J. Tozer, Tyler. The accounts having been audited and passed, showed a balance in favour the lodge. The lodge was then closed and the brethren, amongst whom were P.M. Baron de Verte, a member of the Grand Lodge of Italy; A. B. Niner, P.M. 710; T. Oliver, P.M. 328; Johnson, P.M. 248; Bovey, 328; Gordon Campell, J. Couldrey, W. Rossiter, J. Chinnock, W. Windram, C. West, W. Harvey, and W. J. Tozer, adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where a most splendid and elegant banquet served à la russe proved that the host was no novice as a caterer; novelties both in and out of season, graced the well decorated table, and the serving was all to be desired. Many excellent speeches were made, and the claims of a distressed brother over eighty years of age was brought before the brethren, who liberally responded, and it was determined to make application for him to the Committee of Petitions. The evening was most pleasantly spent, and the party broke up early, delighted with the spirit and fraternal feeling manifested throughout the days proceedings.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—*Baldwin Lodge* (No. 1397).—On Tuesday, July 29th, took place at Dalton-in-Furness, the installation of Bro. William Whiteside as second W.M. of the recently formed Baldwin Lodge, No. 1398. About one o'clock the members of the lodge, together with brethren from Ulverston, Lancaster Barrow, and Millom, assembled at the lodge room, in the ancient Castle, where the ceremony of installation was impressively conducted by Bro. Reuben Pearson, P.M. Lodge of Furness, 995, Ulverston. The newly installed W.M., on assuming his position, invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:— Bro. James Postlethwaite, S.W.; William Horn, J.W.; F. H. Clark, Treas.; J. Tyson Sec.; Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chaplain; F. Bell, S.D.; J. Walton, J.D.; R. Pearson, D.C.; P.

Derbyshire, Org.; T. Grieve and J. Harrison, Stewards; H. Kendal, I.G.; and Thomas Cooper, Tyler. After the installation and investiture, the brethren, to the number of 50, adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a banquet of a *recherché* description was provided by Bro. Bell. The tables were tastefully ornamented with choice exotics, and were much admired by many who had the pleasure of a view of them previous to the entrance of the guests. The repast was all that could be desired, and many were the expressions of pleasure at the catering capabilities of Bro. Bell. The after proceedings were presided over by Bro. Whiteside, W.M.; who was supported by Bro. Wylie, Provincial Grand Registrar, Bros. R. Pearson, Dodgson and others. The vice chair was occupied by Bro. James Postlethwaite, S.W., supported by Bro. James Robinson, Sec., 695; Bro. Mills, P.G. Steward C. and W., and others. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given by the W.M. and Bro. T. Dodgson, and were drunk, and then the assembly drank with masonic heartiness the health of the W.M., who in responding said, he hoped at the end of his year to hand down to his successor the office of W.M. as un sullied as he had then received it. The "Wardens and Officers of 1398," was responded to by Bro. James Postlethwaite, S.W. The toast of "Installing Master" was given from the chair, and the W.M. also performed the pleasing duty of presenting to Bro. Pearson a P.M.'s jewel, as a slight token of esteem, and in appreciation of the able manner which he has worked the lodge during the past year. Bro. Pearson, in replying to the toast, said what he had done for the lodge had been to him a very great pleasure, and he heartily thanked them for the handsome jewel just handed to him. It was also announced that a similar jewel had been subscribed for by the brethren, and was intended for presentation to Bro. Baldwin. Both jewels were supplied by Bro. Kenning, of London and Liverpool, and were very much admired.—The other toasts given were "The Past Officers of 1398," "The Clerical Brethren," responded to on behalf of the Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chaplain; "The Masonic Charities," "The Visiting Brethren," acknowledged by Bro. Cornfield, Barrow; "The Ladies," "Our Musical Friends and Brethren," and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," The toasts were interspersed with a number of songs sung by Bros. Harper, Parker, and Robinson, of Ulverston, and Bro. Bell, and the proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable and gratifying character. Bros. Harper and Parker presided at the pianoforte. Bro. Baldwin, the I.P.M., was unavoidably absent. Besides the brethren already mentioned, there were present among the guests, Bro. Wylie, Provincial Grand Registrar, Bros. Joseph Rawlinson, P. Wurzburger, G. B. Moses, and Richard Hosking, Dalton; Roger Dodgson, I.P.M. Whitwell Lodge, Millom, and P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmorland; Thomas Dodgson, W.M. Whitwell Lodge; J. Case, P.M. Ulverston, and others.

INSTRUCTION.

The fifteen sections were worked by several London brethren at the Fountain Hotel, Kingstreet, Margate, on the 4th of August (Bank holiday), at six p.m., Bros. Thomas Austin W.M. 933, W.M.; T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, 933, S.W.; T. Mortlock, P.M. 186, J.W.; J. G. Stevens, P.M., Sec. 953, I.G.

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- 14th " " M. Davis, 141
- 15th " " I. Mortlock, P.M. 186

There were also present the following brethren:—Bros. Brazier, P.M., 127, P.Prov.G.S.B. Kent; Feakins, P.M., 127, P.Prov.G.S.D. Kent;

Compton, P.M., 127, Prov.G.D.C. Kent; Winch P.M., 439, P.Prov.G.J.D. Kent; Wotton, W.M., 127, Prov.G.S. Kent; Andrews, 1209; Miles, 1209; Page, 1209; Spurrier, 127; Tewman, 429; Wymer, 101; Aldridge, 61; Searles, 127; Vickers, 127; Joseph, 375; S. Still, W.M. 1293; P. Davis, 141; S. Davis, 141; W. Moss, W.M. 185; W. Noble, 185; W. Peavors, P.M. 141; Dodson, Dalhousie; Paddle, P.M. 715; F. Green, 212; A. Runacres, 212; G. E. Wainright, W.M. 370; T. Griffith, S.W. 907; W. Withall, S.D. 720; and several other London and Provincial brethren.

Bro. J. M. Compton was deputed by the members of the Provincial Lodges of Kent, viz. The Lewis, Royal Navy, Ramsgate, &c., to tender their thanks and hearty appreciation of the able manner the London brethren had acquitted themselves, which the W.M. acknowledged in affectionate terms.

Bro. Brazier, P.M. 127, P.Prov.G.S.B., tendered the thanks of the meeting to Bro. Vickers, the host, for the accommodation afforded, after which the brethren dispersed at an early hour.

Royal Arch.

PLYMOUTH.—*Elliott Chapter* (No. 1205).—A special meeting of this chapter was held on the 29th ult at the Metham Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, Plymouth, for the installation of the First Principal elect, Ex. Comp. J. G. Shanks, Capt. Royal Marines Light Infantry, Knight of the Imperial Order of the Mejidie, Past H. of this chapter, and Past Third Grand Principal of the Province of Devon. Comp. Shanks, although now stationed in Scotland on the recruiting service, was unanimously elected to fill the high office of Z. in this chapter, and a goodly number of Principals and other companions assembled to do honour to the occasion. The ceremony of installation was performed by Ex. Comp. Gidley, P.Z. Afterwards three candidates for this sublime degree were duly obligated and exalted, the beautiful ceremonial being most admirably and impressively rendered by Ex. Comp. Shanks. The historical lecture was delivered by Ex. Comp. Cross, J.; the Symbolical by Ex. Comp. Gidley, P.Z.; and the mystic lecture by Ex. Comp. Shanks, Z. The lectures were all given in such a manner as was calculated to impress the minds of the newly-exalted companions with the solemnity and deep religious feeling which pervades the teachings of this degree. On his return to Scotland, Comp. Shanks travelled by the train which met with the fearful catastrophe at Wigan, and although he escaped without any external injuries yet he was severely shaken, and was covered with the blood of some of those who so unfortunately lost their lives on that occasion.

LANGTON.—*Etruscan Chapter* (No. 546).—A convocation of emergency of this young chapter was held on Tuesday, the 29th July, when eleven candidates were balloted for and elected, nine of whom were exalted in a most efficient manner by M.E. Comp. Horton Yates, Z. The prospects of this chapter are most encouraging and it promises to be one of the best in the north of the province, both as regards number and efficiency of its officers.

Knights Templar.

NEWPORT.—*Gwent Preceptory*.—This preceptory was opened at the Masonic Hall, the 31st inst., by E.P., H. M. Kennard, supported by Major S. H. Clerke, D.G.S.P. of England; H. Hellyer, First Captain; S. G. Homfray, Second Captain; Captain Pearson, L. A. Homfray, R. S. Roper, W. Williams, R. J. Chambers, W. Pickford, H. J. Groves, and many other eminent Sir Knights.

After reading the minutes, the ballot was taken for Companion Walter West, who was unanimously elected, and was then duly installed by E.P., H. M. Kennard, who performed the ceremony in a most able and effective manner. Sir Knight H. Hellyer, was then unanimously

elected as E.P. for the next year, to be installed in February. The alms were then collected, and the preceptory closed in due form.

A Priory of Malta was then opened by E.P. Major S. H. Clerke, when Sir Knight Walter West was installed of Knight of Malta. The ceremony was performed in the effective manner in which the gallant Major always performs his Masonic duties. The Province of Monmouthshire is deeply indebted to him for his valuable services, especially as having been the main cause of these degrees being originated in this Province.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWPORT.—*Ivor Hael Chapter Rose Croix*.—On Wednesday, 30th July, this Chapter of Sovereign Princes Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. was opened at the Masonic Hall, Newport, at 3 p.m., when the chapter was honoured with the presence of Ill. Bro. Charles Vigne, M.P.S.G.C., 33°, Lieut. General Doherty, D.G.C., and Major S. H. Clerke, Asst. S.G.; also members of the 33°. The chapter was opened in due form by Ill. Bro. S. G. Homfray, M.W.S., who, after causing the minutes to be read and the ballot to be taken for Bros. Llewellyn Davis, J. R. Davis, Jas. Livingston, and J. T. Nettell, all of 237, Swansea; M. J. Almond, and W. D. Blessley, of 36, Cardiff; C. Bailey, 818, Abergavenny, and T. Pirbank, 683, Iscar, the whole being unanimously elected; then proceeded to perfect Bros. L. Davis, J. R. Davis, and J. T. Nettell, who were in attendance, and performed the ceremony in the most effective manner. Major S. H. Clerke, 33°, then proceeded to install Ill. Bro. L. A. Homfray, 30°, as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and the following appointments were made:—Captain Pearson, Prelate; Col. Lyne, First General; W. H. W. Homfray, Second General; H. M. Kennard, G. Marshal; W. H. Tuckeer, Raphael; R. J. Chambers, Recorder; R. S. Roper, Treasurer; Mansel mith, D. of Ceremonies; Thomas Williams, Almoner; Walter West, Herald; Jas. Goodall, Capt. of Guard; H. J. Groves, Organist. The thanks of the chapter were then given to Ill. Bro. C. Vigne, 33°, M.P.S.G.C., for his attendance, who returned thanks, and introduced Lieut. General Doherty, 33°, as having been appointed District Superintendent. W. Strathers, of Swansea, 237, was then proposed as a member by the P.M.W.S., and the chapter was closed in harmony. The following were present; Ill. Bros. C. J. Vigne, 33°, M.P.S.G.C.; Lieut. General Doherty, 33°; Major S. H. Clerke, 33°; S. G. Homfray, 30°, and L. A. Homfray, 30°; and Sov. Princes, H. M. Kennard, W. H. Tucker, Jas. Goodall, C. Chambers, W. Homfray, R. S. Roper, M. Smith, H. J. Groves, R. B. Broad, Capt. Pearson, and others. The members afterwards dined together at the King's Head, when, in addition to those who attended the chapter, they were honoured with the presence of Ill. Bro. Parkinson, 30°, M.W.S. of the Bard of Avon Chapter, and D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, who made a most eloquent and appropriate speech. The M.W.S. then presented P.M.W.S. jewels, in the name of the chapter, to Ill. Bros. Major S. H. Clerke, 33°, and S. G. Homfray, 30°, for the effective manner in which they had discharged their duties, and supported the chapter during their years of office.

Red Cross of Constantine.

GRAND COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Grand Council of this Order was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., by special command of the Earl of Bective, under the Presidency of Colonel Burdett, G.S.G., who was supported by Sir Knts. K. W. Little, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G.H.A.; J. L. Thomas, G.A.; Angelo J. Lewis, G. Orator; and by a considerable number of the Senate, who joined in the deliberations without the power of voting, amongst them being Sir Knts. T. W. White, S. Rosenthal, T. Burdett Yeoman, and Rev. W. B.

Church. M. I. Bro. A. G. Goodall, G. Sov. of the Grand Council of New York, attended the council, and gave important information as to the position and prospects of the Order in the United States.

Amongst other propositions it was resolved that the fee for charters be increased to two guineas from the 1st of October—that the Canadian Knights be exempted from the payment of all fees to England except those for charters, enrolments and diplomas, and that a renewed application for a second conclave at Wellington, New Zealand, be referred to the Intendant General of that division. Sir Knt. Little presented his credentials and was greeted heartily as Grand Representative for Pennsylvania.

K.H.S.

A Patriarchal Council of the K.H.S. was then held, and it was unanimously resolved that every conclave in the Red Cross Order, in which at least nine Royal Arch Masons are members, be empowered, under its existing charter, to confer the K.H.S. degree, and that the fee payable to the Patriarchal Council for each Knight admitted be half-a-guinea.

The Mount Carmel Sanctuary of the K.H.S. was then opened by the Rev. W. B. Church, Presiding Prelate, and Commander of St. John, assisted by his officers, and by Sir Knts. W. Williams, jun., Intendant General, Monmouthshire; J. Lewis Thomas, G.A.; S. Rosenthal, G.A.M.; and G. Lambert, were created K.H.S. and K.S.J.

The Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John were then closed with the customary solemnities.

A meeting of the Constantine Council of the Cryptic Rite was then held, and Comps. Williams, Thiellay, T. W. White and J. Lewis Thomas were received as M.E., R.S., and S.E. Masters.

The following were admitted into the Rosicrucian Society by the S.M.:—Bros. Williams, Thiellay, Thomas, and Lambert. In this instance vows are not required.

Bro. Williams was also obligated as a Royal Ark Mariner in connection with No. 1, the mother lodge.

The Cryptic Rite.

This Rite, which was introduced into England about two years ago, under the authority of the Grand Council of New York, is now established upon a firm and substantial basis by the formation of a Grand Council for England, Wales, and the Colonies, excepting our dependencies in North America.

On Friday, the 25th ult., a meeting was held at Golden-square, when the representatives of the four Councils of R. and S. Masters located in London met in convention. Illustrious Comps. Capt. N. G. Philips and Hyde Pullen represented the Grand Master's, or No. 1 Council; R. Wentworth Little, T.I.M.; H. E. Levander, D.M.; Rev. W. B. Church, P.C. of Works; T. Cubitt, T. B. Yeoman, and E. Stanton Jones, the Constantine Council No. 2; F. Binckes, T.I.M., the Mark Council No. 3; and S. Rosenthal, T.I.M., the Macdonald Council No. 4.

The Masters of Nos. 2 and 3 were duly installed, after which the following candidates were received and greeted:—Comps. Major G. Barlow, Capt. C. J. Burgess, and H. Dubosc, for No. 1; Colonel F. Burdett, T. W. Coffin, and J. C. Curteis, for No. 2; A. G. Goodall and Hyde Pullen, rendered valuable assistance, and the former was specially thanked, as an American R. and S. Master, for his services. The meeting was then adjourned to Tuesday the 29th ult., at 2, Red Lion-square, when a goodly number of members assembled to form the Grand Council. The Grand Mastership was awarded by a unanimous vote to the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., who was thereupon duly obligated and installed by Comp. F. Binckes, under powers delegated to the latter by the Grand Council of New York. The officers were then appointed as follows:—

Illustrious Comps. Capt. N. G. Philips, D.G.M.; J. M. P. Montagu, G.I.M.; Hyde Pullen, G.P.C. of Works; F. Binckes, G.R.; S. Rosenthal, G.C. of the Guards; Rev. W. B. Church, G.C.; H. E. Levander, G. Lecturer; E. Baxter, G. Marshal; and J. Stevens, G. Stewards. The rank of Past Grand Treasurer was conferred upon Comp. F. Davison. Comp. R. Wentworth Little presented his credentials as a Past Grand Master and Grand Representative from New Brunswick, and was duly acknowledged. Comp. Goodall was appointed Grand Representative of England to the Grand Council of New York. The laws and constitutions of the Rite were then considered seriatim, after which the Grand Council was closed.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mark's Lodge* (No. 102).—An emergency meeting of this old lodge was held on the 27th ult., in St. Mark's Hall, for the purpose of initiating Mr. J. D. Humphries, the well-known intrepid lion tamer. Bro. J. Halket, P.M. 102, took the chair, and performed the ceremonies in that impressive way that characterises all his working. The initiate, though perfectly fearless when in the den of the most ferocious animals, was evidently impressed by the sublime courage evinced by our Grand Master, Hiram. His professional engagement not permitting a longer stay, a few of the brethren met him on the following day, and presented him with a Master Mason's jewel, as a testimony of their respect for his public character and private work. The meeting was a most harmonious one.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

At 4 p.m., on Friday, the 1st of August, the companions of this province met at the Masonic Hall, Newport, to install their Past Grand Master, Col. Lyne, to the proud position of Past Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in this province, he having received his patent from the G.Z., the Marquess of Ripon.

We may remark that less than two years ago this province had but one Royal Arch Chapter, whereas it now numbers four—all well worked and supported, which speaks volumes for the progress of Royal Arch Masonry.

The ceremony was to have been performed by Dr. Hamilton, P.G. Superintendent of Jamaica, but in consequence of the death of a near relative he was obliged to depute the authority to others. The Worthy P.Z., S. G. Homfray, acted as the Presiding Officer, and the chapter was opened in due form by him as Z.; P.Z. Major S. H. Clerke, as H.; and M.Z., C. Wells, as J.

The patent was then read, and P.Z. Col. Lyne was presented by Comps. Pickford, and Hellyer, two of the oldest P.Z.'s in the province. Col. Lyne was then obligated, according to ancient custom, by Major S. H. Clerke, P.Z., and he appointed P.Z. S. G. Homfray, as P.G.H., and M.E.Z., and L. A. Homfray, as P.G.J.

The Principals were then duly invested and proclaimed.

The following appointments were made:—P.Z. Pickford as P.G. Scribe, N.; P.Z. Wells as P.G. Scribe, E.; P.Z. Middleton as P. Sojourner; P.Z. Hellyer, as Assistant Sojourner; P.Z. Olliver, as Assistant Sojourner; 2nd Prin. R. B. Evans, P.G. Treasurer; 3rd Prin. Chambers, P.G. Registrar; M.E.Z. Dr. Brown as P. Sword-bearer; M.E.Z. H. J. Gratte as Standard Bearer; 2nd Prin. Thomas Williams as Director of Ceremonies; 3rd Prin. W. Williams as Janitor; Comp. Groves as Organist.

The officers were duly installed and invested. The P.G. Superintendent then returned thanks in a most appropriate manner, and alluded to the valuable services rendered by Major S. H. Clerke, to whom he proposed a vote thanks for his kindness in being present and taking part in the ceremony.

A vote of thanks was also passed to P.Z. S.

G. Homfray as the Presiding Officer, and the chapter was closed in harmony.

The companions afterwards dined together at the King's Head, numbering over 30.

The following were appointed officers of Provincial Grand Chapter for the ensuing year: Comps. Colonel Charles Lyne, P.G.S.; S. G. Homfray, P.G.H.; L. A. Homfray, P.G.J.; Edward Wells, P.G.S.E.; Wm. Pickford, P.G.S.N.; R. B. Evans, P.G., Treasurer; John Middleton, P.G.P.S.; C. Holmes, P.G.; H. Hellyer, Asst. ditto; D. Brown P.G. Sword Bearer; W. J. Gratte, P.G. Standard Bearer; Thomas Williams, P.G.D.C.; H. J. Groves, P.G.O.; W. Williams, jun., P.G. Janitor.

These were present at the banquet: Comps. Charles Lyne, P.G.S.; S. G. Homfray, P.G.H.; L. A. Homfray, P.G.J.; Major Shadwell Clerke, P.Z.; R. S. Roper; H. J. Gratte, P.G.S.B.; R. B. Evans, P.G.T.; Edwin Hibbard, 471; William Evans, 471; H. Hellyer, P.G.A.S.; D. James, 471; Israel Williams, 1258; Jabez Jacob, 1258; Alfred Jacob, 471; J. Horner, 471 and 1429; E. Whitehall, 1429; W. Randall, W.M., 1429; W. Watkins, 471, 610, and 1429; J. G. Huxtable, 471 and 1429; John Campbell, 471; H. J. Groves, 683; Thomas Williams, 683, P.D.C.; W. Fletcher, 471; Walter West, 683; H. Sanders, 683; T. W. Duckworth, 345; W. Williams, jun., 818; W. Pickford, P.G.S.N.; E. J. Thomas, P.Z., 36, &c., &c.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, NEWPORT.

On Friday, the 1st inst, a new lodge of Craft Masons, designated "The Albert Edward," was consecrated at the Masonic Hall. The gathering was very large, including not fewer than some fifty visitors from "foreign" provinces. It was a very imposing ceremony.

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THE ELEUSINIAN MYSTERIES.

In the Eleusinian Mysteries the following hymn was sung or chanted:—

"I will declare a secret to the initiated;
But let the doors be shut against the profane.
But thou O Musæus, offspring the bright of
Selene,
Attend carefully to my song:
For I shall deliver the Truth without disguise,
Suffer not, therefore, thy former prejudices
To debar thee of that happy life,
Which the knowledge of these sublime truths
Will procure unto thee;
But carefully contemplate this divine oracle,
And preserve it in purity of mind and heart.
Go on in the right way, and see
The sole Governor of the World;
He is one, and of Himself alone;
And to that one all things owe their being.
He operates through all,
Was never seen by mortal eyes,
But does himself see every one."

AN HISTORIC BIBLE.

R. W. Bro. Charles H. Titus furnishes Moore's *Freemasons' Magazine*, for April, with the following interesting historical item:

"In St. John's Lodge, No. 1. A.F. and A.M. of Newark, N. J., there is an old black letter Bible, printed in 1594. This Bible is of Thomas Matthew's translation, a folio, in the Gothic letter, and was printed by 'Ihon Daye, and William Seres.' The title-page to the Bible is gone, but the title-page to the New Testament is there and perfect, with the date 1549, and is otherwise in good condition, having the last leaf with the colophon and printers' names. It was presented to the lodge in the last century by an emigrant from the mother country, the emigrant having previously affiliated with the lodge. In the year 1825 it was stolen from the lodge, and remained away for 25 years, and in 1850 it was traced to Philadelphia, and finally recovered and returned to the lodge in 1857. During the wanderings of these 32 years it lost its first title-page, but also gained something, it having pasted on the inside of the cover a rare engraved portrait, of

Washington, one which the writer, although having seen many collections of Washington portraits, never remembers seeing before.

"At the time Washington had his headquarters in Morristown, N. J., a part of the jewels and furniture of St. John's Lodge was loaned to the travelling lodge, formed in the part of the 'colonial army then wintering at Morristown. Among the things so loaned was the Bible, and during the winter, General the Marquis of Lafayette, then with the army, was entered, passed, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. This Bible was used in the ceremonies, and Lafayette took his obligations upon it. It is known that Washington officiated as 'Master,' on these occasions. The associations connected with this Bible makes it an interesting object to all Masons, while its age and antiquity give its value to the book lover and antiquarian. Lowndes gives its first title thus:

'The Byble

Nowe lately with greate industry and diligence recognised (by Edm. Becke).

Lond. by Ihon Daye and William Seres.

17 Aug. 1549,

"And further says that there are copies of this impression in the Lambeth, British Museum, Bodleian, and other libraries. A copy with one leaf wanting, sold at auction for £6 10s; other copies sold for various sums, one as high as £40. The facts in reference to the Bible having been used during the 'making' of Lafayette, were to be obtained from several old members of the lodge, one of these members being now eighty years of age. He, with the others, had the circumstances related to him by other earlier members who assisted at, or were known to those who did so assist, at the ceremonies above related. It is unnecessary to tell any member of the Craft that information derived from thorough Masons in regard to matters of this kind are likely to be very correct. The Master's chair used on the occasion, though much worn, is looked on with veneration because it once sustained the form of the father of his country."

THE SYMBOL OF THE STONE.

The stone, on account of its hardness, has been from the most ancient times a symbol of strength, fortitude, and a firm foundation. The word EBEN, which signifies a stone, is derived by Gesenius from an obsolete root, ABAN, to build, whence aban, an architect; and he refers it to AMANAH, which means a column, a covenant, and truth. The stone, therefore, says Portal (*Symb. des Egypt.*), may be considered as the symbol of faith and truth; hence Christ taught the very principle of symbology, when he called Peter, who represented faith, the rock or stone on which he would build his Church. But in Hebrew, as well as in Egyptian symbology, the stone was also sometimes the symbol of falsehood. Thus the name of Typhon, the principle of evil in the Egyptian theogony, was always written in the hieroglyphic characters with the determinative sign for a stone. But the stone of Typhon was a hewn stone, which had the same evil signification in Hebrew. Hence Jehovah says in Exodus, "Thou shalt not build me an altar of hewn stone;" and Joshua built Mount Ebal, "an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron." The hewn stone was there a symbol of evil and falsehood; the unhewn stone of good and truth. This must satisfy us that the Masonic symbolism of the stone, which is the converse of this, has not been derived from either the Hebrew or the Egyptian symbology, but sprang from the architectural ideas of the Operative Masons; for in Masonry the ashlar, or unhewn stone, is the symbol of man's evil and corrupt condition; while the perfect ashlar, or the hewn stone, is the symbol of his improved and perfected nature. — *National Freemason.*

CONSERVATISM OF FREEMASONRY.

The *New Orleans Bulletin* remarks concerning the Fraternity of the United States.

"Here is a body of men composed of all classes and professions, entertaining every kind of opinion upon religion and politics, and existing in every state of the union, who come

together and exhibit among themselves the utmost harmony of freedom and action. No word of opprobrium escapes from the lips of anyone to insult and wound the feelings of another. No fierce anathema of sections is heard. No extravagance is indulged in. Everything is quiet, gentlemanly, respectful, dignified. The bitterest political enemies meet face to face, and you shall never know by their actions or words that they do not belong to the same party. Religionists the most opposite embrace each other in the arms of an exalted charity. Fanaticism finds no entrance into the society of the brotherhood. Not a wave of discord disturbs the waters of the inner temple, no plunge into the abyss of atheism, rant, or lawlessness, shocks the moral senses of mankind. No revolutionary hydra comes up from beneath to break up the foundation of order and send the tornado over the fair face of society. But what is the secret of their unanimity—of their harmony, of their brotherly love—of the conservative front, which without a tremor, they maintain, amid the general commotion, hatred, and fanaticism existing around them? It is found, it seems to strike us, in one word—Toleration."

GOOD MASON.—The good Mason is an example to his neighbors, and his name and character proverbial. Those who are younger venerate him; his companions love him. In his family he is high without severity, and condescending without meanness; his commands are gentle; indeed, his wishes are his commands, for all are equally ready to answer his desires. To his wife he is the tender husband, not the usurping lord; to his children he is the kind providential father, not the domineering tyrant; to his servant he is equally the friend as the superior. Thus ruling, he is obeyed with cheerfulness; and thus his home is, whether a cottage or a palace, while he is present, the habitation of peace. When he leaves, it is with reluctance, and when absent his returning is expected with pleasing avidity.—*Inwood.*

Original Correspondence.

JACHIN AND BOAZ.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*

Dear Sir and Brother,

Dr. Mackey, in his *Lexicon* (page 235), says that these pillars were set up, Jachin on the right or south side of the porch, and Boaz on the left or north.

A correspondent of *The Freemason* some time since alluded to this, and in confirmation of this opinion referred to a passage in scripture, in which it was said that Boaz was set up next the north wind. I have mislaid my note of the reference; could you oblige me with it, or perhaps some of your readers would. 2nd Chronicles, Chapter 3, verse 17, wont help me.

Yours truly,

H.

EGYPTIAN HALL.

If any thing could settle the pretensions of the soi-disant spiritualists, and make them exclaim, "Othello's occupation's gone!" we should say that it would be the marvellous entertainment of Maskelyne and Cook, the "Royal Illusionists," who not only imitate, but emulate the hitherto unexplained mysteries of the Davenport Brothers. The feats hitherto professedly accomplished by spiritual agency, Messrs. Maskelyne and Cook perform by simple dexterity and sleight of hand. This part of the entertainment is supplemented by astounding feats of plate dancing, an illusion, entitled "Decapitation Extraordinary," concluding with a transformation sketch, entitled, "Will, the Witch, and the Watch," in which some extraordinary effects are accomplished that no pen can describe, and which must be seen to be appreciated.

A memorial of the late Field-Marshal Sir George Pollock, constable of the Tower, has been placed in Westminster Abbey.

THE RELIGIOUS QUESTION AND FREEMASONRY IN BRAZIL.

(Concluded from page 506.)

The Masons were not persecuted in the name of Catholicity alone, for even the Sultan of Constantinople persecuted them; so it may be seen that the persecution had an origin other than religion—it arose from the influence exercised by it then on the political events of some countries.

For instance, it is known that in Great Britain Masonry contributed greatly to the restoration of the monarchy destroyed by Cromwell, and Charles II. ascended the throne of his fathers through the influence of the British Masons, especially of those of Scotland.

But in Brazil Masonry has been almost useless to politics; it has kept entirely apart, peaceful and neutral, so that politicians of all creeds meet with the utmost fraternity at its meetings.

The Masonic symbols, of which so much has been said, are allegories and traditions signifying nothing contrary to religion; the noble senators who so piously say *amen* to the excommunication of the Brazilian Masons may laugh at them, but they may not allege therewith that we are heretics or heresiarchs.

The Temple of Solomon, whose allegory the noble Senator considered one of his stones of scandal, is merely the first manifestation of the dogma of a single true God, a remembrance alluding to the works of art of the ancient Freemasons, a symbol of the moral and universal temple in which Christian civilisation should unite all humanity. All these symbols are drawn from sacred history, and therefore I do not know how they who do not disdain to employ the mythology created by paganism, can see even a blasphemy in the expression "Supreme Architect of the Universe," as though God were not the creator of the world, and that His wisdom, His power and His goodness are not adored in this formula. (Applause.)

In fine, Mr. President, all I know of Masonry is that its maxims are love of God, of our neighbour, and virtue. I think, therefore, that there is not only an injustice but even a mistake, a gross mistake, in politics and in religion, to seek to arouse this persecutory crusade against societies so numerous, so radicated in this country, so peaceful up to now, and to whom many families are owing their subsistence; against societies in which the catholic religion has sincere and devoted adepts, who are living examples of domestic and civic virtues.

The acts of the Prelate of Pernambuco have raised a question of law or jurisdiction which has been submitted to the study of the government. Its decision will be given after the affair has been thoroughly studied in all its gravity and bearings.

As regards the question of fact, I ask of the noble Senator for Maranham that, whenever he wishes to know what Masonry is in Brazil—

Sr. Zacarias:—Let him become a Mason.

Sr. F. Octaviano:—It would be the best way.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—he will talk on it with some Brazilian Mason, and will not allow himself to be borne away by what the inquisitors have said of the societies, or by what one or two Masons, in the use of their full liberty of thought, may have written in Brazil. How many things have not been written on the catholic religion which have been repudiated and condemned by the catholics themselves! How many heresies have not been said of our constitutional law without their authors being expelled therefor from our political communion! I would not be very rash if, supported by the authority of the noble Senator for Para, I should observe to the noble Senator for Maranham that in his theories, which he will allow me to qualify as ultramontane, there are real political heresies, they going against the express maxims of our constitutional law, as in that relating to the placet.

Sr. Mendes De Almeida:—I beg of Y. Ex. to read this part of my speech again.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—Does not the noble Senator judge badly of Masonry because it professes religious tolerance, because in its bosom there is place for all creeds and all nationalities? if this be a crime, civil society is committing it at every instant, for I think that Brazil, though a catholic nation, does not cease to maintain good

relations with protestant nations, and even with Turkey.

As Masonry treats neither of politics nor religion, as its mission is purely moral and beneficent, the fraternity is a natural one, and very conformable with the Christian religion and the general interests of humanity.

Sr. Mendes De Almeida:—The competent judge does not say so.

Visconde De Souza Franca:—Judges we are all of us.

Visconde do Rio Branco:—I believe, Mr. President, that this matter—Masonry in Brazil—is within the dominion of reason and public censure, that it is not a point of faith (*assents*). God preserve us, indeed, from a principle of faith which denies to us the right to appreciate the character and tendencies of a Brazilian civil association, upon the grounds that the spiritual power has declared it anti-religious. If to-day the principle be admitted in relation to Masonry, tomorrow the same power will say that another civil institution comes within its anathema, will proscribe its members, leaving to them no other recourse than to be silent, obey and suffer.

Sr. Mendes de Almeida:—How Y. Ex. is apart from Christianity!

Visconde do Rio Branco:—And who would answer to civil society for the profound shocks given to it by a doctrine so extreme, one which the noble Senator for Maranham might with propriety call religious politics?

No. Mr. President, the character of the Masonic Societies in Brazil and elsewhere is no dogma, no matter of religious faith, it is a question of fact which is within the plenary dominion of public reason. (Cries of assent.) Wherefore, the noble Senator may not pretend to impose silence on me with the word of a higher judge, said to have condemned Masonry.

I deny that there is such a condemnation of the Brazilian societies; the Masonry condemned was that of Europe, in remote times, and in modern ones by the present Pontiff, but for other reasons, and without the civil effects sought to be given amongst us to the ecclesiastical censure. The anathema launched upon the Masonic Institution in Europe had it, cause in the confusion of politics with religion, and if it was renewed in modern days, not, however, with the intolerance now preached within Brazil, it was in consequence of events in Italy, events which are threatening to exert a perilous influence upon the religious feelings of all Christianity, because there is insufficient prudence on the part of those who call themselves the best interpreters and the most strenuous defenders of Christianity.

I have finished. (Cries of very good, very good.)

TRADES' GUILD OF LEARNING.

A deputation waited upon the Marquess of Ripon, M.P., at the Privy Council Office Downing-street, for the purpose of asking the Government to co-operate with and to assist the Council of the above Guild in their efforts to educate the workmen of England in a technical sense. The deputation was introduced by Sir Antonio Brady (who stated its object) and consisted of a large number of representative working men.

The Rev. H. Solly, then laid before the Marquess of Ripon a paper which had been drawn up and adopted by the Council of the Guild, as expressing what they would like to see brought about. The artisans complained that there were no sources of information readily accessible or generally diffused as to what the department meant to do to assist them. Working men found it expensive to make a journey to South Kensington, and therefore desired museums in other parts, and especially called attention to the fact that the department did not supply teachers who understood the practical application of scientific principles to the various trades. They supplied teachers, but they did not understand the practical working of the trades. The certificates of competency was too often of such a class as to render no aid to the manufacturing industry of the country. The rev. gentleman also alluded to the demoralisation of the apprentice system.

Messrs. Savage, Latter, Langridge, Franklin, and others having spoken.

The Marquess of Ripon asked whether he was to take the document read as the expressed opinion of the Council. Having been answered in the affirmative, he said the best thing he could say was, that he would promise it should receive (between the present time and the time when it would be possible to come to any decision), the most careful consideration, and if they had occasion to require more information, no doubt some of the gentlemen present would supply it. Some of the proposals were too new for him to pass any opinion upon until he had more opportunity of studying the subject. With regard to what the State was doing at present he must refer them for particulars to the Art and Science Directories.

It was stated by the deputation that these directories were too expensive and difficult to obtain for the working classes, and what they desired was a condensed abstract of them.

The Marquis also stated that Major Donnelly, who was present, would be happy to afford any information in his power.

The deputation shortly afterwards withdrew, after some conversation with Major Donnelly.

DEATH OF THE DUCHESS OF INVERNESS.

The death is announced of Cecilia Letitia, Duchess of Inverness, who, after a protracted illness, died on Thursday, the 31st ult., at Kensington Palace. The deceased Duchess, who was in her 84th year, was eldest surviving daughter of Arthur Saunders, second Earl of Arran, by Elizabeth, his third wife, daughter of Mr. Rd. Underwood, of Dublin. The late Duchess married, on May 14, 1815, Sir George Buggin, Knight, who died in April, 1825. In May, 1831, Lady Cecilia assumed her maternal surname and arms of Underwood by virtue of the King's sign manual. Her ladyship was afterwards privately married to his Royal Highness the late Duke of Sussex, and as a mark of her Majesty's favour to her royal uncle, she was pleased to grant the dignity of a Duchess of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to Lady Cecilia, "by the name, style, and title of Duchess of Inverness," which was gazetted 31st March, 1840. The Duchess leaving no issue the title becomes extinct. The Earl and Countess of Erroll, Lady Julia Lockwood, Lord and Lady Napier, Lord and Lady Carbery, Hon. Charles Gore, and Lord and Lady Ruthven, and several other noble families are placed in mourning by the death of the venerable duchess. The news of the Duchess's demise was transmitted to her Majesty by telegraph. The remains of the duchess will be placed in the same vault with those of his Royal Highness the late Duke of Sussex, in Kensal-green Cemetery.—*Echo*.

It will be interesting to the Craft to know that the deceased Duchess presented to the Grand Lodge of England, the magnificent testimonial which was given to H.R.H. the late Duke of Sussex, in 1838, upon the completion of the 25th year of his Grand Mastership.—Ed. F.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—Mr. W. Beecham, a student at Alston College, has successfully passed his preliminary examination at the Royal College of Surgeons (England); and in addition has satisfactorily acquitted himself in French.—*Preston Chronicle*.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.—The Rev. T. A. Peters, of Alston College, has been elected a member of the above society, the president of which is the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G.—*Preston Chronicle*.

THE 'DAILY TELEGRAPH' ASSYRIAN EXPEDITION.—The *Daily Telegraph* announces that Mr. George Smith has returned from his successful labours in Assyria in excellent health. The boxes containing the lighter and more valuable objects of his collection were detained in Alexandretta through the obstinacy of the Turkish officials, and Mr. Smith was obliged to sail without them. The difficulty has been set right by the good offices of Sir Henry Elliot, and these important packages have now been shipped, and will soon arrive.

FREEMASONRY IN MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Last week was great, Masonically speaking, in Monmouthshire, a province in which the Craft finds a congenial home. It was, indeed, a week of Masonic meetings, including the consecration of a new Craft lodge, meetings of Provincial Grand Chapter, and of the Knights Templar, and Ancient and Accepted Rite, reports of which will be found under their respective headings. There was, of course, a round of Masonic banquets, in which toasts were given and honoured in right Masonic style.

Perhaps the most important banquet was that held on the 1st inst. at the King's Head Hotel, presided over by Bro. Col. Charles Lyne, Bro. Randall, the W.M. of the new lodge being vice.

The toasts were of the usual character, but it may be mentioned that the new Provincial Chapter, and the new Albert Edward Lodge, were toasted with great enthusiasm on this memorable occasion.

Masonic Tidings.

FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.—The following appeared in the Paris correspondence of the *Echo*.—It appears that the Government is turning its attention to the Order of Freemasons. You are aware that this ancient and formidable corporation, although founded on exclusively philanthropic principles, has been much abused by many of its French members, who have made free use of it to advance, in an underhand way, their socialist and political doctrines. We had a striking and scandalous instance of this during the Commune, when a batch of Freemasons openly violated the ruling principles of the Order. The Government evidently fears that the Order is again being turned aside from its object by its hot-headed political members, and instructions have been sent off to the Prefects to inquire into, and report on the number and condition of the lodges in their departments, the names and character of the members, and the general effect of the Order.

On the 27th June the New Temple of Lodge "Union et Bienfaisance" situated in the Avenue d'Italie Paris, was inaugurated in the presence of Bro. Cremieux, President of the Rite Ecossais.

During the past year the Grand Orient of France has consecrated several new lodges. Others are in course of formation, and will shortly be opened.

The four lodges at Rouen have united to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the initiation of Bro. Desseux, advocate, the Father of Masonry in that city, and who has rendered distinguished services to French Masonry.

From Spain we learn that the Grand Lodge has under its jurisdiction 93 lodges, of which 26 are in Madrid, 5 in Cadiz, 5 in Malaga, 3 in Valencia, 3 in Almeria, and 2 in Barcelona. This is a good list, considering that the Grand Lodge only dates its legal existence from 1868. There are besides a considerable number of lodges under foreign jurisdictions, which have not affiliated with the Grand Orient of Spain.

THE LONDON MASONIC GLEE UNION.—Under the above title we learn that a glee party, consisting of Bros. John Hodges and Kerr Gedge of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, and Frederick Walker and R. De Lacy, of St. Paul's Cathedral, has been formed to supply a long felt want, viz., that of appropriate music of a high class for inaugurations, installations, and other solemn occasions, as well as the light and pleasant duties appertaining to the festive board. We should like to hear of similar associations amongst our provincial brethren in the great Masonic centres of Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Hull, and Bristol, and other well-known districts where the royal art prevails.

Our worthy and esteemed Bro. Frederick Perkins, Sheriff of Middlesex, was introduced to her Majesty at Osborne, on the 4th inst., and received the honour of knighthood. Our Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon, was present as Secretary of State, in the absence of the Secretary of State for the Home Department. We are glad to congratulate Bro. Sir Frederick on his deserved honours, and hope we may have to record higher favours at no distant date.

Bro. Ex-sherriff Hutton has been elected Renter Bailiff for the Weavers' Company.

Bro. Edwin Sillifant, has been appointed auditor to the Maughold-Head Mining Company (Limited).

The Masonic Trowel, Springfield, Ill., has been incorporated with *The Freemason*, of St. Louis, Bro. Reynolds will continue to edit the "Illinois Department."

The new Masonic Lodge, the United Service, was consecrated on Tuesday, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Southsea Assembly Rooms, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master. The business of the province was transacted and the officers were elected, Colonel the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe being appointed Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. T. W. Boord, 31°, has been elected by a large majority to the representation of Greenwich.

A special meeting of the Southampton Town Council took place on Saturday, at which it was resolved to invite the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London to a banquet in that town on their return from Osborne, after receiving the honours which her Majesty the Queen is about to confer on them. One of the Sheriffs (Bro. Sir. F. Perkins) is a Southampton man, and has been five times Mayor of that town.

One of the last acts of the Bishop of Winchester was to write to Sir Bro. Frederick Perkins, whom he had previously known as Mayor of Southampton, in the following terms, the letter being probably the last he wrote:—"Winchester House, St. James's-square, July 19th.—My dear Sir Frederick,—Allow one who watches with pleasure every success which comes to you, to congratulate you on well-achieved honours.—Yours most truly, S. WINTON."

POSTAGE OF NEWSPAPERS.—Some useful information and valuable hints respecting the postage of newspapers for transmission abroad are found in the Postmaster-General's report, just issued. Last year nearly 600,000 newspapers, posted for abroad, had to be stopped in their progress owing to insufficient payment of postage. Many persons appear to think that a penny, or even a halfpenny stamp, will carry a newspaper of any weight to any place whatever, whereas, as the Postmaster-General points out, no newspaper can be sent abroad for a halfpenny; and it is only to certain countries, and by certain routes, and when the weight does not exceed a quarter of a pound, that even a penny will suffice; while, as a rule, unless the full postage is prepaid, the newspaper cannot be forwarded at all. As the Post-office has generally no means of ascertaining who are the senders of newspapers insufficiently paid, copies are necessarily destroyed, and thus not only the newspaper but also the sum paid upon it is sacrificed. It cannot, says the report, be too strongly impressed upon persons sending newspapers to their friends in the colonies and other places abroad, that the halfpenny rate is applicable to inland newspapers only; that on newspapers going abroad the lowest rate is one penny, and that when the weight of any newspaper exceeds four ounces, the lowest rate is twopence. The neglect of another rule, viz., the fixing eight days from the date of publication as the limit within which a newspaper must be posted for foreign transmission, also leads to the loss of a large number of newspapers, such number last year having been more than 100,000.

THE CHINESE having been re-organising their army, which now numbers 300,000 men, armed with Enfield, Remington, and Colt's rifles, with a full complement of rifled artillery.

A circular⁷ has been issued from the Local Government Board to the various local authorities, advising sanitary measures to prevent the outbreak or spread of cholera in this country.

Amongst the Civil List pensions recently published is one of £300 to Dr. Livingstone, in consideration of his discoveries in Central Africa

Poetry:

A MASTER MASON'S PRAYER.

By BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. and P.Z. 177.

Oh bright morning star whose rising brings peace,

May my path be illumined by Thee
In all conflicts in life, and much more in death,
Through Thee may I conqueror be!

When all's bright around, and I'm tempted to stray

Into ways that by Thee are unblest,
May the thoughts that impress'd me, when raised
to new life,
Bring me back to my refuge and rest!

And when through the Valley of Death I must pass,

May its shadow be all that I see;
By thy rod and staff comforted, as I pass on
To those bright and blest mansions with
Thee!

THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY.

"Scatter the germs of the beautiful!

By the wayside let them fall,
That the rose may spring by the cottage gate,
And the vine on the garden wall;
Cover the rough and the rude of earth.
With a veil of leaves and flowers,
And mark with the opening bud and cup
The march of Summer's hours.

"Scatter the germs of the beautiful

In the holy shrine of home;
Let the pure, and the fair, and the graceful
there

In the loveliest lustre come.
Leave not a trace of deformity
In the temple of the heart,
But gather about the earth its germs
Of nature and of art.

"Scatter the germs of the beautiful

In the temples of our God—
The God who starred th' uplifted sky,
And flower'd the trampled sod;
When He built a temple for himself,
And a home for his priestly race,
He reared each arch in symmetry
And curved each line in grace.

"Scatter the germs of the beautiful

In the depths of the human soul;
They bud and blossom, and bear the fruit.
While the endless ages roll.
Plant with the flowers of charity
The portals of the tomb,
And the fair and the pure about this path
In Paradise shall bloom."

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE IN THE VIENNA EXHIBITIONS.

Francis Langer, a sculptor of Kaaden, but born at Weipert, began to cut the model of Solomon's Temple out of lime-tree wood, according to the details given by the historian, Josephus Flavius. For thirty years he worked unceasingly at the laborious work, and at length died in 1850, at the age of 72. His son continued the unfinished work, 1858. Two citizens of Kaaden then took the matter in hand, and partly by working at it themselves, and partly by getting others to follow the plans and details left behind by Langer, succeeded in effecting it. The completed work takes up a space of three hundred and twenty-five feet. The present owners applied to the directors of the Vienna Exhibition as to whether they might exhibit it, and, after some little delay, received a reply that space should be reserved for it. This result of their labour during so many years requires twenty-eight cases to pack it in, and has been forwarded to the Exhibition at Vienna.

His Majesty the Shah of Persia has consented to become patron of the British Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

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Answers to Correspondents.

A. B. M.—(Calcutta).—Instructions to send your "The Freemason" were received from Mr. G. He wished us, to send it for 12 months, the first copy to be accompanied with the bill, on receipt of which you would forward post office order.

EXCELSIOR.—We do not publish anonymous communications.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending August 16.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee, Bro. E. Saker. Mr. Richard Young's Comedy Company.

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee, Bro. H. Leslie. Mr. Powell and Equestrian Dramas.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee, Mr. Seton Parry. Mr. Dan Bryant in Irish Dramas.

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frezee. Burlesque of "The Forty Thieves," "Quakers and Shakers," and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artists and Programme.

NEW STAR MUSIC HALL, Williamson-square.—Manager, Bro. Saunders. Opera and Special Attractions.

ROTUNDA THEATRE and MUSIC HALL.—Proprietor, Mr. D. Gannett. Miscellaneous Entertainments.

NEWSOMES CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circus and other Entertainments.

QUEEN'S HALL.—The Ghost.

The Freemason,

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COMPAGNONAGE OF THE FRENCH HANDICRAFTS.

BY ALBERT G. MACKAY, M.D.

Compagnonage, or companionship, is the name which is given in France to certain mystical associations formed between workmen of the same or an analogous handicraft, whose object is to afford mutual assistance to the members. It was at one time considered among handicraftsmen as the second degree of the novitiate before arriving at the *maîtrise* or mastership, the first being of course that of apprentice; and workmen were admitted into it only after five years of apprenticeship, and on the production of a skillfully constructed piece of work, which was called their *chef d'œuvre*.

Tradition gives to *compagnonage* a Hebraic origin, which to some extent assimilates it to the traditional history of Freemasonry as spring-

ing out of the Solomonic Temple. It is, however, certain that it arose in the twelfth century, out of a part of the corporations of workmen. These, who prosecuted the labours of their Craft from province to province, could not shut their eyes to the narrow policy of the Guilds or corporations, which the Masters were constantly seeking to make more exclusive. Thence they perceived the necessity of forming for themselves associations or confraternities, whose protection should accompany them in all their laborious wanderings, and secure to them employment and fraternal intercourse when arriving in strange towns.

The *Compagnons de la Tour*, which is the title assumed by those who are the members of the brotherhoods of *Compagnonage*, have legends which have been traditionally transmitted from age to age, by which, like the Freemasons, they trace the origin of their association to the Temple of King Solomon. These legends are three in number; for the different societies in *Compagnonage* recognise three different founders, and hence make three different associations, which are:—

1. The Children of Solomon.
2. The Children of Maître Jacques.
3. The Children of Père Soubise.

These three societies or classes of *Compagnons* are irreconcilable enemies, and reproach each other with the imaginary contests of their supposed founders.

The Children of Solomon pretend that King Solomon gave them their *devoir* or guild as a reward for their labours at the Temple, and that he had there united them into a brotherhood.

The Children of Maître Jacques say that their founder, who was the son of a celebrated architect named *Jacquain* or *Jacques*, was one of the chief masters of Solomon, and a colleague of Hiram. He was born in a small city of Gaul, named *Carte*, and now *St. Romille*, but which we should in vain look for on the maps.

From the age of fifteen he was employed in stone-cutting. He travelled in Greece, where he learned sculpture and architecture; afterwards went to Egypt, and thence to Jerusalem, where he constructed two pillars with so much skill, that he was immediately received as a Master of the Craft. Maître Jacques and his colleague Père Soubise, after the labours of the Temple were completed, resolved to go together to Gaul, swearing that they would never separate; but the union did not last very long, in consequence of the jealousy excited in Père Soubise by the ascendancy of Maître Jacques over their disciples. They parted, and the former landed at Bourdeaux, and the latter at Marseilles.

One day Maître Jacques, being far away from his disciples, was attacked by ten of those of Père Soubise. To save himself he fled into a marsh, where he sustained himself from sinking by holding on to the reeds, and was eventually rescued by his disciples. He then retired to *Sainte Baume*, but being soon after betrayed by a disciple, named according to some *Jerson*, and according to others *Jamaïs*, he was assassinated by five blows of a dagger, in the 47th year of his age, four years and nine days after his departure from Jerusalem. On his robe was subsequently found a reed, which he wore in

memory of his having been saved in the marsh, and thenceforth his disciples adopted the reed as the emblem of their Order.

Père Soubise is not generally accused of having taken any part in the assassination. The tears which he shed over the tomb of his colleague removed, in part, the suspicions which had at first rested on him. The traitor who committed the crime subsequently, in a moment of deep contrition, cast himself into a well, which the disciples of Maître Jacques filled up with stones.

The relics of the martyr were long preserved in a sacred chest, and when his disciples afterwards separated into different Crafts, his hat was given to the hatters, his tunic to the stone-cutters, his sandals to the locksmiths, his mantle to the joiners, his girdle to the carpenters, and his staff to the cartwrights.

According to another tradition, Maître Jacques way no other than Jacques de Molay, the last Grand Master of the Templars, who had collected under his banner some of the Children of Solomon, who had separated from the parent society, and who, about 1268, conferred upon them a new *devoir* or guild. Père Soubise is said, in the same legend, to have been a Benedictine Monk, who gave to the carpenters some special statutes. This second legend is generally recognised as more truthful than the first. From this it follows, that the division of the society of *Compagnonage* into three classes dates from the 13th century, and that the Children of Maître Jacques and of Père Soubise are more modern than the Children of Solomon, from whom they were a dismemberment.

The organisation of these associations of *compagnonage* reminds one very strongly of the somewhat similar organisation of the stonemasons of Germany and of other countries in the middle ages. To one of these three classes every handicraftsman in France was expected to attach himself. There was an initiation and a system of degrees, which were four in number: the Accepted Companion, the Finished Companion, the Initiated Companion, and lastly the Affiliated Companion. There were also signs, and words as modes of recognition, and decorations, which varied in the different *devoirs*, but to all the square and compasses was a common emblem.

As soon as a Craftsman had passed through his apprenticeship he joined one of the guilds, and commenced his journey over France, which was called the *Tour de France*, and in the course of which he visited the principal cities, towns, and villages, stopping for a time wherever he could secure employment. In almost every town there was a house of call, presided over always by a woman, who was affectionately called "*la Mère*," or the Mother, and the same name was given to the house itself. Here the *Compagnons* held their meetings and annually elected their officers, and travelling workmen repaired there to obtain food and lodging, and the necessary information which might lead to employment.

When two companions met on the road, one of them addressed the other with the *topage* or challenge, being a formula of words, the conventional reply to which indicated that the other was a member of the same *devoir*. If such was the case, friendly greetings ensued. But if the reply

was not satisfactory, and it appeared that they belonged to different associations, a war of words, and even of blows, was the result. Such was formerly the custom; but through the evangelic labors of Agricol Perdiquier, a journeyman joiner of Avignon, who travelled through France inculcating lessons of brotherly love, a better spirit now exists.

In each locality the association has a chief, who is annually elected by ballot at the General Assembly of the Craft. He is called the First Compagnon of Dignity. He presides over the meetings, which ordinarily take place on the first Sunday of every month, and represents the Society in its intercourse with other bodies, with the Masters, or with the municipal authorities.

Compagnonage has been exposed at various periods to the persecutions of the Church and the State, as well as to the opposition of the corporations of Masters, to which, of course, its designs were antagonistic, because it opposed their monopoly. Unlike them, and particularly the corporation of Freemasons, it was not under the protection of the Church. The practice of its mystical receptions were condemned by the Faculty of Theology at Paris in 1655 as impious. But a hundred years before, in 1541, a decree of Francis I had interdicted the Compagnons de la Tour from binding themselves by an oath, from wearing swords or canes, from assembling in a greater number than five outside of their Master's houses, or from having banquets on any occasion. During the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries the Parliaments were continually interposing their power against the associations of Compagnonage, as well as against other Fraternities. The effects of these persecutions, although embarrassing, were not absolutely disastrous. In spite of them, Compagnonage was never entirely dissolved, although a few of the trades abandoned their devoirs, some of which, however, such as that of the shoemakers, were subsequently renewed. At this day the guilds of the workmen still exist in France, having lost, it is true, much of their original code of religious dogmas and symbols; and although not recognised by the law, always tolerated by the municipal authorities and undisturbed by the police. To the Masonic scholar the history of these devoirs or guilds is peculiarly interesting. In nearly all of them the Temple of Solomon prevails as a predominant symbol, while the square and compasses, their favourite and constant device, would seem in some way to identify them with Freemasonry, so far at least as respects the probability of a common origin.—*National Freemason.*

The formal opening of the Devon and Somerset Railway, from Wiveliscombe to Dulverton, took place at the latter place. A large stock market was opened, for which the land had been given by the Earl of Carnarvon. A great number of the nobility and gentry of the county sat down to a dinner, at which his lordship presided. The line extends from Taunton to Barnstaple, a distance of 43 miles, and passes through a rich district of iron and copper ores.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was holden in the Mechanic's Institution, Uppermill, Saddleworth, on Wednesday, 30th of July, at one o'clock, p.m., under the banner of the Candour Lodge No. 337, John Hirst, Junior, W.M., about 150 brethren being present. After the usual opening ceremony, the brethren saluted the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Bentley Shaw, F.P. and D.L.) according to ancient custom, who, after warmly thanking the brethren for their kind and cordial welcome, proceeded to say that he was desired by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G.) to express his sincere regret that his official duties would not permit him to leave London at this busy time of the session of Parliament.

It is a matter of regret to you, brethren, and I may be permitted to say to none more than to myself; I indulged the hope, some how or other that we might get his lordship amongst these Saddleworth Hills, and I did not relinquish that hope until Monday last, when he announced his inability to leave London.

Since we last met at Huddersfield, we have had to deplore the removal by death of the Earl of Zetland, who presided for more than a quarter of a century over our great Masonic Fraternity. His lordship, as you know, died somewhat suddenly at Aske Hall, near Richmond, in this county, on Monday the 6th of May, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, he having been born 5th of February, 1795, having retired, by reason of failing health, from his high office of Most Worshipful Grand Master of England some time previously. His memory will be long cherished by the Freemasons of England as being redolent of every Masonic virtue, and of every mental quality which could adorn and dignify the man. Peace be to his ashes!

We have great reason to congratulate ourselves brethren, that we have a noble and able successor to Lord Zetland in the Marquess of Ripon. You in this province more especially can appreciate his work who, since his installation on 22nd of May, 1861, has most admirably governed this province as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. I am sure you will all join me in the fervent prayer that he may long live to employ his talents and devote his energies in promotion of the best interests of our time-honoured Craft. I would earnestly recommend you, brethren, to bear in mind the excellent advice his lordship gives us whenever he is able to come amongst us, sitting as he now does on the Throne of Freemasonry; his opportunities for observation are not confined to West Yorkshire alone, he has oversight of every province of which his Masonic realm is composed, no wonder that he should again and again reiterate the advice to be careful as to whom we admit into our several lodges Brethren, as loyal Freemasons never forget to carry out this injunction, and in order to this end it is needful that every Worshipful Master should make himself acquainted with the Book of Constitutions, the Bye-Laws of Provincial Grand Lodge and of his own Lodge.

In admitting new members from other towns, joining members also, the true meaning and scope of Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-Laws 47 and 48, should be fully complied with. Our indefatigable and devoted Secretary, Bro. Henry Smith, will shortly issue, I believe, an amended, form of inquiry for the use of lodges in regard to this matter. Too much care cannot be taken where candidates are introduced from other towns and places where lodges already exist, and remembering as I do that we are now assembled on the borders of two important Provinces, East Lancashire and Cheshire, the former of which has adopted pretty nearly our Bye-Laws, may we hope that both the provinces will assist and do all in their power to prevent undesirable candidates crossing the border, and then re-crossing it as full pledged Masons, in spite of their neighbours, who may have considered them unworthy.

There is an important subject for congratulation to which I must briefly allude, namely, the

extinction of the debt of the Royal Masonic Institution for boys. Not only is the debt discharged, but a sum of £2,000 is being expended in providing sleeping room for about thirty additional boys, who will by next May make the number one hundred and fifty, or more than double, I believe, since 1850. Brethren, it is to the untiring energy and undaunted perseverance of Bro. Frederick Binckes that we owe this long wished for consummation. An effort is being made in London to raise funds to present Bro. Binckes with a suitable recognition of his services. I feel sure West Yorkshire will gladly assist.

We have to-day as our guest Bro. James Terry, recently appointed Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, his first official visit to Yorkshire. I am sure we heartily bid him welcome, and trust that he will take back with him a long list of names of Stewards for the annual festival in January, 1874. From the Annuity Fund we derive large benefits, and we should endeavour to show our gratitude and sympathy by regular and systematic subscription.

I may just revert, as a matter of history, to our previous visits to the locality, viz., on the 4th June, 1849, when the foundation stone of Christ Church, Friezland, was laid; the lodge then met at the Bell Hotel, Delph, and again on 12th June, 1858, when the foundation stone of the fine building in which we are now assembled was laid with Masonic honours; on that occasion the lodge was held at Dobcross.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master concluded by thanking the brethren for their very patient attention, and craved their support until the business of the day was completed.

The business being gone through, several petitions were presented for assistance, and on the motion of Bro. Thomas Hill, P.M. 302, P. Prov. G.W., and Charman of the Charity Committee, a sum of £10 was voted in each case. It was also resolved that a like sum should be devoted to the Binckes Testimonial. Bro. Scratcherd, Prov. G.D., on behalf of the W.M. and brethren of Probity Lodge, No. 61, Halifax, applied for the honour of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge in October. The lodge was then closed in form and with solemn prayer shortly before three o'clock.

The banquet was served in the large hall which had been recently re-decorated.

The W.M., Bro. W. Blackburn, P. Prov. G.D. and other active members of Candour Lodge had undertaken the entire providing and management of the banquet, which was served cold, with the exception of fish, soup, and vegetables, giving great satisfaction to the brethren who had the pleasure of being present. The tickets being limited to 103, every seat was filled. During dinner Bro. Hemingway, P. Prov. G.O., assisted by a string band, played a selection of lively music. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The musical talent was chiefly sustained by members of the lodge. Bro. Bentley Shaw, D. Prov. G.M., was compelled to leave at six o'clock to catch his train. Bro. Hirst took his place and was heartily supported by a number of his brethren and visitors from Lancashire and Cheshire.

THE NATIONAL REVENUE from April 1st to July 26th, was £21,867,648, against £22,570,017 in the corresponding period of last year. The expenditure in the same period of the current year was £29,095,634, against £26,402,818 in 1872. The balances on the 26th inst. were £2,813,768, against £4,921,134 at the same time last year.

CAUSE, COURSE AND CONSEQUENCE OF NEGLECTED MALADIES.—Between stomach and kidneys there exists a close and intimate relation, which is demonstrated by the waiting, which occurs in all diseases affecting the kidneys. Disordered stomach is often the first symptom of renal irregularity; Holloway's remedies used at that juncture, cut short many a serious and fatal attack. They act with wonderful efficiency on every organ of secretion, but especially do they regulate the stomach, liver, and kidneys, by restoring their healthy functions and casting out any obstructions or impurity. It is necessary for the Ointment to be well rubbed over the affected parts twice daily; when absorbed it must augment the purifying and salutary influence of the Pills.—ADVT.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Canada, opened its annual communication at Montreal, July 9th, in the Queen's Hall. Most Worshipful Bro. Wm. Wilson, L.L.D., Grand Master, occupied the chair, and was supported by distinguished officers and members of the Craft, among whom were M.W. Bros. Harrington, Simpson, Stevenson, Seymour, D.G.M.; Thomas White, the District Deputy; and Grand Masters of the several Masonic districts, and Grand Secretary Harris. Over 250 lodges in Ontario, Quebec, and Manitoba were represented by delegates.

After the Grand Lodge was opened, Grand Master Wilson read the following address, which was interrupted by frequent applause:—

Brethren of Grand Lodge: It gives me great pleasure again to meet the representatives of our lodges in this, our eighteenth annual communication. The practice of delivering an address from the chair, introduced by myself at our first meeting, followed the example set us by our Sister Grand Lodges in the United States, and has ever since been adhered to by the distinguished brethren who have so ably discharged the duties of Grand Master in this jurisdiction. In the early period of the existence of our Grand Lodge, matters of government, points of Masonic law, our relation with the Masonic world in general, and with other grand bodies in particular, together with innumerable matters of detail, afforded ample scope for consideration and discussion; these, however, are now well understood and satisfactorily settled, and it appears to me that the "Annual Address," is now only useful as placing upon record the Masonic incidents of the past year, and for bringing under the notice of the Grand Lodge such topics as may be considered worthy of especial consideration, or as requiring future legislation. Acting upon this view, and declining to take advantage of my position to read to you a lecture on Masonry, I shall confine myself to a brief detail of the Masonic events which have transpired since my re-election, after which I will introduce such matters as seem to me requiring your consideration.

My attention having been directed to a certain resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Vermont at their last annual meeting, which instructed their Grand Master that in the event of this Grand Lodge not having withdrawn all claims to jurisdiction over the Province of Quebec, at our annual communication in July last, it would be her duty to issue circulars to the different Grand Lodges, and to their own subordinate lodges, notifying them that all Masonic intercourse has been suspended between us. Feeling that this most unfriendly and dictatorial act of the Grand Lodge of Vermont required prompt action on my own part, as your Grand Master, I at once issued the following edict:—

"GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

"To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

"Whereas, Official information has reached us this day, that, at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, the following resolution was adopted, viz:—

"Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Canada still refuses recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and is asserting jurisdiction over lodges located in the Province of Quebec; and

"Whereas, Such assertion of jurisdiction violates the well settled principles of Masonic law, applicable in such cases; therefore,

"Resolved, that the Grand Master is hereby instructed (unless the Grand Lodge of Canada at its next session withdraws from and ceases to assert any jurisdiction over any lodge or Masons in the Province of Quebec) to issue circulars to the different Grand Lodges, as well as to the subordinate lodges of this State, that the Grand Lodge of Vermont and its subordinates have suspended all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Masons under its jurisdiction until the wrong is made right."

"And whereas, the Grand Lodge of Canada, since its establishment in October, 1855, has claimed and exercised exclusive Masonic jurisdiction and authority over the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, which claims to Masonic sovereignty have been recognized and admitted

not only by the Masons of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Vermont, but also by the Grand Lodges in every quarter of the globe; and

"Whereas, while we readily admit the right that our sister Grand Lodges have, in accordance with their knowledge of the facts and of Masonic law, to recognise and establish friendly relations with any body of Masons whom they may deem worthy of that honour, we, at the same time, most emphatically deny the right of any Grand Lodge to dictate to us as to the course we should follow in such cases; and we, therefore, at once, indignantly repel the attempt thus made by the Grand Lodge of Vermont to coerce this Grand body into the recognition of a body of Masons, who, without the assent of this Grand Lodge, and in contempt of all Masonic law and precedent, have thus attempted to wrest from us a portion of our lawful territory and authority. The Grand Lodge of Canada, while jealous of her own honour, and careful at all times not to encroach upon the rights or prerogatives of others, will permit no interference, and will submit to no dictation, from any quarter whatever.

"Now, therefore, for the reasons above stated, and by virtue of the power vested in us as Grand Master, we do hereby order and direct that all official correspondence and communication between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont shall now cease and terminate; and we do hereby charge and command all our worshipful and loving brethren within our jurisdiction to refuse admission into our lodges, and to hold no Masonic communication with any Mason hailing from the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge of Vermont. We also further order and direct that this edict shall remain in force and effect until the Grand Lodge of Vermont shall rescind the unfriendly and unjustifiable resolution above recited.

"Done and passed at the office of the Grand Master, at Simcoe, this 24th day of October, A.D. 1872.

"Wm. M. Wilson, Grand Master."

This was promptly followed by a characteristic letter from our M.W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, resigning his position as representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, near this Grand Lodge, a copy of which will be found in the appendix, and also as a necessary sequence by the withdrawal of the credentials of our representative near the Grand Lodge of Vermont. While I regret the necessity of these proceedings, I entertain no doubt of your unanimous approval.

In February last, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, informing me that his Grand Lodge had passed a resolution withdrawing their representative in this Grand Lodge, in consequence of what they conceive to be an antagonistic feeling on our part, as shown by the continuation of friendly relations with the Grand Orient of France, and as a necessary sequence to this action our R.W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, M.D., representative at that Grand Lodge, has tendered to me his resignation.

It appears to me that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has misapprehended our action in this matter. The Grand Lodge of Canada has, for the last ten years, been in fraternal communication with the Grand Orient of France, and the formal exchange of representatives, although delayed, was made without the slightest reference to, or thought of, the difficulties which had sprung up between these Grand Bodies.

With reference to the point at issue between the Grand Lodges of France and Louisiana, I must say that my sympathies are entirely with our sister Grand Lodge of Louisiana; but I fail to see that this Grand Lodge is called upon on that account to suspend friendly relations with a sister Grand Lodge.

I directed the Grand Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of R.W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor's letter, and while regretting the action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in this matter, to thank R.W. Bro. Batchelor for his valuable services rendered on behalf of the Order, and more particularly to this Grand Lodge, and to unite with him in the expression of the hope, that at no very distant day the two Grand Bodies would again meet on

terms of friendly intercourse and the reciprocal exchange of Masonic courtesies.

I have to announce for your information that our R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Fraser, having ceased to reside in the State of Wisconsin, resigned his position as our representative to that Grand Body, and I had much pleasure in appointing as his successor, our R.W. Bro. Charles Khan, who has become a resident of that State. R.W. Bro. Fraser has since received his credentials from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, as their representative near this Grand Lodge, and will doubtless present them during the present session. I have also been notified that our R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay, has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan to this Grand Lodge, and entertain no doubt but that both of them will be received in their position as representatives of the respective Grand Lodges which they now represent, and I recommend that the rank of a Past Grand Registrar be conferred on those R.W. brethren.

I had also much pleasure in appointing our R.W. Bro. Dr. Lorenzo Montafar, 33°, Secretary of State of the Republic of Costa Rica, as our representative near the Grand Orient of Central America, and have since received and accepted credentials from that Most Worshipful Body, as their representative to this Grand Lodge.

On the 13th of November last I had the pleasure of dedicating a new Hall at Windsor, occupied by Great Western Lodge, No. 47. I had appointed the following day for a similar ceremony at Chatham, but was prevented by sickness from arriving in time to take part in the dedication. The ceremony, however, was ably performed by the R.W. the D.D.G.M. of that Masonic district. I had the pleasure of inspecting the new lodge room at this place, with which, and the hall at Windsor I was extremely pleased.

In March last I dedicated to Masonry a beautiful Hall at Pembroke (upon which occasion I was the recipient of a very gratifying address), and also one at the City of Ottawa. On both these occasions large numbers of the fraternity attended. On the 3rd of June last I dedicated a new hall, erected for the use of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, at Strathroy.

The corner stone of an Episcopal Methodist Church was laid with Masonic ceremonies at Colbrook, on which occasion I was ably represented by R.W. Bro. Richardson, the D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District.

The corner stone of the Protestant Hospital at Ottawa was, by permission, laid with Masonic ceremonies on the 16th of May last, by R.W. Bro. T. White, D.G.M., on which occasion the ceremony was graced by the presence of His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, the Governor-General of the dominion, who assisted in the work.

On the 28th of May last, I laid the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall for the use of York Lodge, 156, at Eglinton.

On the 1st of July, the corner stone of a Presbyterian Church was laid at Mount Forest, by permission, by the W.M. of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 220.

M.W. Bro. Simpson, P.G.M., kindly officiated for me by special dispensation on the 1st of July, by laying the corner stone of an Episcopal Church at Napanee.

And on the same day I laid the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall at Hamilton, for which a special Grand Lodge was convened. The attendance of Masons from various parts of Ontario was very large, about 800, and it is estimated that from six to eight thousand persons were present at the ceremony. For a full and correct account of the proceedings I refer you to the papers of the day. The preliminary arrangements were admirably made by our R. W. Bro. the Grand Secretary, ably assisted by the President and Directors of the Masonic Building Association. It is generally admitted to have been the most successful Masonic demonstration ever made in Canada. I hope that in the proposed Masonic Temple a suitable suite of chambers will be reserved for the office of our Grand Secretary.

On the 20th of February last, I spent a very pleasant evening with our Toronto brethren at a conversazione, upon which occasion I took

advantage of the large gathering of Masons to present, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, the testimonial voted at our last meeting to M.W. Bro. Seymour. For a full account of this most interesting meeting, and for copies of the very flattering addresses presented to me on that occasion, I refer you to the pages of the *Craftsman*.

On the 27th of May last, I paid an official visit to Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Yorkville, and had the pleasure of witnessing an admirable exemplification of correct working.

The receptions accorded to me on my official visits during the past year were most cordial; and I shall never forget the generous hospitality and the warm greetings I received from my brethren in the various localities I visited. When on my way to visit Pembroke Lodge, I was met at Renfrew by W. Bros. Supple and White, who had brought a sleigh upwards of forty miles to convey me in comfort to Pembroke, and on my return the same thoughtful kindness was repeated.

On the 16th of September last I received a letter from M.W. Bro. D. C. Cregier, President of the Masonic Board of Relief of Chicago, covering a draft on New York for 994 dollars, which he explained was the share, *pro rata*, of unexpended funds contributed by the Masons of Canada in aid of the fund raised for the relief of those Masons who had suffered from the great fire at Chicago in October last, and in acknowledgment of which contributions from our Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. Cregier, writing to our M.W. Bro. Seymour, on the 14th of October, 1871, says:—"May God bless you and yours, and enable us to repay by lasting gratitude, if not in kind and coin, your generous bounty." The draft was at once handed over by me to the Grand Treasurer, and the receipt of it acknowledged in suitable terms. As the correspondence was published at the time, I need not further refer to the matter at present, than to repeat what I expressed in my reply, "that the action of the committee in returning funds not required for the purposes for which they were contributed, would ever afterwards be cited as a noble precedent for future guidance in all similar cases."

I regret to inform Grand Lodge that the room occupied by Shuniah Lodge U. D., at Prince Arthur's Landing, on Thunder Bay, has been destroyed by fire, by which calamity our brethren lost their dispensation, jewels, and furniture. I directed that a duplicate dispensation should be issued to them free of charge, and recommend a grant of 50 dollars in money to assist them in refurnishing.

A number of dispensations have been issued to enable brethren to appear clothed as Masons at balls and festivals; and several also to authorize the initiation of candidates who resided without the jurisdiction of the lodges interested.

I received petitions for a new lodge at Orillia, and also for one at St. Thomas, and, as neither of them had received a recommendation from the nearest lodge, I declined granting the dispensations asked for, and refer the matter to Grand Lodge.

During the year I have granted dispensations for the formation of fifteen new lodges.

I regret to announce that our friendly relations with the Grand Lodge of Illinois, have been interrupted in consequence of a certain resolution adopted by that Most Worshipful Body at their last annual communication, which I regarded as of a most unfriendly and dictatorial character towards this Grand Lodge. The correspondence which followed this act has, by my direction, been published and circulated, and it will now devolve upon you to express your opinion upon the whole question at issue, and to take such further action in the matter as you may consider requisite and necessary.

The report of our efficient and most trustworthy Grand Treasurer will be submitted for your inspection during the present session. I notice that on the 1st day of July, instant, the financial position of Grand Lodge is as follows:

Grand Lodge Funds in stocks,	
debentures, and bank deposit	47,325 24
Asylum Fund	6,193 66

dols. 53,518 90

Complaints at the instance of Plantaganet Lodge, No. 186, of irregularities and improper conduct on the part of the officers and members of St. John's Lodge, No. 159, Irish Registration, L'Original, have been received, and have been forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, for the consideration of that Most Worshipful Body, with our request that the matter might receive their earliest attention. A reply has just been received, from which it appears to me that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has not been sufficiently informed as to all the matters complained of, and I now place it on record, so that it may not be lost sight of by my successor.

The reports which will be submitted during the present session by the District Deputy Grand Master, will give you ample information as to the condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction, and it affords me much pleasure to announce that, so far as I am able to judge from my own personal observation, it is most satisfactory and cheering. The laudable efforts made during the past year by those in authority to instruct the brethren in the ritual sanctioned by the Grand Lodge for the efficient working of a lodge, and in the elucidation of interesting points of Masonic law, by opening in several localities, general lodges of instruction, have been most successful, and is most creditable to those distinguished brethren who had thus devoted their time and knowledge towards the general improvement of the Craft. In December last I received a letter from our R.W. Bro. the Deputy Dist. Grand Master of the Wellington District, announcing that, in consequence of ill-health, he was unable to perform the duties of his office, and, fearing that the Craft might suffer, tendered his resignation. As provided for by the constitution, I request the Grand Registrar to take temporary charge of the District, until our R.W. Bro. was sufficiently restored to health to resume his duties.

The address to our illustrious brother, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, ordered at our last annual communication, was most beautifully engrossed and forwarded under cover to R.W. Bro. Lord De Tabley, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of England, who presented it to His Royal Highness, and transmitted to me the following gracious reply:—

"Sandringham, Nov. 4, 1872.

"General Sir William Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of an address from the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, conveying their warm congratulations on His Royal Highness's recovery from his illness.

"His Royal Highness desires to return his cordial and sincere thanks to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and to assure them of the grateful sense he shall ever entertain of the kind feelings expressed towards him by the Masons of Canada.

"Most Worshipful Bro. W. M. Wilson, Esq., LL.D., Grand Master G.L.C."

Among the deaths of the past year we have to deplore the loss of the Earl of Zetland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, who departed this life in May last. For upwards of a quarter of a century our distinguished brother ably filled the Masonic throne of England. Under his benign sway, the light of Masonry, with all its attendant blessings and advantages, has been widely disseminated over the globe, from Japan to Gibraltar, from the Gold coast to the Himalayan mountains, through the ancient empire of Cathay, and the bleak regions of Newfoundland, the blessings of our friendly Craft have been spread, through his fostering care; his heart was in the work, and he spared neither time nor labour to ensure success. As an evidence of the lively interest which he felt in all Masonic matters, and the great ability with which he discussed them, I would refer the brethren of the Grand Lodge to the published correspondence which took place between his lordship and myself in the year 1859. By the death of our departed brother, Masonry has lost a fervent supporter, and this Grand Lodge a warm friend.

"Among the old familiar faces which in past years gladdened our hearts at our annual communications, we have to mourn one, now at rest.

I allude to our late R. W. Bro. Capt. Thompson Wilson, 33°. Our venerable brother, who had passed the ripe old age of four score years, had served his country for upwards of twenty-seven years in the Royal Artillery, sharing in all the dangers and glories of the Peninsular war. He was present and took part in the great battle of Waterloo, and subsequently served for three years in the West Indies. On retiring from active service he settled in London, Ontario, in the year 1837, but again at the call of his country, he rendered valuable service during the rebellion which broke out in this country at the close of that year. He was afterwards appointed barrack master on the Eastern frontier, at Prescott and Cornwall, subsequently retiring on half pay, after an additional service of sixteen years as a barrack master. He then returned to London, where he thereafter resided, esteemed and respected by all who knew him.

On examining the Masonic record of our distinguished brother, we find that he was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge of the 5th Regiment, in the year 1816, and in the following year was passed and raised to the degree of Master Mason in Military Lodge 406 of the 91st Regiment. Our deceased brother having been elevated to the Royal Arch and installed as a Knight Templar, subsequently attained the grade of S.G.I.G. 33°. He also held the rank of a Past Deputy Grand Commander in the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of Canada, and was an actual Past Grand Z. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.

In his career as a soldier, our lamented brother was distinguished for his loyalty, his zeal and his courage; and as a Mason, we all know that his love of the Order, as evinced by his strict adherence to its great leading principles, his unwearied efforts to promote its establishment and to ensure its prosperity, was only second to his loyalty to the crown and his love to the country of his birth. Ever proud to regard him as a personal friend, it affords me a melancholy pleasure thus to place on record these evidences of his worth as a man, and his standing and character as a Freemason. The widow and orphan daughter of our R. W. brother can never want friends and protectors so long as Masonry exists in Canada or elsewhere.

We have also to mourn the loss of R. W. Bro. Alfio De Grassi, a Past D.D.G.M. of the Toronto District, and a zealous and most useful member of our Order; and of R. W. Bro. Thomas Drummond, representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to this Grand Lodge.

Among the Masonic incidents of the past year, there is perhaps none possessing greater interest to the Craft generally, and to the Masons of this jurisdiction in particular, than the one to which I am now about to refer.

In the month of February last a petition was presented to me, signed by our distinguished and Most Worshipful Brother Rob Morris, LL.D., and by M.W. Bro. Alex. A. Stevenson, both Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, by Albert G. Mackay, John Scott, De Witt C. Cregier, John Sheville, Rolla Floyd, Robert Macoy, and many of the most eminent members of our fraternity on this continent, praying that this Grand Lodge would grant them the requisite authority, and constitute the said brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the denomination of "The Royal Solomon Mother Lodge," to meet at Jerusalem, or adjacent place in Palestine. Regarding this as a very high compliment paid to our Grand Lodge, and approving most heartily of a scheme which had for its object the revival of Masonic Light in that grand old East, which was the seat of its birth, and from which its brilliant rays had been transmitted to every quarter of the globe, I gave the matter my most favourable consideration, and after consulting with as many of the Grand Lodge officers as I conveniently could, I instructed the Grand Secretary to prepare the necessary authority (a copy of this document will be found in the appendix). I trust that my action in this matter will meet the approval of Grand Lodge, and I would now suggest for your consideration the propriety of marking the lively interest which, I think, you must feel in this event by forwarding to our distinguished offshoot the Three Great Lights of Masonry, together with the collars, and

jewels, and clothing required by the officers of our new lodge.

My attention has been directed to a society formed in London, Canada, called "The London Masonic Mutual Benefit Association," the object of which is to secure to its members, being affiliated Masons, a sum of money to be paid in the case of accident, or to the widows and orphans in case of death. The association has been largely patronized by the fraternity, and thus has proved a blessing to the wives and orphans of our deceased brethren, who would otherwise have been compelled to seek aid from other sources. It has been suggested that associations of this kind should be placed, in some way, under the special patronage and control of the Grand Lodge, and that a scheme should be devised by which similar associations might be formed, either in each Masonic district within our jurisdiction, or by grouping two or more districts together for this purpose. With such names as now appear on the list of Managing Directors of the above-named association, no apprehension could be felt by its policy holders, either as to its stability or safety, but as it is one of those undertakings in which Masonic faith and honour form its sole claim to support, and in which a failure to fulfil its pledges would seriously imperil the fair name of Masonry, I feel it my duty to bring the matter before you for your careful consideration, and for such action as you in your wisdom may think desirable.

It will be apparent to you that the successful establishment and faithful working of such associations would confer an immense boon upon our fraternity, and would materially reduce the numerous applications now made upon our fund of benevolence; for the payments required from the members of such institution are so small, that it is quite within the reach of every Mason to secure for his family a provision in case of death.

Having heard that similar societies were in existence in the United States, I applied for, and obtained through the kindness of its Secretary, a copy of the constitution, by-laws, reports, and forms of the "Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana," which was organized in 1809, and has since been incorporated under the laws of that State. These documents, with similar ones from the London Association, I have much pleasure in submitting for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

A report from the trustees of the Masonic Asylum Trust will be submitted for your consideration. This important subject was first officially brought forward in 1869, but up to this period no decided action has been taken in the matter. I venture to express a hope that during the present session the subject will receive your careful consideration, and that you will decide either at once to give instructions for carrying out of the suggestions made by the trustees, as to the purchase of lands and the erection of a suitable building, or to abandon the scheme altogether, for it does appear to me that (as expressed in the report) the protracted delay in carrying out a benevolent project, almost invites reflections injurious to the Craft. When the scheme was first submitted, it was received with universal approbation, and a liberal support was promised; but it was subsequently argued by many of our leading Masons that the class of persons in the country requiring this kind of benevolence, were very different from those for whom the great charities of England were established, and that but very few of them would be found willing to accept a home which would separate them from their children and relatives. From my own personal knowledge I may say that there are many whose hearts are now gladdened by your bounty, that would rather relinquish it altogether than accept it upon the terms suggested. There are a few, however, who do not thus regard it, and as our country increases in population, so will these cases increase also. From our ample resources a commencement on a limited scale might now be inaugurated, the land required for this purpose may be obtained at a comparatively low price at present, and I am inclined to believe that the fund now at the disposal of the Trustees would be found amply sufficient to purchase the land, and to secure a home which, for some years to come at all

events, would be large enough to meet the necessities of our present position. I leave the whole matter in your hands, firmly believing that you will take such action as will seem to you to be most wise and prudent. Appeals from poverty and distress have never been disregarded by this Grand Lodge. The open hand, prompted by the generous heart, has ever been cheerfully extended to relieve the wants of our poor brethren, their widows or orphans, and the delay which has occurred in the matter of the Masonic Asylum, has really arisen from the anxious desire of the members of this Grand Lodge to ascertain the best way of directing the stream of their benevolence, so as to secure the greatest good to the greatest number. And I am proud to say that the Grand Lodge of Canada not only appreciates but practices that beautiful sentiment of Galt, "that whenever we do an act or justice or kindness to another, it is the benevolence of Heaven directing us to achieve some good for ourselves."

Brethren, having thus briefly and hurriedly referred to the various subjects and incidents of the past year, I will not further trespass upon your patience; I shall leave this chair conscious of the fact that my efforts to promote the interests of Masonry generally, and of this Grand Lodge in particular, have fallen far short of my aspirations; but I shall also leave it with the gratifying thought, that while I myself entertain none but the warmest feeling of brotherly love to every Mason in Canada, I am proud to believe that I shall carry with me the good wishes and respect of the fraternity generally.

And now, brethren, I shall conclude, in the language of the great apostle: "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

WM. M. WILSON,
Grand Master

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE,
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The second annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, London, on Saturday, the 2nd instant, and was attended by a large gathering of well-known and influential members of the Mark Degree.

The proceedings throughout were eminently gratifying to those who participated in them, and we congratulate the officers of the province on the considerable success which crowned their endeavours.

Prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a Lodge of Instruction was opened for the purpose of working the ceremony of advancement. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.O. &c., officiated as W.M., by whom, assisted by Bros. Matier, P.G. Warden; A. Wolton, W.M. 104; T. Poore, J.W. 22; and other brethren well skilled in the working of the degree, the ceremony was ably rehearsed. Bro. F. H. Cozens conducted the musical portion of the rehearsal.

Punctually at the hour named the officers of the province entered the lodge-room, and were received by the brethren present in Masonic form.

In the unforeseen and unavoidable absence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. Col. Burdett, the V.W. Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Frederic Davison presided, and was supported by the V.W. Bros. Charles Matier, P.G. J.W., as G.S.W.; the W. Bros. Wm. Roebuck, G. J.W.; S. O. Bigs, G. Chaplain; R. W. Edis, as D.G.M.; James Stevens, P.G.O. and Prov. Grand Secretary; Geo. Neall, M.O.; Edgar Drewett, G. J.O.; T. H. Parker, G.S.D.; W. S. Webster, G. J.D.; W. Carlton Hale, G.S.B.; W. Worrell, Grand Organist.

Amongst the numerous brethren present we observed, Bros. Frederick Binckes, Grand Sec.; A. G. Goodall, Grand Representative of the Degree to U.S.A; Hyde Pullen, P.M. Albany, New York; I. C. Wilsden, New York; R. Wentworth Little, P.M. 1; Clarence Harcourt, P.M. 3; E. M. Haigh, 1; Thomas Poore, J.W. 22; D. M. Dewar, W.M. Kent; H. Charrington, M.O. Percy Lodge; A. Walton, W.M. 104; F.

H. Cozens, 104; J. W. O'Neill, 104; E. Moody, 104; W. G. Brighten, 144; R. H. Thrupp, 7; F. Wickens; C. Parker Ward, 144; R. Wyatt, S.O. 3; C. R. Miles, S.D. 3; H. Wigginton, 104; Morton Edwards, S.O. 3; C. F. Sparks, 22; G. Musgrave, 22; H. D. Martin, 22; H. C. Levander, 144; E. H. Thiellay; S. Dairson, J.W. 1; &c., &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Richmond in August last, having been confirmed, the Roll of Lodges was called over by the Provincial Grand Secretary, whose report was received with much satisfaction, the increase in the number of members during the past year being large. Sundry matters of routine business were disposed of, and a decision as to the future subscriptions of private lodges was unanimously arrived at, and the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows, viz:—

- Frederic Davison..... D. Prov. G.M.
- Clarence Harcourt Prov. G.S.W.
- Raymond H. Thrupp Prov. G.S.W.
- Charles Allen Prov. G.M.O.
- Arthur Wolton Prov. G.S.O.
- D. M. Dewar Prov. G.J.O.
- Rev. L. O. Bigs (re-appointed) Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Rev. D. Shaboe Prov. G. Chaplain.
- G. S. Smallpiece (re-appntd.) Prov. G. Treas.
- W. S. Webster..... Prov. G. Reg.
- James Stevens (re-appointed) Prov. G. Sec.
- W. G. Brighten Prov. G.S.D.
- H. Wigginton Prov. G.S.D.
- North Ritherton Prov. G.S.W.
- T. Poore Prov. G.D.C.
- C. Parker Ward Prov. G.A.D.C.
- C. Terry Sparks Prov. G. Sword B.
- Edward Moody Prov. G. Stand. B.
- F. H. Cozens Prov. G. Organist.
- R. Wyatt Prov. G.I.G.
- C. R. Miles..... } Prov. G. Stewards.
- G. W. Very..... }
- J. W. O'Neill..... }
- John Gilbert Prov. G. Tyler.

No further business being before the meeting, Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at which the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Frederic Davison presided. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and excellent speeches in response to several of these were made by Bro. Maher, on behalf of Grand Mark Lodge, Bro. Thrupp (on behalf of newly appointed officers), Bros. Goodall and Wilsden, both of New York (on behalf of the visitors), Bro. Stevens (for Prov. Grand Treasurer and himself), and Bro. Binckes (on behalf of "The Mark Benevolent Fund"). In further response to the last named toast, Bro. H. C. Levander announced his intention to represent the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, as Steward at the ensuing Festival, to be held in connection with that fund. The pleasure of the evening was further enhanced by the capital recitations of Bro. Moody ("The Charge of the Six Hundred"), and Bro. Stevens ("Masons' Vows"), and the musical services of Bro. F. H. Cozens, the newly appointed Provincial Grand Organist, and his professional friends, Bros. Musgrave and Martin. Altogether, whether in respect of business or refreshment, a more enjoyable afternoon we do not seek to remember, and we desire to join with all those brethren who so cordially expressed their satisfaction to the Deputy Grand Master, and the Secretary of the province, in their hearty good wishes for the continued success of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for Middlesex and Surrey.

SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS.—Lord Houghton will be the president of the Social Science Congress, which meets at Norwich on the first October.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, August 15th, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, August 9.

- Lodge 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.
- " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton.
- Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.
- Monday, August 11.
- Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55; Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, August 12:

- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
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Wednesday, August 13.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
- Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
- " 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham Green.
- " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.
- Mark Lodge Kent, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, August 14.

- Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
- Temple Crossing K.T. Encampment, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, August 15.

- Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
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- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
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MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, August 16, 1873.

Monday, August 11.

- Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
- " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
- Tuesday, August 12.
- Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
- Wednesday, August 13.
- Lodge 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
- " 86, Lebanon, Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, August 14.

- Lodge 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
- Friday August 15.
- Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

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For the week ending Saturday, August 16, 1873.

Monday, August 11.

- Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
- " 307, Union and Crown, Barrhead.
- Chapter 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hotel.

Tuesday, August 12.

- Lodge 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
- " 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st.
- " 426, Prince of Wales, High-st., Renfrew.
- Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.

Wednesday, August 13.

- Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
- Chapter 113, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

Thursday, August 14.

- Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
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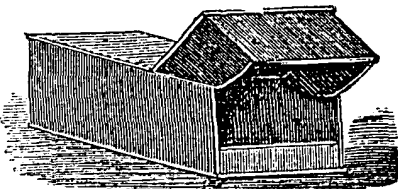
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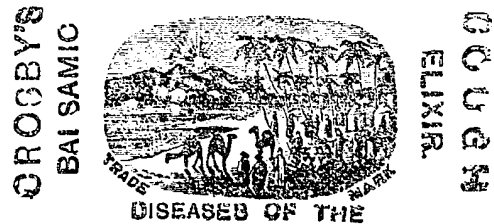
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Era Lodge* (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel. In consequence of the W.M., Bro. J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex, being at his sea-side residence in Margate, Bro. F. Walters, Prov. G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M. and Secretary, opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The Ballot proved unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates for initiation into Freemasonry, and joining members to the lodge. Bro. Benjamin Wright was passed to the second degree. Bro. E. W. Mackney, Org., W.M. 134, took the chair, and raised Bros. F. B. Williams (1275) and W. F. Gardiner (1277) to the third degree. Following members were unanimously recommended for office in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex for 1874, namely, Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.G. Stewd. Midx., S.W., for higher honours; T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treas., for office; Rev. T. Miller, for Chaplain; E. W. Mackney, Org., for Org.; J. S. W. Sweasey, J. D., was unanimously elected to represent the lodge as its Steward at the forthcoming festival, to be held in January, 1874. The usual large number of propositions have been given in, both for candidates for initiation and for joining members, the lodge was closed, refreshment following labour. There were present besides those above named, J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, S.D.; J. Baxter Langley, I.G.; S. Woolff, Faulkner, Loos, and others. The visitors were Bros. H. E. Francis, P.M., 857; A. J. Adams, 857; H. J. Green, 1275; R. W. Williams, Org., 1326.

Royal Arch.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—This Chapter met on Monday last at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, Comp. Samuel Davison, M.E.Z., presiding, supported by Comps. Henry Smith, H.; Charles Hammerson, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z. and Treasurer; Rev. W. B. Church, P.S.; M. S. Larham, 1st A.S.; R. N. Field, Thomas Jones, Joseph Nunn, P.Z., and others. The business comprised the confirmation of the minutes by which Comp. Bradley, the late Janitor, was voted a retiring pension, and the election and appointment of Comp. John Gilbert (Provincial Grand Tyler for Middlesex) as Janitor in his stead. Bro. Benaiah Ranney Bryant, of the Sphinx Lodge, was unanimously approved in ballot, and was exalted into the Supreme Degree. The chapter was then closed and adjourned to November next, and after a brief period of refreshment the companions separated.

On Saturday, 9th inst., the Gladstone Hall, in connection with the Woolston Convalescent Hospital, was opened by the Mayor of Liverpool. The hall was erected from the funds contributed by working-men to a testimonial to the Premier in 1868.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD MARK MASTERS LODGE (No. 104).—This lodge met at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles at Camberwell, on Saturday, the 9th inst. The W. Bro. Arthur Wolton, Prov. G. Deacon for Middlesex and Surrey, W. M., was well supported, amongst those present being the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy, P.G.O. and Treasurer; James Stevens, P.G.O. and Prov. G. Secretary for Middlesex and Surrey; Alfred Williams, P.G.S.; Edgar Drewet, P. Prov. G.D.; W. C. Hale, P. Prov. S.B.; Edward Moody, P.G. Standard Bearer; F. W. Cozens, P.G. Org.; J. W. O'Neill, Prov. G. Steward; W. B. Collins, J. Bassett, and others. Ballots were taken for eight candidates for advancement and a joining brother, the whole of which proved unanimously favourable. The following brethren being in attendance were severally introduced and advanced with perfect musical ceremony, viz:—Bros. George Yarley, John Close, and J. K. Pitt, all of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, and Bros. Charles Chard and J. Hayward. The remaining approved candidates had communicated their intention to be present at the ensuing meeting, and with other brethren proposed will receive the benefit of advancement. On full discussion, and taking into consideration the present strength and satisfactory position of the lodge, it was unanimously resolved that after the next regular meeting, in October, the advancement fee should be raised to the sum of two guineas, the annual subscription to two guineas, and that the meetings shall be held four times in each year. The lodge was then closed in sacred harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a frugal supper, characterised, as usual, by a joviality for which all gatherings at the First Surrey Head Quarters are famous. Bro. Cozens, as pianist, had but little interval from exertion during the period devoted to song and merriment, and a most agreeable evening was spent by all present.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday, 4th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, George Street, Edinburgh. The M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, occupied the throne, and was supported by Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., Past Grand Master; Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart, Depute Grand Master; Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Substitute Grand Master; William Mann, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Major Hamilton Ramsey R.W. Junior Grand Warden; the Right Hon. Lord James Murray, representative to the Grand Lodge of England; Mr. George Home Drummond, of Ardoch, representative of the Netherlands; Col. Campbell, of Blythswood, Provincial Grand Master for Renfrew; Dr. Sotaerville, of Ampherlaw, representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; Charles W. M. Muller, representative of the Grand Lodge of Saxony; George Laurie, Grand Secretary; John Coghill, Grand Director of Cereemonies; Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller; F. A. Barrow, Junior Grand Deacon; James Ballantine, Grand Bard; M. Mackenzie, Chief Grand Marshal; F. S. Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards, &c. The Grand Lodge was duly opened, and sundry proxy commissions were sustained, one from the Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales being delayed till next quarterly meeting. After the minutes of last meeting had been read, a long discussion ensued, and it was ultimately ruled, by a majority of 85 to 49, that the motion for the abolition of the proxy system, submitted to last meeting, was ultra vires of the Grand Lodge and of no effect. The motion was therefore cancelled. The Grand Master intimated the decease of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, and stated that he had instructed the Grand Secretary to send the following letters of condolence to the Grand Lodge of England and to the family of the late nobleman.—
 "To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason and the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England and Wales—
 "Illustrious and well-beloved Brethren,—It

has been with a true feeling of sorrow that we have learned the demise of our right worshipful and much honoured brother, the Right Hon. the late Earl of Zetland, Past Grand Master of your illustrious Grand Lodge, whose nobility of character and long distinguished career as a Craftsman had justly endeared him to all Scotch Freemasons. We shall long mourn the loss of one whose bright example of charity and benevolence shed so much lustre on our Order, and we desire to mingle our sorrow with yours, and give expression to the deep sympathy we feel with our English brethren throughout the world in the bereavement they have sustained.

"Given at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Edinburgh, in name and under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, this 11th day of June, A.D. 1873, A.L. 5877.
 (Signed) "ROSSLYN,
 "Grand Master Mason of Scotland."

To the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland.
 "My Lord,—I beg leave in my own name, as Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, to offer to you and to the members of your Lordship's family, the assurance of our deepest sympathy on the melancholy bereavement your house has sustained in the demise of our much beloved and honoured brother the late Earl of Zetland, whose distinguished worth had endeared him to all who had the privilege of his acquaintance; more especially do we, as Freemasons, mourn the loss of a brother who during a long life did so much to advance, elevate, and adorn our Craft. His unceasing labours in the promotion of the benevolent institutions of our society will send down his memory to future generations, ever fresh, honoured, and revered. We devoutly pray the Great Architect of the Universe to afford your Lordship and the members of your Lordship's family all consolation under your affliction and bereavement, and we trust that you may be cheered with the knowledge that the wide-spread sorrowers of our Order have mingled affectionately with those of your lordship and family.

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(Signed) "ROSSLYN,
 "Grand Master Mason of Scotland."
 The following reply from the Earl of Zetland was then read to the meeting.—
 "To the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn and the Members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland—

"My Lord,—I take upon myself, on my own behalf and on that of the other members of my family, to express to you and to the officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, our most heartfelt thanks for your most kind and considerate assurance of sympathy on the loss we have sustained. It is most gratifying to us to feel that we have so many to sympathise with us under our bereavement. The late Earl of Zetland was indeed a good and true friend, and beloved most sincerely by his family and friends. We cannot but feel that his loss will be felt by all with whom he came in contact, especially by the Freemasons both of England and Scotland.—
 "I have the honour to be, My Lord, yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed) "ZETLAND."

The Secretary intimated the decease of Bro. Alexander Mitchell of Stow, Provincial Grand Master of Berwickshire; and of Bro. Thomas Drummond, representative at the Grand Lodge Canada. Bro. Sotires Georgiades was unanimously nominated as representative from the Grand Lodge of Greece. On the recommendation of the lodges in the West India Islands, Bro. Chief Justice Joseph Wattley was unanimously appointed Provincial Grand Master of that province. Bro. William Hay, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and Bro. Alexander Hay, as representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, presented their credentials, and were installed into office with the usual honours. On the recommendation of the Grand Committee, charters were ordered to be expedite to new lodges—"St. John," Crossgates; and "Marie Stuart," Crosshill. A petition for a new lodge at Coatbridge was remitted to the

Grand Committee for further consideration. It was agreed that the renewed application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec should meanwhile be declined. The applications for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Brazil and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales, were postponed, pending the receipt of fuller information. The motion tabled at last quarterly meeting for holding business meetings of the Grand Lodge in different parts of Scotland was postponed till next quarterly meeting, at the request of the mover. Several notices of motion for next quarterly meeting were tabled, and the Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland met at Freemason's Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin, on Thursday the 7th inst., under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Robert Shekleton. About seventy brethren were present. The business transacted was of a routine nature—the consideration of the new conditions being deferred to the September meeting.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.—In accordance with notice, the adjourned meeting from Monday, June 16, was held at the Exchange on Monday, June 23, Sir T. Maclear, Knt., acting D.G.M., in the chair. After discussing sundry questions, a resolution was adopted, to forward to the Grand Lodge an address expressive of appreciation of the eminent services rendered to the Craft by the late Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, admiration of his virtues, and sincere regret at his death, and the loss which the Order has sustained by it. The Officers for the ensuing year were re-appointed, and as it was deemed best to make no alteration under existing circumstances, they were re-installed as follows:—Sir Thomas Maclear, Dep. Dist. G.M., to be Acting Dist. G.M.; Chas. A. Fairbridge, Dist. G.S.W.; M. T. King, Dist. G.J.W.; J. T. C. Inglesby, Dist. G. Treas.; R. P. Dobie, Dist. G. Reg.; W. T. Hawthorn, Dist. G. Sec.; W. Knight, Dist. G.S.D. (L. Alexander, acting *pro tem.*); H. W. Pearson, Dist. G.J.D.; T. Inglesby, Dist. G. Superintendent of Works; A. Inglis, Dist. G.D.C.; Capt. G. C. Swinney, Dist. G. Sword B.; W. F. Williams, Dist. G. Standard B.; W. Brandt, Dist. G. Organist; W. Hiddings, Dist. G. Purst.; Wm. McLeod, Assist. Dist. G. Purst. Stewards—R. W. H. Giddy, Geo. Slater, W. F. Stuttaford, L. Alexander, P. J. Stigant, and J. Riddelsdall. The following brethren were appointed Members of the Committee of General Purposes—Chas. A. Fairbridge (President), R. P. Dobie, T. J. C. Inglesby, W. T. Hawthorn, C. Cowen, A. Inglis, W. F. Stuttaford, L. Alexander, and J. Riddelsdall.

CAPE TOWN.—The brethren of the lodge "Rising Star," No. 1022, assembled at their lodge room. Bro. Hugh Exton the J.W., being elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, a board of P.M.'s (Bros. George Home, M. L. Pincus, and Alfred Barlow) was formed. The usual ceremonies were gone through, when the Immediate P.M., Bro. Alfred Barlow, duly installed the W.M. elect. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers in the following order:—Bros. W. D. Savage, S.W.; A. Barfield, J.W.; Alfred Barlow, I.P.M., Treasurer; John Wynn, Secretary; C. A. Ansdell, S.D.; E. S. Hanger, J. D.; Wm. Howatson and John P. Wright, Stewards; W. F. Barlow, I.G.; Moses Wesley, O.G. The solemn proceedings being ended, the lodge adjourned till seven o'clock, when the usual banquet took place. Bro. Thomas Serech was the caterer, and outdid himself by serving up a dinner fit for the Lord Mayor of London.

BLOEMFONTEIN.—St. John's Day, 24th June, was, as usual, duly honoured by the Fraternity belonging to both lodges established in this town. At the "Unie," the W.M. of the past year, Bro. C. Krause, having been re-elected, was installed by the Junior Warden, Bro. W. C. Pecters. The Master then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bro. W. C.

Peeters, J.W.; C. C. Mathey, Orator; F. P. Klüener, Secretary; O. J. Truter, Treasurer; J. Janse van Rensburg, Almoner; J. F. van Iddekinge, M.C.; F. Drude, Tyler. The S.W., Bro. Lodewyk J. Papenfus, was not invested, as he was unavoidably absent on business. Bro. Mathey, the Orator, then delivered an excellent oration.

PHILIPPOLIS (ORANGE FREE STATE).—*Angel Lodge* (No. 1300 E.C.)—On St. John's Day, the brethren of this promising little lodge assembled for the purpose of installing the W.M. and investing the officers for the ensuing year. Many visitors had come from a considerable distance to join in the celebration. Amongst them were noticed Bros. Dr. Eagle, P.M.; J. F. M. Schulz, P.M.; J. R. Will, P.M.; J. Abrahamson, Stonier Leigh (late of the St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531), and the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 702 (Harlepool, Durban.) Bisseaus, Laud-don of Philippolis, Mere, Jacobs Prater, Van der Riet, Clark and others. The suffrages of the brethren had fallen a second time on Bro. C. F. Welford, who though he had successfully governed the lodge for a year, from the impossibility of hitherto getting together a Board of Installed Masters, was without regular instalment. He was now admitted to this honour with the usual ceremonies. Bro. Eagle, who though long a resident in the Free States, hails from the Province of Essex, of which he is a P.J.G.W., officiating as Installing Master. The W.M. then invested with suitable remarks his officers:—Bros. Henry Harvey, I.P.M.; G. A. Monro, S.W.; L. Tower Blake, J.W.; Fred Linton, Treasurer; G. A. Weisslein, Secretary; M. H. Rooke, S.D.; T. Taylor, J.D.; James Martin, I.C.; and E. Harv (*pro tem.*), Tyler, after which the lodge proceeded in order to the English Church, where service was held and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Barrow. In the evening there was a dance, which about 120 were present, and dancing was kept up with great spirit. By a dispensation the *blasons* appeared in their clothing, and besides the blue of the M.M., the insignia of the K.T., the Rose Croix, and the Mark Master were noticeable. The Stewards were Bros. Welford, G. Monro, F. Laxton, and W. M. Monro. Your correspondent, as one of the visitors, begs to acknowledge the hearty welcome given him, and the great preparations made for their comfort. The day will be remembered as a red-lettered day in the history of the *Angel*.

Masonic Tidings.

NEW RED CROSS CONCLAVE IN LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, the 28th inst., the new Walton Conclave of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale. This will form the third conclave in Liverpool, and there is no doubt that the youngest will display all the vitality of the elder conclaves.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND—GRAND LODGE OF GREECE.—Bro. Sotures Georgiades, who was unanimously nominated by the Grand Lodge of Scotland Representative at Edinburgh of the newly formed Grand Lodge of Greece of which His Royal Highness Prince Rhodocanakis is Grand Master, is a native of Greece, but he has been long resident in Edinburgh, where, by his successful pursuits in business, he has acquired a competency. Bro. Georgiades is a member of all the higher degrees of Masonry in Scotland up to and inclusive of the 30°. He has filled with distinction the chair of the Lodge Celtic, Edinburgh, and fills at present high office in some other Orders. The appointment, which was an unanimous one, has given much satisfaction.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL 33°, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, UNITED STATES.

We have been favoured by Dr. A. G. Mackay 33°, with a copy of the Bulletin for June, 1873, and have generally been highly gratified with its contents. Its publication is a step in the right direction, and cannot fail to be warmly appreciated by Masonic students under the Southern Jurisdiction (U.S.A.). It is carefully edited, and the articles generally are of an interesting character. The aim of the promoters, and able editor, is to afford the members of the Supreme Council plenty of solid information respecting the history and character of the Craft, for which purpose various articles appearing from time to time in Masonic periodicals are transferred to its pages (not, however, without an acknowledgment), and many official documents are also printed. It is issued at intervals of not more than four months, and each number contains the latest information in regard to the doings of Foreign Supreme Councils and Grand Orients, or lodges. It is not a vehicle for essays, discussions, or deputations; but as respects domestic matters seeks to furnish the current information in regard to Consistories and subordinate bodies, and such extracts from foreign bulletins and other publications, official and historical, as may be valuable and entertaining. The expense is borne by the Supreme Council, and each number contains about 500 pages, costing about six shillings.

CONGRESS OF ALL THE SUPREME GRAND COUNCILS.

A copy of the circular convening a Congress of all the Supreme Grand Councils in the world, recognised and in treaty, is given in the Bulletin, and we find that the date is fixed for the second Monday of May, 1874. If any considerable number shall agree to accept the invitation cordially tendered by the S.G.C., Bro. Albert Pike, 33°, on upon receipt of responses to that effect during the year 1873, give information to the various bodies concerned, and advise them that the Congress will be held. Some, we find, desire the Congress to be held in Europe; but as a first attempt, it might surely be tried in the country where it originated, and we feel quite certain that so far as the reception is concerned, the European Grand Councils will not complain of their treatment by the brethren at the City of Washington. During the month of May; the Congress of the United States will be in session, so that an additional treat will thus be afforded the various illustrious strangers expected to attend.

CRAFT DEGREES V. ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

An important communication from the learned Bro. Albert Pike, in which certain alterations in the rituals of the 28° and 30° are recommended, deserves careful consideration. The portions recommended to be substituted could not be improved upon in any way as respects elegance of diction, and are especially noteworthy. The first reads thus:—"The Masonry of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite does not permit anyone to put forth in its behalf pretences to the possession of any mysterious and occult knowledge not within reach of the world at large During all the ages, the mass of mankind was, as if it were an instinct of human nature, sought to be governed by a single will, in things spiritual as well as in things temporal, by a hierarchy and a monarch. The consequences have in all the ages been the despotism of tyrants and that of Pontiffs."

"But, also, initiation seems to be a necessity for the human soul; and it is the purpose of Freemasonry to combat the instinctive tendency of men to submit blindly to a single will, by teaching the great doctrines of the Order—Liberty with loyal obedience to constitutional law; Equality—with that due subordination required by the social order, and Fraternity or Brotherhood, with its duties as well as its affections—the right of the wise to instruct the unwise, as well as the duty of the strong to protect the weak, and the rich to assist the poor."

"The Ancient and Accepted Rite . . . fulfils

the functions of King and Priest, of wise leader and teacher, labouring for the good of men, and their improvement, for freedom of action, of conscience, and of speech."

BRO. GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, 33°, AND RESTORATION TO RIGHTS.

Bro. Gouley for some time was a "thorn in the flesh" to Bro. A. Pike, 33°, and the other members of the 33°, but of late mutual explanations have been offered and accepted, objectionable clauses have been omitted in the rituals, and peace reigns supreme. In consequence the feud is quenched, and Bro. Gouley is again an active member—one of the ablest of the able brethren of America.

ORATION BY BRO. HENRY BUIST, 33°.

A new Masonic Temple was consecrated, and Bro. Buist gave an address, which is inserted in the Bulletin, as it deserves to be. We are of the opinion that if Masonry was agreed on all hands to consist of those degrees only known as the "Craft," the generality of the objections urged against the Institution would be withdrawn, for we conceive it is mainly because of its theological and political bearings that any danger is apprehended from its progress; conditions unlikely to result from the promotion of Craft Masonry, but certainly a probable effect of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and others of the "Hautes Grades," which are often sectarian in character, and can scarcely be said to be free from political bias. We are ready at all times to acknowledge the great ability, Masonic zeal, and general intelligence of the chiefs in the Hautes Grades, but are nevertheless unable to see why there need be so many degrees, obligations, and rites, neither do we admit the desirability of sectarian degrees of any kind. I say this much, in mentioning the oration of Bro. Buist, for its worth is so apparent, and its Masonic illustrations so apt, that we only wish it had the circulation corresponding with its general excellence. His definition, however, of Freemasonry, is not consistent with sectarian degrees. Our Bro. says, "Freemasonry is one of the most marked, as well as one of the splendid exponents, of that great principle of which I have spoken. It is simply the development, noble in intention, still nobler in its result, of the instinct spirit of association. And when we speak of it legitimately, we must speak of it only as an association of good men, united for the accomplishment of a common object." A "common object," we take it, alike for Jews, Mahometans, and Christians.

What could be better than the following?

"Freemasonry is an association for the cultivation of intellectual philosophy; it is an association for the propagation of moral and religious sentiment; it is an association for the exercise of charity, and the encouragement of human love. And if I succeed in showing that its philosophy is scholarly, its moral and religious teaching orthodox, its practice of charity diffusive, and its principle of love pure and holy, I shall claim all for the character thus developed that I know just men will be disposed to bestow."

The term "orthodox," used by our brother, is evidently intended to mean not that "Freemasonry is a religious institution," for he says "far from it," but simply orthodox because it teaches the "great doctrine of the immortality of the soul and its necessary adjunct, the resurrection of the dead." . . . "Take from Freemasonry its philosophic teaching, the sublime arcana of God and man, of life and death, of time and eternity, which it was brought forth to develop in its own peculiar way, and Masonry would be a lifeless and worthless corpse."

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND TO UNITED STATES, &c.

We notice that the representatives from the Southern Jurisdiction, 33°, U.S.A. for England, Ireland, and Scotland are Captain H. G. Phillips, 33° (London), Dr. J. T. Townsend, 33° (Dublin); and Lord James C. P. Murray, 33° (Edinburgh); and from these Grand Councils respectively, to the Grand Council in Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., T. S. Parvin, 33° (Iowa), Dr. A. G. Mackay, 33° (Washington), and L. E. Barber, 33° (Little Rock).

A very long report is inserted respecting the

misunderstanding existing between the Supreme Grand Council and the Grand Orient of France. It is mainly a translation from the official bulletin and enters fully into the question of Grand Lodges working the "Hautes Grades." We quite think with the Editor that "If a Congress of the Supreme Councils should be held, it should be a question for consideration, whether all such unions ought not to be dissolved, and each Supreme Council be a distinct autonomy, and also whether the symbolic degrees should not be left by them exclusively to the Grand Lodges and Grand Orients. Our opinion is that the Grand Lodges have no more right to work the degrees of the Supreme Grand Councils, than the latter to work the degrees of the former.

Grand Lodges, Masonically, have only to do with the degrees known as the "Craft," and have consequently authority only over the lodges which are under their jurisdiction. On the other hand, Supreme Grand Councils are not justified in controlling or working any portions of Craft Masonry, and wherever and whenever they do, the Grand Lodges so ignored and invaded should suspend all their members assenting and aiding such an act. On the other hand, the Supreme Grand Councils should be equally ready to suspend or expel their members who in any way promote the working of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite degrees" by Grand Lodges. Each of the bodies are distinct and independent and, Masonically speaking, are not capable of union, Craft Masonry being quite different in aim and objects to the "Ancient and Accepted Rite."

We are therefore in sympathy with the Grand Council (S.J.) in objecting to the Grand Orient of France assuming to itself control over the degrees of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," but to be consistent, our American brethren should refuse countenance to the "Suprême Conseil pour la France," which works the Craft Degrees.

The article "Freemasonry in Greece," which appeared in *The Freemason*, is quoted in the Official Bulletin now under review, and "amicable relations," and a suitable representation, have been entered into by the 33° of United States (S.J.) and the 33° of Greece. The Article on the Royal Order of Scotland, and the institution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of London, is also taken bodily from *The Freemason*, and we feel sure that the editor of our English organ of the Craft will be pleased to find so good a use being made of his paper.

MASONS IN TIME OF WAR.

The few, but especially interesting references to "Masons in Time of War" deserve a friendly notice by us. Our good Bro. Findel in a letter to Bro. Hubert, Editor "Chaine d'Union," Paris, observes, "Immediately after the declaration of war, the Lodge of Mannheim called upon all the German Lodges for assistance for the wounded of both nations. Numerous donations followed; they were distributed among all the wounded, without distinction of nationality. The greater part of the lodges of South and Central Germany converted their temples into hospitals, at their own expense. Wherever there were Masonic physicians, they lavished their attentions gratuitously and indiscriminately upon the wounded. The wives of the Masons prepared lin for bandaged soldiers. The Lodge of Les Trois Epées, in the Orient of Halle, opened a subscription, and the proceeds were divided between the German prisoners in France, and the French prisoners in Germany. The six Lodges of Frankfurt-am-Main established a committee, which distributed abundant provisions to the prisoners, and came to the assistance of the hospitals. . . . The Grand Lodges of Royal York, d'Anhalt, and Les Trois Globes, at Berlin, obtained, at the first call for all the wounded, the sum of 6000 thalers."

Many instances of kindness to the wounded Masons by German brethren are cited, and are very suggestive of the active principles of benevolence inculcated by the Fraternity.

THE GERMAN CONVENT OF EASTERN TEMPLARISM.

What has been termed the "Grand Alliance Ceremony," viz.—The Installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., as

Grand Master of the Knights Templars ("Not in itself Masonic" but in something else,) is graphically described, and subsequently the letter which appeared in a Washington paper, of the 18th May, 1872, is reproduced in full. The editor characterises it as "very injudicious," and speaks quite as strongly against its general contents as the editor of *The Freemason*, and certain able brethren did, soon after its publication became known in this country.

We quote the following as evidence of the feeling in the United States respecting Bro. Sir Patrick Colquhoun's views of Knight Templary, and to show that the objections that the majority of Knights Templars in England have to the position the indefatigable knight takes, are reciprocated by the fratres on the other side of the Atlantic.

The editor says, "It will hardly be admitted we think, by American Knights Templars that their order is not Masonic, but only a superstructure erected upon the body of Masonry. For if not Masonic, it would soon come to be the case that it would receive little more consideration than any one of the multitudinous orders springing up everywhere in the country."

"Sir Patrick might have indulged in laudation of his Constitutional Monarchy, without going to one side to insult the Supreme Council of England and Wales, because it is an incorporated body." If it be so, which we did not know, so are many of our Grand Lodges, and the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction was incorporated years ago, by the Legislature of South Carolina.

"As to the sale of degrees, we suppose that English Templarism sells degrees also. It is rather early for English Templarism to begin the work of aggression on other Orders."

Some brethren say there is internal evidence sufficient to prove that Bro. Sir Patrick Colquhoun wrote the letter in question, but we think quite otherwise, and hope that well-known brother is in a position to deny its authorship, for certainly the internal evidence is sufficient to prove that a more egotistical, illogical and unmasonic communication could scarcely have been penned.

"The Historical Section" contains the Latin text of the Apostolic Constitutions, and injunctions against the Society of Freemasons, of the years 1738, 1751, &c., and excellent translations are appended.

THE HAUTES GRADES.

One of the most important communications ever made respecting the "Ineffable Degrees" is the address by Bro. J. H. Drummond, 33°, delivered in 1859. It contains copies of warrants and records of a Lodge of Perfection from 1767 to 1776, and the documentary evidence abundantly confirms the fact of these degrees being regularly worked as early as the period mentioned.

The manifesto by Bro. John Yarker, (a Mason of much intelligence) respecting the 33° and the "Primitive Rite" is examined, and in some respects answered, provided the assertions are correct. They certainly are new to us and well worthy of being authenticated. A few we will mention.

Kaulmann and Chertin say that the Primitive Scottish Rite, introduced into France by Ramsay, was composed of the three blue degrees, and of the Esoteric, of the Knight of the Temple. So also Ragon says that another degree was added in 1736, making seven. Are these authorities correct? If so, I shall be glad to know where the evidence the root is to be found.

We are also told that "in 1743, the Petit Bleu Degree was invented at Lyons. This was afterwards known as the Kadosh, or the Kadush, with other Blu degrees, was developed from it." It was written in the France Magazine, in 1744 (mark the date) "that the majority of the Masters and Wardens do not know that Masonry consists of seven degrees, and the Lodge Generals, in its

* No one will accuse us of being prejudiced in favour of the Supreme Grand Council, 33° of England and Wales, and yet we are ready to maintain that the incorporation was a most judicious act, and quite the opposite of a "Trading Association."

blindness, resolved on the 11th of December, 1743, to regard the Masons of the 4th degree, i.e. the Maitres Ecossais, as only common Apprentices and plain Craftsmen."

"In 1748 the Rite de la Vielle Bru was established at Toulouse with nine degrees."

The "Historical Notice of the St. Clairs," copied from the *Freemason*, and said to be by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, so far as the documents themselves are concerned, have already been shown to have been originally communicated by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Scottish Masonic Historian, a fact we desire to bring to the notice of the editor of the *Bulletin*. Our motto is "honour to whom honour is due," and I know my friend Dr Mackay, has a similar faith.

But we have pretty well exhausted the *Bulletin*, and so conclude the review by expressing our satisfaction at the general excellence of the publication.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

FUNERAL CEREMONIAL IN MEMORY OF THE LATE R.W.P.G.M., THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF ZETLAND.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Wm. Little, of the Yarrowee Lodge of Freemasons, Ballarat, E.C., evidently has a good idea of how the rites and ceremonies of the ancient Order should be carried out. On the 20th May the new Masonic Hall, in Camp-street, had on the garb of mourning. The splendid dais over the Worshipful Master's chair was draped in crape and black velvet, the columns, pedestals, candelabra, wands, and all the paraphernalia used by the Craft in their secret workings were also craped, and altogether the lodge-room had a most solemn and impressive appearance before opening. But this was intensified tenfold when the brethren entered and quite filled the room, all dressed in mourning costume, and the three Rev. Chaplains, suitably robed, took up the position just outside the grand dais and directly in front of the Master's pedestal.

A scene of this kind in a Masonic lodge is seldom witnessed, every member of the Craft seeming to feel (if their solemn demeanour was an index to their hearts) that there was but a step between them and death.

A Masonic choir of singers and the string band of the lodge, were stationed in the southwest corner, under the leadership of Bro. Thomas King, and we can safely say they well performed the part allotted to them, Past Master Richard Kent presiding at the harmonium.

The lodge was duly opened in the first degree, as on other lodge nights, after which Bro. the Rev. J. W. Inglis engaged in prayer, and in such eloquent and appropriate terms, when referring to the illustrious departed that caused a thrill of holy awe to pervade the assemblage. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Wm. Little, P.G.J.W., who occupied the chair, rose and remarked that, as Master of the Yarrowee Lodge, the solemn duty devolved on him of formally announcing the death of the Past Grand Master of England—the Right Hon. Earl of Zetland. A loss so great to Masonry demanded at the hands of the lodge more than a mere passing notice; indeed, the departure of one so illustrious—of one who held the reins of English Masonic government twenty-six years, deserves permanent record in the annals of the lodge, as well as to be engraven on the hearts of its members. He had, therefore, anticipated their wishes in that respect by putting the lodge into mourning, by postponing their ordinary business until the following Tuesday, and by showing every mark of respect to his memory. He invited the brethren to engage in the labours of the evening with befitting solemnity, and take part with heart and voice in the following exercises, which he said were as complete as the shortness of the time enabled them to be made. There was much he could say why they should cherish the memory of their illustrious departed, but not wishing to be tedious or say what would be better said by his Bro. Chaplain, he would conclude his remarks by wishing all to join in singing the first hymn—

Solemn strikes the funeral chime—
Notes of our departing time,
As we journey here below
Through a pilgrimage of woe.

Mortals now indulge a tear,
For mortality is here;
See how wide the trophies wave
O'er the slumbers of the grave.

God of Life's eternal day
Guide us lest from thee we stray
By a false delusive light
To the shades of endless night.

Lord of all below—above—
Fill our souls with truth and love,
And when dissolv'd our earthly tie
Take us to thy Lodge on high.

The Rev Bro. Watson then read a portion of Scripture from the Books of Isaiah and Ecclesiastes, after which Bro. Lambie, sang with excellent voice, "O Rest in the Lord." (Elijah).

The Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Watson, then delivered the following extempore oration amidst breathless silence. The clear distinct utterance and fervency of the rev. gentleman told with good effect upon those present and at the conclusion a general feeling pervaded the minds of all, that the address was a masterpiece of Masonic oratory.

"Worshipful Master and Brethren,—In the volume of the Sacred Law, that "unerring standard" and guide which our all-merciful Creator has revealed to direct our steps in this moral life to an immortal one, our departure from this world is spoken of as a being "gathered unto our fathers." A very simple, yet it must be confessed a very beautiful and striking way of describing the death of God's people, and especially so in view of the fact that there are many who regard death as the "king of terrors." But had we been left, like the old pagans, or as the heathen of our own day, without the precious volume, we could not have looked upon it thus; we could then but have groped in the darkness anxious for some glimmer of light, that we might not only find the "unknown God" and be enabled to serve Him, but also know something of that world to which we are hastening. But, now thank God, through this revelation we have "life and immortality brought to light," and so can wend our steady footsteps, by a life of holiness and obedience to the commands of God, to our home of rest on high. Now though our thoughts as individuals are frequently drawn to the subject of death by the immortality which we are daily witnessing around us, yet it is not often that as Masons we are specially called upon to contemplate it, unless indeed in our sublime and solemn ceremonies. Not because deaths are not frequent among us—but because it rarely occurs among those who occupy such a position in the Order as warrant, our being called upon to "stand still" and lay aside our regular business that we may join together in a commemorative service (as we do to-night) in which we dwell upon departed worth and seek to impress one another with more solemn thoughts of, and a more anxious desire to be ready for, our great change when it shall come. But to-day our ordinary gathering, generally so pleasant and cheerful, presents to us signs of mourning. A great man has fallen among us—not merely one of noble blood, and on this account, as true and loyal men, entitled to our regard and esteem—not merely one who, like thousands of others, has wrought for the good of the Craft. But one who has been thought worthy by his compere throughout the length and breadth of our fatherland to fill for more than a quarter of a century the highest office and dignity that Masons have to bestow—that of Most Worshipful Grand Master. It is he whose signature we have attached to our warrant constituting this lodge. It is the death of this man we in lodge assembled, this night commemorate. Now, it is not necessary for me to speak of the private life of the Right Hon. Earl of Zetland. Suffice it to say, that he was born in 1795, so that at the time of his death he had attained to a good old age, having passed the three score years and ten. But it is of Masonic life on which we would dwell,

and more particularly upon his Grand Lodge labours. He took a very warm interest in Masonry from the time that he joined it. And certainly during the time that he was Grand Master its success seems to have been unprecedented. Its annual issue of certificates was increased from about 1500 to 7000, while its income was increased from about £12,000 to £38,000. But besides these signs of success and prosperity, the Masonic Hall in London, with its suite of offices, &c., was built at a very heavy cost, large schools, both boys' and girls', established for the children of Masons, and many other things done that tended to consolidate our Order and give to it that position in the world that so important society should occupy. And these, doubtless, were in a great measure to be traced to his wise rule and tender regard for the welfare of the Craft and the good of his fellow-men. It was in consequence of this sterling worth that he came to stand so high in the estimation of our English brethren; so that when it became necessary for him to retire, in consequence of increasing age and failing health, from the position that he had so worthily and honourably filled for twenty-six years, they presented him with a very handsome testimonial, consisting of a piece of plate and £2,730 in cash, which would have been £10,000 if he had not said at the outset that he would not accept it for his private use. Now, in this, they not only showed their appreciation of his labours for the Craft, but expressed their own feelings towards him personally. But, as if to carry out one of the great principles of Masonry and thus impress his brethren with his singleness of purpose, he accepted the large sum that I have named only to have it invested for the relief of distinguished Masons and their families who might become reduced. As we cannot doubt that he was a good and true Mason, practising its duties and cultivating its virtues—as we cannot doubt that he lived as one true to the Great Architect of heaven, obeying the divine precepts and seeking alone for acceptance through Israel's God and Saviour, so we trust that thus "his grey hairs came down to the grave," and his eyes closed upon this mortal scene with the conscious assurance that his God was with him—that His rod and staff would be his stay and comfort as he passed over Jordan's stream. But while we would dwell upon the Masonic life and work of the Earl of Zetland, we must not forget that there are lessons, if not to learn from his death, at least to be impressed upon us. As Masons it must be confessed that there is something peculiarly appropriate in our pausing to reflect upon the death of this noble man. I do not say that it would be desirable for us to turn aside frequently from our usual lodge work for this purpose—it would lose its effect if we did, and, moreover, would be likely to lead to abuse. But I do say that occasionally when there arises a sufficient cause, there is something peculiarly appropriate in our so doing. In our most solemn ceremonies, it is this truth that is most forcibly and with such telling effect taught us—taught in such a way, and in connection with such events, that it ought never for one moment to be absent from us. But amidst the trials of life, its pressing business engagement and our own naughty hearts, there is a tendency if not to forget, at least not to dwell upon it with that earnest attention and that deep feeling that so weighty a subject requires and our interest therein demands. We seem to be so absorbed in the things of this world, that too many of us forget that we have to "go up higher;" and though as we witness our ceremonies we are reminded again and again of this truth, yet as our duty to God, our Redeemer, who brought us up out of the land, is in some things too frequently omitted, so our thoughts are too often turned away from this matter. Now, a contemplation on the present occasion of this most solemn subject in connection with the death of our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, should lead us not only for our own sakes as men, but as Masons, to a renewed examination of ourselves and a determination to be guided more faithfully by the "Volume of the Sacred Law," that when the day shall come for us to depart we may, through the mercy of God, be ready. But our preparation, we must remember, is the work of our life. It is not to be put off

to a more convenient season, but made the subject of our daily thoughts and earnest labours. We must frame our lives in accordance with the teaching of the Divine Word, and seek alone for acceptance with God in His own way, assured that He who sits on Heaven's throne "is not a man that He should lie, or the son of man that he should repent," and therefore we must not presume upon His all-merciful character, and put off to another day making our peace with Him, but knowing that "to-day we must hear His voice and harden not our hearts;" seek to be faithful to the great Ruler of events and to the high and sublime principles of our ancient Order. Suffer then, brethren, at this season this word of exhortation, that when we are each in our turn called upon in the good providence of God to leave this world, we may in truth be 'gathered unto our fathers,' and our fathers' God for evermore. 'Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, give honour and glory, for ever and ever, Amen.'

The choir then sung, and all present joined in the following hymn:—

What sounds of grief in sadness tell
A Brother's earthly doom;
No more in life's fair scenes to dwell—
A tenant of the tomb.

No more the friendly hand now pressed;
No gently whispered word.
He finds a long unbroken rest
Where rules his Heavenly Lord.

All earthly joys and sorrows o'er;
Each changing life or fear;
He sees the light of that fair home;
Without a sigh or tear.

Then bring to him whose holy care
That better temple forms,
Our wish that all may gather there,
Beyond life's coming storms.

The service concluded by a most impressive and beautiful prayer by Bro. the Rev. J. M. Goldreich, remarkable for its simplicity and fervency, but this is what the Craft might expect from a worthy brother so experienced in Masonic usages.

Among the members of the Craft present were noticed Bro. C. Megson, P.M.; Wm. Robertson P.M.; H. Josephs, P.M.; H. Peake, P.M.; T. Aldred, P.M.; R. Kent, P.M.; H. Davies, P.M.; H. White, W.M. elect of St. Johns; Dr. Radcliffe, P.M.; Bros. Finlayson, Harding, Nevitt, Salter, Cuthbert, Sleep, P.M.; Moran, P.M.; Gowan, Shoppee, P.M.; Valentine, P.M., and a number of the leading Masons of Ballarat, who testified by their presence their respect for the illustrious dead. Bro. Wm. Scott, R.W.P.G. Inspector, I.C., was unavoidably absent. The beautiful tracing boards were the subject of much praise. Certainly when the new hall is appropriately furnished there will be no equal to it in the colonies; every possible convenience for the working of the mysteries of the Craft has been attended to, and with such an old Mason and master of his handicraft as the successful tenderer for the furnishing (Bro. Wm. Robertson, P.M.) we may expect soon to see the hall and adjoining rooms as they should be—perfect and complete.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE WESTERN DIVISION, OF SOUTH WALES.

The annual communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen, on Friday the 25th ult., under the banner of St. Peter's Lodge No. 476, by the brethren of which the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were cordially welcomed.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Pryse Pryse Bart., opened the lodge in due form, when about seventy brethren were present, among whom were Bros. Major J. Allen Lloyd-Phillips, D. Prov. G. M.; Edward J. Morris, D. Prov. G. M. South Wales, Eastern Division; Captain S. George Homfray, D. Prov.

G. M. of Monmouthshire; Thomas Phillips P.M. 378, 990, P.G.S.W.; John Thomas, 476, P.P.G. Treas.; Rev. Latimer M. Jones (Vicar of Carmarthen), P.M., 476, Prov. G. Chaplain; William Evans, S.W. 476; David Davies, P. Prov. G.S.W., P.M. 476; James Weeks Szlumper, P.G.J.W., P.M. 1072; George Tempany Smith, P.M. 1072, P.G. Sec.; J. Beaven Phillips, W.M. 671; Albert Harris, P.M. 110, Prov. G.D.C. Eastern Division South Wales; William Lloyd, 476; David Lewis, 476; R. Lloyd Jones, 476; Edward Hamer, S.D. 1072; Arthur J. Hughes, 1072; Barrat P. Jordan, 1072; J. R. Rowland, 1072; Griff Jones, 1072; Edward G. Norris, 671; Wm. E. Chalinder, 671; J. Pell, 1072; R. R. Carver, 476; W. J. Morgan, W.M. 47; H. Culliford, 1072; Henry Williams, P.M. 366, Prov. G. Treas.; Stanley J. Balcombe, J.W. 1072; Thomas Williams, 466.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the following grants were made, upon the proposition of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, viz.:—The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 20 guineas; the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 30 guineas; the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, 10 guineas; the Carmarthen Infirmary, 5 guineas.

The Treasurer's accounts having been duly audited, were received and passed, and the Treasurer was unanimously re-elected. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

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| Major J. A. Lloyd-Phillips (of Mabws), 1072, P.M. 224 | D. Prov. G.M. |
| G. J. Smith, P.M. 1072 | Prov. G.S.W. |
| W. J. Morgan, W.M. 475 | Prov. G.J.W. |
| Rev. W. L. Stradding, J.W. 366 | Prov. G. Chaplain. |
| Capt. H. Williams, P.M. 566 (re-elected) | Prov. G. Treas. |
| J. Beaven Phillips, W.M. 671 | Prov. G. Reg. |
| S. J. Balcombe, J.W. 1072 | Prov. G. Sec. |
| W. E. Chalinder, 671 | Prov. G.S.D. |
| E. L. Cole, P.M. 1072 | Prov. G.J.D. |
| Edward Hamer, 1072 | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| W. Evans, S.W. 476 | Prov. G.D.C. |
| W. L. Harding, P.M. 464 | Prov. G. Org. |
| C. Miles, W.M. 990 | Prov. G.S.B. |
| N. Boyle, 378 | Prov. G. Purst. |

All the above appointments appeared to give satisfaction to every brother present, and we are sure that the promotion of Bro. Smith from P.G. Sec. (which office he has filled for five years) to P.G.S.W. is not the least popular.

The R. W. the Provincial Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the steady growth of the Province, cautioning the representatives of each lodge to look more to the respectability of the initiates than to the number that might be proposed, adding that he hoped the brethren would individually support the charities and induce their lodges to do likewise.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which reflected great credit upon the proprietress of the Ivy Bush Hotel. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, and duly responded to. The health of the Provincial Grand Master was proposed by his Deputy, and was received with a perfect storm of cheers, which were renewed again and again.

The Marquess of Ripon left London on Saturday evening for Studley Royal, near Ripon, where his lordship will remain a few days, and then go on to the Isle of Harris for shooting.

The King of Denmark has appointed Prince Arthur a Knight of the Order of the Elephant.

At a special meeting of the Alexandra Palace Company, the resolution passed on the 14th ult., authorising the issue of new capital to the extent of £1,500,000, was confirmed.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

Poetry.

THE MASONIC APRON.

By Bro. William Carpenter, P.M. and P.Z.

The badge we wear is no reproach,
It speaks with meaning, good and wise,
Suggesting thoughts of utmost worth—
Thoughts that Masons ever prize.

Though innocence is ours no more,
Its symbol is not used in vain,
For all who wear it are reminded
That purity should be their aim.

As friendship's bond, too, it unites us,
Each to each, as friend and brother;
Forbidding all that would prevent
Kindly help for one another.

From spot or stain let us preserve it,
And, with it, live a blameless life;
United in a bond of friendship,
And guarded 'gainst all feud and strife.

THE ART OF THINKING.—Too much stress cannot be laid on the fundamental importance of perfect command over thought. How many a student finds a lack of this power the chief hindrance to progress! How many a page must be re-read, how many a lesson conned over and over to compensate for lapses of thought! In the possession or absence of this power over mind lies the chief difference between mental strength and mental weakness. Some men think as a child plays with a hammer, striking little blows here, there, anywhere, at any object within reach. The action of a strong mind may be compared to the stone-breaker's sledge-hammer, dealing stubborn blows successfully upon one spot till the hard rock cracks and yields. The power to classify and arrange ideas in proper order, is one that comes more or less slowly to even the best of minds. In proportion as this faculty is strengthened, desultory and wasted efforts diminishes. When the mind acts, it acts to some purpose, and can begin where it left off without going over the whole ground again, to take up the threads of its ratiocinations. Concentration and system are thus seen to be the chief elements in the art of thinking. To cultivate the first, constant watchfulness to detect the least wandering, and the immediate exertion of the will to call back and hold the mind upon the subject under consideration, should be vigilantly exercised. To secure the latter, the practice of analyzing and considering the different parts of a subject, first separately, and then in their relations to each other, is a discipline to which every young mind should be subjected, and which, we are sorry to say, is much neglected in most English methods of instruction.

NOVELTY IN DRINKING IN AMERICA.—In New York they have recently developed a sudden taste for pure milk and cream. The old restaurants, with their alcoholic mixtures, are being forsaken by the citizens who "lunch down town," for less inebriating potations at the dairies. They repair in vast numbers to the new establishments, where they obtain milk and cream pure and sweet, served up with all kinds of fresh bread, grits, oatmeal puddings, fruits, &c. At some of these "dairies" from 1,500 to 2,000 persons now feed daily.

FAPULESS AS QUOTES FOR FEBRICS AND EPIDEMICS:—Whatever may be the causes of fever, diarrhoea, dysentery, and similar complaints, it is well ascertained that these diseases are rampant in summer, and it should be as well known that they can be safely and successfully subdued by Holloway's purifying preparations. Holloway's Ointment well rubbed over the entire abdomen, his Pills taken internally, and his dietary rules strictly observed, embrace the domestic and medical management of these diseases, which, when neglected, weaken, if they fail to prove fatal. These remedies remove the causes of complaint from the system and no sufferer whether his disease be chronic or acute, should despair till trial has been given to Holloway's Medicines.—ADVT.

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FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

BY AN ENGLISH MASON.

Notwithstanding the increased facilities for intercommunication between Great Britain and Ireland, the process of fusing into one homogeneous nation the various races inhabiting our "tight little island," is by no means so rapid as some optimists would have us believe. It is true that we form a "United Kingdom," and that when the power of the British Empire is put forth, Saxon and Celt and Ancient Briton are as "one" in sustaining the honour of the old flag. But it is nevertheless incontestable that each section of the "Kingdom" retains national characteristics which distinguish it from the other sections, and in Freemasonry these points of divergence are peculiarly prominent.

The first thing that strikes the attention of an English Mason in the conduct of Masonic affairs in Ireland, is the absurd mystery in which the Order seems to be surrounded by the rulers of Irish Freemasonry. It is doubtless this careful avoidance of the light of day that adds force to the diatribes of Cardinal Cullen against secret societies in general and the Craft in particular, and if the motive for such reticence be, as is alleged, a desire to conciliate the Ultramontane party in Ireland, all we can say is that the attempt has miserably failed, and that a bolder policy should now be accorded at least the privilege of a trial. The Grand Lodge of Ireland possesses a code of laws of a rather primitive type; these laws are, however, about to be revised, and from the interest which the proposed revision has awakened generally, we have little fear that the narrow-minded prejudices of an oligarchical minority will be suffered to triumph by the enlightened many. For a number of years Freemasonry in Ireland has been nominally under the rule of the Duke of Leinster—we say nominally, because certain wire-pullers really control the whole Masonic system.

For example, the North of Ireland, where the Craft flourishes to an extent unparallel in other parts of the country, does not possess a single representative amongst the Grand Lodge Officers, and so great is the dissatisfaction, we are informed, in Belfast and other great northern Masonic centres with reference to this palpable injustice, that secession from the Dublin body is by no means removed from the bounds of possibility.

Personally the noble chief of Irish Masonry is respected by all parties, and his lifelong devotion to the Craft, will ever be held in grateful remembrance by his brother Masons.

Still, in these days of progress, even ancient lineage and lofty names must be tested by practical proofs, and it cannot be said that the venerable Duke of Leinster, a sixty year old Grand Master, is abreast of the times, or specially gifted to estimate the altered conditions under which Freemasonry works at the present day. Not to multiply instances, it will be sufficient to note that the noble Duke not long ago fell blindly into the trap so skilfully laid for

the Masonic Templars by that very "Arch" Chancellor, Sir Patrick Colquhoun, who stands convicted, out of his own mouth, of the most flagrant forgetfulness of the courtesies which usually obtain amongst gentlemen.

In one respect there is an apparent cohesion in the several branches of Irish Freemasonry which demands a closer investigation. The Blue or Craft Masonry, the Red or Rite, the Black or Knight Templars, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite, are all acknowledged as integral portions of the Masonic Order.

So far so good, but the effect of this seeming consistency is marred when we find that none but those entitled to bear arms are admitted into the Rose Croix or Prince Mason's degree—a "ductio ad absurdum" for which if the degree be acknowledged to be Masonic, we can see neither rhyme nor reason.

The Masonic Female School in Dublin, is, we are well pleased to know, supported by the brethren, and its annual reunions, upon the occasion of the distribution of prizes to the children, are always attended by thousands of friends of both sexes.

A vigorous attempt is being made to establish a Masonic Boys' School, and some six or eight have already been elected; much of the credit of this praiseworthy movement is due to a brother who has also done good service in English Masonry, Bro. W. E. Gumbleton, Past Grand Deacon of England.

In fine, it appears to us, that with the introduction of broader and more comprehensive views of the mission of the Order, and with the infusion of a more progressive and liberal spirit into their councils, our brethren in Ireland will rank second to none, not only amongst the British sections of Freemasonry, but in the great family of the Craft, wheresoever dispersed.

ROYAL MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS—VISIT TO SALISBURY AND STONEHENGE.

To the "City of the Plain," with its own and neighbouring attractions, has the attention of the few pupils of our two institutions remaining during the summer vacation, been directed during the last fortnight, an invitation from Bro. Benjamin Head, a Vice-Patron, and a member of the House Committee of each, having been accepted, for a visit to Salisbury and Stonehenge.

No sooner was the intention communicated to the brethren at Salisbury, than arrangements were made, by means of which every facility was liberally and generously provided for securing the comfort and enjoyment of the party, and for furthering the objects in view.

At 10.30 the representatives of the two institutions met at Waterloo Station, where a special carriage had been engaged, and punctually at one o'clock they found themselves at Salisbury. Amongst them were Bros. Benjamin Head, Alfred Diaper, C. F. Matier (of Manchester), F. Binckes, &c., with Mrs. Matier, Mrs. and Misses Binckes, and Miss Kernot with her five young charges from the Girls' School, and eight pupils from Wood Green. The heat was greater than that of the summer solstice, but there was an innate strong conviction that a

remedy was at hand for that and every other form of suffering, and such proved unmistakably to be the case. Bro. Horatio Ward, P.P.G.W. of Wilts; with Bros. Griffin, W.M.; and Perham, S.W., of the Elias de Dereham Lodge, were on the platform, by whom the travellers were escorted to the residence of Bro. Ward, where lunch on a most liberal scale was laid out at the expense of the members of the lodge, to which ample justice was done by young and (comparatively) old alike.

Refreshed and invigorated, guests and hosts, ladies and gentlemen, and brethren of the locality, proceeded to Stonehenge. Boots it to say how in the present condition of the political world, the sight of old Sarum elicited remarks on the past, and opinions favourable to the present; how on nearing the famed old "Druid's Head," recollections were evoked of notorious highwaymen who found retreat and shelter in its quaint recesses, the contrast between past and present being again allowed to be in favour of the latter; how the occupants of the leading vehicles found themselves in bitterness and disappointment whisked by "the Druid's" now hospitable door; while those in their wake, having suffered from a derived suffocation of dust, laughingly drew a comparison between the "wise and foolish," and honestly and justifiably re-refreshed in a manner to which a "Good Templar" could scarcely object; how the far-stretching plain itself, apparently boundless, and free from distinguishable landmarks, became an object of wonder to those, whose lines falling in more pleasant places, now surveyed it for the first time—a fitting prelude to the greater wonders which soon met their astonished gaze; these—with the unrestricted laugh, the innocent mirth—the harmless raillery, the sense of freedom inspired by the temporary escape from the trammels of the conventional life of *society*—can all be imagined more easily than described. At length the mighty monument of antiquity was reached—those massive, simple, stones, telling of an age to which the memory of man runneth not, pregnant with traditions, and each one breathing in calm, eternal, silence, an unexpressed language, more eloquent than the word-painting of the most gifted author. Whence came they? By whom and by what means brought and placed, to render by their grim and solemn magnificence, desolation more desolate? What their object? What the purpose of the wondrous fabric of which they formed a part? Let Messrs. Lillwood and Blake unfold their admirable diagrams, explain learnedly and lucidly—discourse argumentatively (as on this occasion they did most kindly, impressing their large auditory of friends, "strangers and pilgrims," from various localities, such as are ever found attracted to this shrine—with feelings of admiration, if not always of conviction) the mind and imagination of each student beholder will persist in working out formulæ of its own, and in forming conclusions in accordance with the school of thought or theology in which he may have been trained, or of historical investigation and archaeological study, which he may have pursued and adopted. Whether in the giant monolith we see traces of the ancient universal worship, or in the mighty trilithon re-

cognise symbols of a faith not then understood none of ordinarily observant character can fail to be awed by their isolated sublimity, and to be led into meditations on these seeming evidences of an eternity of the past, not only painfully contrasting with his own ephemeral existence, but affording cheering consolation in the hope they inspire of an eternity in the future.

While indulging in these attractions, Mr. Lillwood has brought his lecture to a close, and assisted by his friend Mr. Blake, has carefully packed away the diagrams, and—*proh pudor!*—shall it be told, the remnants of—no matter what, by which the body has been sustained while the intellectual *pabulum* has been administered to the mind.

A drive through another route, most pleasantly diversified by wood and water, by sunny knoll and leafy grove—by pleasant villages with old churches, and fine quaint mansions, brings the party in an hour and a half to Salisbury again, and to its symmetrical and beautiful cathedral. On this there is only time for a hurried gaze, with a few minutes for a hasty inspection of the interior, much to the regret of all who would have well liked a lengthened sojourn, with a chance of their drinking in one half of the beauties unfolded at every step to their view.

Once more at the residence of Bro. Ward, (who this time dispenses the private hospitality of Mrs. Ward and himself, instead of, as in the morning, acting vicariously) and a liberal repast is again displayed, to the appetite for which the labours of the day have imparted an added zest.

The iron monster of the age soon gives note that the time for departure is at hand. Thanks are offered, good-byes are interchanged, amongst which it is pleasant to record *au revoir* is not forgotten, kindly wishes are expressed, the escort of the morning resumes its duty, the station is reached, seats are taken, and "that word that must be and hath been—farewell" is spoken, the living freight moves on, in due course arrives at Waterloo. Night has fallen, the "moon is up, by heaven a lovely eve!" the companions of the day separate, and the witching hour of twelve booms forth from innumerable steeples, and a delightfully happy day is done!

To the founder and originator of the treat, Bro. Head, to Mr. and Mrs. Ward, to the brethren of the Elias de Dereham Lodge, notably to the W.M. and S.W., Bros. Griffin and Perham, the utmost acknowledgments are due, and doubtless their best reward was found in the hearty enjoyment so unquestionably manifested by the various recipients of their kindness and generosity.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Tuesday, the 5th inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight met, and a new lodge was consecrated. At noon, the hour fixed for the latter ceremony, there was a large attendance of the brethren at the Masonic Hall, St. Mary's-street, Portsmouth, where the new lodge—"United Service Lodge," No. 1428—is to be held.

The brethren marched in procession from the ante-room to the lodge-room, where the chair was taken by the R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and

the Isle of Wight, who was supported by V.W. Bro. J. R. Stebbing, D.P.G.M., and several of the Provincial Grand Officers. The Presiding Officer having appointed Bros. H. M. Emanuel, P.M., and F. Pineo, P.M., to act as Wardens pro. tem., the impressive ceremony was proceeded with in due Masonic form.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master briefly addressed the brethren, expressing a hope that the new lodge would tend to the advancement of the principles of their Order, and, ranging as it did among so many other lodges of eminent character in the neighbourhood, that it would be enabled to take example by them, and propagate the principles of their glorious Order. From the character of its members he had no doubt the lodge would be started under the most favourable auspices, and he trusted they would make it their especial duty to see that those who for the future joined it were animated by the same laudable wish as themselves to spread the benefits of the Order. When, before long, many of them had, as he trusted they would have, an opportunity of visiting the lodge, he hoped they might find that it was conducted in the same excellent, zealous manner that so many other lodges were in the province over which he had the supreme honour to rule.

The Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. Nepean, having offered a suitable prayer, the brethren of the new lodge were arranged in order in front of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, and the Acting Secretary, Bro. John R. Wilson, P.M., read the petition and warrant for the new lodge, which is to meet on the second Friday in every month, after which the members signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant in Masonic form.

An oration on the nature and principles of the institution was to have been delivered by the P.G. Chaplain, but at the last moment the V.W. Bro. J. R. Stebbing, D.P.G.M., was called upon to perform that duty, which he kindly did and with his usual ability. The nature and principles of Freemasonry were, he said, to love one another. Its great characteristics were brotherly love, relief, and truth. Masonry was universal. The nations, the peoples, the tribes who, from the earliest days to the present, had been associated in Masonry had been associated in one universal brotherhood, and the man was not a Mason, although he might have taken the obligations, although he might have associated with his brethren in lodges, although he might have given strong proofs of Masonic lore, until he had learnt the great lesson "love one another." Masonry did not consist of this lodge, this province, or this country; Masonry covers the whole earth, as the waters cover the sea, indeed

Its roots run under every sea,
It blooms on every shore.

Masonry was of no creed, or language, or people of no sect, of no politics, and had, or ought not, to have any prejudices. Man to man, foot to foot, hand to hand, should be the pledge of brotherhood, and the heart should be attuned to the most genuine principles taught by the Creator, and cultivated in the breast of everyone who bowed down in adoration to the Great First Cause. To do good to his fellow creatures, to be kind to those who despitefully used him, to defend a brother in his absence as you would do in his presence, should be the universal characteristics of Masons, for looking beyond the divisions which separated one country from another, and people of one language or origin from those of another, they had in view the universal purpose which adorned and hallowed the brethren of the mystic tie and could well exclaim

Ten thousand, thousand are our tongues,
But all our joys are one.

He need not enunciate these sentiments before a lodge of the character of that now constituted, because he learned from its title that it was a lodge of the united services; it embraced men who had fought for their country, defended the land of their birth, had been forward in support of liberty in every part of the globe, and from whom would go forth other men to do the great work of civilisation, and who would be better calculated to do it if within their hearts they had the principles of brotherly love, the great teaching of Masonry, and the practice of charity, the glorious cement of their institution, as it had

been justly called, that made them not only kindly affectioned to those of the household of faith, but looked even to the outer world and practised benevolent designs, raising the afflicted from the dust, succouring those in distress, and doing good to all mankind, whether they were members of their mystic Craft or not. They were joined together in an ancient institution, so ancient that not only the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, but neither his Biblical nor his antiquarian research had enabled him to fix a period at which Masonry first dawned upon the world. They had the great traditions of their Order, which told them that whenever Masonry had been spoken of, it had been spoken of as an ancient institution. It seemed never to have had any youth, except that youth in which it would flourish unimpaired, until they forgot their principles, and were unfaithful to the obligation which they took on themselves when they joined an order, which cast honour on all men, and upon which he hoped they would cast no dishonour. If brethren wished to maintain the high character of Masonry, and hand it down untarnished from age to age, and from year to year, they must strive to remember these things. It was their boast that, by the special favour of the Great Architect of the Universe, Masonry existed in the earliest days of creation; Masonry lent the ability and the talent that decorated that great temple which gave so much delight and satisfaction to the early world; in those early days Masonry inculcated the rightful worship of Almighty God, and caused them to bow down to the one great cause; it lavished many blessings on the people. Masonry was a great thing in olden times and it would continue to be so if they did their duty to their Creator, loved one another, were faithful to their trust, observed secrecy, did kindnesses to their enemy, loved them who persecuted them, and helped the erring brother. They must not think that mere charity was everything, that almsgiving was merely the spending their superfluous cash, for the man that had little wealth could help a brother in trouble, in a way that money could not, by a kind word in season. They must remember that something more than mere wealth blessed human nature, warmed the heart of the generous brother, and caused him to help his neighbour and friend in times of trouble, and cheerfully to extend his charity when mere charity only was required. Masonry sought to uphold the great moral truths of all religious teaching; it was not religious teaching, it was not religion, and must never be thought to be its substitute. Many, very many, wisely extended their belief and submission far beyond the faith of the ancient people, and all could grandly and sublimely adopt the language of the poet, and exclaim—

Father of all! in every age,
In every clime ador'd
By saint, by savage, and by sage,
Jehovah, Jove, or Lord.

If there was any religion in Masonry, it was this, which did not divide men. Here they could not talk of distinctions of creed, they met on common ground; they had one object, and one purpose, to love one another and to practice before the world the greatest principles ever taught to man (except those higher principles in that Sacred Book, which he would not venture to touch upon) the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. These were the principles of Masonry, and he exhorted them so to act that when they came to their death-bed and had to think of a life well or ill-spent they might be able to say—"I have striven to fulfil my obligation; I die at peace with all the world, I have tried to love my brethren, I hope my last days will be peaceful and happy, and that when with greater aid than ever these can give, I go to the Grand Lodge above I may not be marked out as one unfaithful to the cause, but join in one universal brotherhood, where happiness, peace and truthfulness, clarity and benevolence, shall reign for ever."

The first part of the dedication prayer was then offered, followed by the invocation, by the Prov. G.M., after which the Chaplain read Chronicles, 2nd book, chap. ii., 1st to 16th verses.

The lodge was constituted by the Prov. G.M.,

after which a hymn—"Great source of light and love," was sung.

The lodge having been resumed in the second degree, Bro. Captain Trower, P.M., was installed as W.M. of the new lodge, after some very complimentary remarks from the Prov. G.M., which were richly merited (the W.M. having taken great interest in the establishment of the new lodge, and most generously supplied, at his own cost, the collars and jewels for the officers), the W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—

Bros. Tuohy, I.P.M.; J. R. Wilson, S.W. John McDonagh J.W.; T. Mears, Treasurer; Holmes, P.M., Secretary; H. Townshead, S.D.; W. Willmore, J.D.; W. Miller, I.G.; Esell, Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was to have been held at the Southsea Assembly Rooms at one o'clock, but in consequence of the time occupied in the consecration of the new lodge, business did not commence until an hour later, when the Provincial Grand Master took the chair, supported by the D. Prov. Grand Master and a number of Past Provincial Grand Officers.

Considerable time was spent in the discussion of the report of the Charities' Committee, recommending a scheme for utilising the votes of the various lodges, and eventually, with some amendments, it was agreed to.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts, shewing a balance of several hundred pounds, which had been duly audited, were submitted, after which Bro. Captain Hooper, P.G.S. Warden, proposed the re-election of Bro. M. E. Frost as Prov. Grand Treasurer, which was seconded by Bro. Eve, Prov. G.S. Warden, who said they could not have a better officer than Bro. Frost, who had discharged his duties so well for many years, and they were much obliged to him for his services. (Applause.) The resolution was carried by acclamation, and the Provincial Grand Master said he could only express their gratitude to Bro. Frost for the very efficient and zealous services which he had given them for the benefit of for so many years.

The Prov. G. Treasurer briefly returned thanks.

The committee for auditing the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts and the committee for managing the Prov. G. Lodge funds having been appointed, the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Col. Hon. S. Calthorpe, 175,	Prov. S.G.W.
Henry Cawte, 1069,	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. E. Nepean, 1,373,	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rev. B. O. Wilberforce, 130,	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Loveland, 698,	Prov. G. Reg.
Mark E. Frost, 487,	Prov. G. Treas.
W. Hickman, 130,	Prov. G. Sec.
J. E. Le Feuvre, 130,	Prov. G. Sec.
G. H. De Fraigne, 257,	Prov. G.S.D.
E. Sheppard, 76,	Prov. G.J.D.
Dyson, 324,	Prov. G.S. of W.
Dusautoy, 359,	Prov. G.D. of C.
Bath, 319,	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
Sleeman, 903,	Prov. G. Sword B.
H. M. Green, 804,	Prov. G. Purst.
Sharpe, 130,	Prov. G. Organist.
Thatcher, 694,	Prov. G. Stewards.
E. Moore, 487,	" " "
C. Cox, 804,	" " "
J. R. Rastick, 1069,	" " "
C. Cox, 394,	" " "
J. G. Buttefant, 76,	" " "
Dawkins,	Prov. G. Tyler.
Biggs,	" " "

D. Prov. G. Master Stebbing said a suggestion had been made that it would be better to have a winter meeting, at which business might be transacted.

The Prov. G. Master promised that he would consult as to what would be the most convenient time for holding the meeting, and if it was the general wish that it should be held, he would make the most convenient arrangement for holding it.

D. Prov. G. Master Stebbing said they had lost, during the last few weeks, the near relatives of three very distinguished Masons in Hampshire. The first he would mention was Bro. the Rev. —Pettat, who was a relative of their Prov. G. Master, and whose kindness of manner endeared him to every one in the province. They had

also had the misfortune to lose a very illustrious dignitary of the Church, the Bishop of Winchester, and his son was an active Mason at Southampton. There was a special reason why he should mention the late bishop, because although he was not a Mason, when they held the centenary of the Royal Gloucester Lodge at Southampton, and they could not get access to their parish church, St. Mary's Church was placed at their disposal, and the Bishop wrote the special service for the day. The D. Prov. G. Master further referred to the bereavement sustained by Bro. Hickman, one of the Prov. G. Secretaries, in the loss of his wife, and which deprived them of his presence that day, and moved that a vote of condolence be sent to the relatives of the two first-named and to Bro. Hickman, which was seconded by Bro. H. M. Emanuel and carried.

The Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in due Masonic form.

At five o'clock a number of brethren partook of a cold collation at the Portland Hall, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the vice-chairs being occupied by the newly appointed Wardens. The splendid band of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, under the direction of Herr Kreyer, was stationed in the balcony, and played some choice selections during the evening.

The Provincial Grand Master, in giving "The Queen and Craft," said if there was one class more loyal to the throne than another it was the Freemasons of England. They had two reasons for this. They were, in the first place, prompted by that loyalty which, as Englishmen, they owed to their Sovereign, and as Freemasons they were taught to obey those in authority.

The Provincial Grand Master next proposed "The Most Worshipful the Right Honourable the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., Grand Master." They had during the year to mourn the loss of one who presided over them for more than a quarter of a century, who for that period reigned in the hearts of Freemasons, and obtained from them that love and affection which was acquired by a long life spent in doing his duty, and by having attached himself to the principles of the Order they loved. By the death of the Earl of Zetland they lost a brother whom they all esteemed and revered. He was sure that when the loss of that nobleman was announced to them, full of years as he was, a poignant sense of grief pierced the heart of every true brother, and the mourning in which for a period of six months every lodge throughout the country was placed would evince that they duly revered him and were duly sensible of the loss they had sustained. In the present Grand Master they had indeed a worthy successor of him. They had one who was able to rule their Craft with that firmness and decision which should characterise a Grand Master, with that zeal and attachment to the Order which he should also evince, and also with that courtesy which should distinguish every brother who aspired to rule over such a widely extended and important body of men.

The Provincial Grand Master next gave "Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M." He was esteemed by them all, and he was sure he was ready to discharge his duties in Freemasonry with zeal and ability. He was certain, from the interest the Prince of Wales took in Freemasonry, no doubt need be entertained that they should always find him a firm supporter. He did not shun trouble, but was ready to come forward on every occasion where the interests of the Order were concerned. They knew full well that when one of their grand Masonic charities needed a brother to preside at its anniversary festival the Prince of Wales came forward and lent his name and position to the great assemblage which then took place.

Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, D. Prov. G.M., then said he had to claim their attention for a few moments whilst he proposed to them a toast as dear to them as any that had been proposed. It was in a spirit of loyalty to those distinguished persons whose healths had been proposed that they would drink to the health of one in authority under them—that was their revered and beloved Provincial Grand Master. (Loud Applause.) They might rejoice indeed that they had a

brother of such distinction presiding in this province, for whilst he held a distinguished position as a country gentleman, he was a true working Mason, always accessible to the brethren and the lodges, and was ready to take part in their ceremonies, setting them an example in the accuracy and care with which those ceremonies were rendered, and in the urbanity and kindness which a Master should always exhibit. He was distinguished not only in his own person, but in the name which he inherited, for he had the right sort of father before him, whose name was dear to many old residents in Hampshire. They had in the son the additional advantage of his being a brother Mason. They had only to go into his immediate neighbourhood to find what they thought of him. Whether it was the humblest labourer on his estate or the proudest gentleman who sat beside him, he was hospitable, kind and noble-minded. He was happy to say he assembled a large number of Oddfellows and Foresters in his park on the previous day—people engaged in the same philanthropic work as themselves, and their Grand Master was amongst them, cultivating those neighbourly feelings, and that brotherly love so akin to his warm-hearted temperament. Whatever position he was placed in he dignified, and every man liked to call him his friend. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Provincial Grand Master, in responding, said it gave him the very greatest pleasure to come amongst them, and to have the opportunity of thanking them for that Masonic feeling which they had shown to him on every occasion he had met them. It was indeed with feelings of proud satisfaction that he had the honour to rule over this important province, and he could assure them that from the first moment he was appointed he resolved that if he possibly could he would do his best to earn the confidence of his brethren. (Hear, hear.) He knew full well that, considering the extreme importance of the province, and the vast number of brethren who ranged under its banner, it was extremely difficult for a Grand Master to do all that was in his heart. He ought to attend to a meeting of every lodge in his province. But how could he do that, with, in this province, no less than twenty-seven lodges? However much he might wish to do so in the year, it was quite impossible, first because if they counted a certain number of lodges in one year it formed no criterion of the number there would be the next year. A few years only had elapsed since he had had the honour of presiding over them, and yet during that time a number of new lodges had sprung into existence. He had never concealed his opinion that it was of no importance for lodges to come into existence unless the members were imbued with those zealous Masonic feelings which should inspire a firm confidence of success, but he believed he might say that every lodge he had had the pleasure of constituting had attained a considerable reputation, and the brethren had been imbued with that Masonic feeling which had enabled them to carry the lodge to that pitch which every Mason would wish. He had no doubt that the lodge he had the pleasure of constituting that day would be no exception, and that from the auspices under which it had been constituted it would attain the same reputation as other lodges which he had had the pleasure of constituting. He should have the greatest pleasure in coming down to attend a lodge in that part of the province on a future occasion. He regretted that he had not at the present moment the opportunity of staying among them as long as he should like, but it was from no fault of his, but from the business having occupied so much time. He hoped, however, that arrangements would be made before long for holding another meeting, at which they would have the opportunity of meeting around the social board, and when he would not be hurried away in the very perfunctory manner he was obliged to be on the present occasion. He begged to thank the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but he believed his thanks were more immediately due to the brethren of the Portsmouth Lodges. He knew he had not had an opportunity of meeting them quite so often as he should have liked, but he could only say it was his earnest wish to promote the prosperity of their lodges to the utmost of

his power. He could not refrain from observing that one of the earliest Masonic ceremonies he was called upon to perform, in a public capacity, was to represent their late Grand Master, Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, in constituting the United Brothers Lodge. He should never forget the warm and kindly reception he met with, in conjunction with the Grand Master, and he trusted that the work then inaugurated had produced worthy fruit. The Provincial Grand Master then retired amidst the hearty plaudits of the brethren, and the chair was taken by Bro. J. R. Stebbing, D. Prov. G.M.

Bro. Dr. Diver, P. Prov. G.M. Bombay, briefly gave "The Right Worshipful the Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," and the D. Prov. G.M., as one of the officers of the Grand Lodge, responded.

Bro. Eve, P. Prov. G.S.W. Hants, said they had an excellent Provincial Grand Master, who thoroughly understood the principles of their Order, and who was desirous of doing the utmost he could to further those principles, for the benefit of the Craft in general, and of the province in particular. But he had never shown his ability more than in selecting the brother on his right (Bro. Stebbing). He could not have made a better choice, or one that fell in more with the feelings of all the brethren. As long as he had known the province he had always the name of Stebbing within his ears when anything in the shape of Masonry was thought or spoken of. For years past he had exerted himself to the utmost to promote the interests of Masonry in the province. Not only had he brought his will to bear upon it, but he had in himself the inherent capacity for giving effect to that will, and perfecting it as they had heard to-day. He had the peculiar faculty of making his voice heard and his sentiments felt, and of doing that amount of good which only man of his capacity could. Not only in Hants, but in London, and other parts of the country he was well known. His feelings for Masonry they could all appreciate. The spontaneous effusion of his that day was sufficient to glow the heart of any brother. It showed that he had the full spirit and feeling of Masonry in him, when he was able, on the spur of the moment, to deliver that grand oration. He then gave "The Worshipful J. R. Stebbing, Past Grand Deacon, Deputy Provincial Grand Master," and said he was sure they would receive it in such a manner as to show that they not only appreciated his abilities and his willingness to serve them, but the good work which he had actually done.

Bro. J. R. Stebbing, D. Prov. G.M., who was greeted with repeated rounds of applause, said he felt this was a compliment paid him, when after many roving years he visited his native town, the place of his earliest and happiest associations, and, wherein and in connection wherewith, if he added the Masonic career of his good old father to his own, they should make up very nearly a hundred years devoted to Masonry, and perhaps the most useful part of either his father's life or his own. When he recollected that Masonry was reconstructed from its ancient character in 1717, and that he appeared there to-day connected with a family that had been associated with Masonry for more than half the period that had expired since that time, (and if he were to add to that other family associations with Masonry, he would make 150 years' connection of the name of Stebbing with the Order) of all things he had been connected with nothing was more cheering than to be able to look back upon a long period, not of honours and wealth, but of connection with that brother, the most noble and illustrious and the most useful the world had ever seen. He ventured in the lodge that day to say something of the ancient character of Freemasonry, and it was not his intention to go over the same ground again, but he might be permitted to speak with pride and pleasure of their ancient institution. A great deal had been said during the last few years by historians and antiquarians in connection with the Order, but they should never lose sight of the fact that Masonry was always an ancient institution, and if they looked back to the records of 1717, which some foolish men had fixed as the date of the origin of Freemasonry, they

would find that the men who then assembled fresh from the work of building St. Paul's Cathedral, which was carried on some 40 years anterior, were presided over by that great Mason Sir Christopher Wren, who was an old Grand Master of that day. The Book of Constitutions of 1723 spoke of the old records of Masonry, and in the grand old song which they sang with so much delight, they said:

Antiquity's pride we have on our side,
Which maketh men just in their station:

and, therefore, when that song was written it was not written in connection with a new institution. They should never forget these old associations, and when men talked and rushed into print, propounding strange doctrines and talking much nonsense, and fixing a date or age for Masonry, they could tell them it was a giant in age and a glorious thing in antiquity. There were great things in tradition, and go where they might they found that every nation, tribe, and people had traditions in which there was a great amount of truth, and the old history of countries, arithmetic, grammar, logic, music, and other such things had a connection with the ancient society of which they were the happy depositaries and the fortunate associates. In the middle ages those ancient rites and curious practices, of which they had a knowledge but to despise, many were they knew taken from the Masonic institution. In ancient times they found in Masonry the same high relations to truth, the same devotion to those principles that made them rejoice in their institution, which would live for ever, if they only practised its sacred dictates, and they might say of Masonry

Her monuments may fade away,

Her truth and social love shall ne'er decay
Temples might vanish, palaces might be destroyed, the most glorious buildings in the world might be lost, but in the truth and justice of their Order, in brotherly love, relief, and truth, in being kind to one another and setting an example to the outer world, Masonry would endure, new in its beauties, and lovely in the old past that had gone. They should never forget to reverence things that were old. He recollected hearing a man, on such an occasion as this, say, "Ah, I like old things. I like everything that is antique and beautiful to reflect upon," when some wag remark, "You like old women." The reply was, "Yes, I love my dear old mother." (Applause.) Let them never forget the recollections of their mother in Masonry and in life (a phrase that his brother Masons would understand), and it would keep them right. It had been his fortune to read the book of life and other books a little, to be mixed up with many troubles and to have many cares during a long career, and he was now hastening to the other shore. He could say with great truth and honesty, after nearly forty years in Masonry, that it had been a comfort and happiness to him under every care, and when occupying positions to which the confidence and kindness of his fellow townsmen had elevated him, nothing had given him such adamant strength as having a Mason to lean upon, and knowing that he would defend a brother in his absence as in his presence.

Bro. R. Stebbing, D.P.G.M., next gave "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Jesse Owens, Secretary of Hanwell Lunatic Asylum, who, with two other visiting brothers, responded.

Bro. Leigh Baily, W.M. 257, gave "The Wardens and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge." He proposed the toast with the greatest pleasure, because it gave him the opportunity of thanking the Prov. G.M. for the honour conferred upon his own lodge, which was one of the oldest in the province, and had been the cradle of many excellent and worthy Masons.

Bro. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, Prov. G.S. Warden, responded. He felt that he held the office, certainly not from any merit of his own, but because he had reason to believe that the Provincial Grand Master wished to pay a compliment to the brethren of the Isle of Wight. He believed it was well known to them all that until quite lately the brethren of the Island thought proper not to join the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire, and he was sure that now they had come to a sense of what he thought was due to them and to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire they would for the future pull

most cordially together, and he felt it an especial pleasure that it should devolve upon him to be the first, on an occasion like the present, to return thanks, as one of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Speaking for himself and his brethren, he could say it would be their endeavour, as far as their abilities would permit them, to assist in all the onerous duties that devolved on the Grand Lodge, and he was sure they should always, during the year of office, by punctual attention to their duties, endeavour in every way in their power to assist and promote the welfare of Masonry in general.

Bro. H. Cawte, Prov. G. J. Warden, also responded. He had not the honour of being so distinguished a brother as the preceding speaker, but it had been his study and endeavour to carry out those principles which at his initiation were instilled into his mind, and so long as the Great Architect of the Universe gave him health it would always be his wish and anxiety to do that which would not only be an honour to himself but to the society to which he had the pleasure to belong. It had been the great desire of his life to do all he could that should promote not only the success of Freemasonry in general, but also of those Masonic charities of which they as Masons felt so justly proud.

Bro. Rake proposed "The Past Wardens and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," to which Bro. Frost, Prov. G. Treasurer, and Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Secretary, responded.

Bro. Ubsdell gave "The Lodges of the District and the Province," to which Bros. Legh Bailey and Capt. Trower responded.

"The Masonic Charities" (proposed by Bro. De Fraine, P.G.S.D.), "The Press" (proposed by Bro. G. S. Lancaster, W.M. 497, and acknowledged by Bro. G. L. Green); "The Ladies," (responded to by Bro. L. Emanuel), and "All Poor and Distressed Masons" were subsequently given, the proceedings being agreeably varied with some capital songs.

Original Correspondence.

JACHIN AND BOAZ.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reference to J.C., permit me to say that there is a passage in Josephus (Ant. viii., chap. 3, verse 36), which shows, as I formerly stated on an article in the *Temple of Solomon*, that the left side of the porch was what would be on the right, if we suppose ourselves going up from the East Courts towards the Temple proper.

He says Solomon set five lions "on the left side of the temple, which was that side next the north wind;" whence it follows, that Jachin was on the south, against our left hand, on approaching the porch, and Boaz on the north, against our right hand. I think most people conceive erroneously of the situation of the pillars.

Yours fraternally,
WILL. CARPENTER.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE AND THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall feel obliged if you can find me space for a few remarks on Bro. Holmes's letter in *The Freemason* of 19th.

I am, like Bro. Holmes, a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and of the Order of the Temple, and am not quite prepared to account for the tone of the letter published in your magazine, and supposed to be written by Sir Patrick Colquhoun. There may be differences of opinion even in high quarters, but whether of that importance to warrant severe words between themselves is a matter with which we have nothing to do, and I very much question the good taste of publishing any words, or letters, that may have been uttered or written privately.

I fully believe in the soundness of that foundation held by the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and I quite as fully believe in the singleheartedness

of Sir Patrick Colquhoun, with reference to the Order of the Temple, I believe this Order is very largely indebted to him for the uninterested devotion he has paid to it. I know he has refused honours in it that most would have been glad to have accepted, and I believe he only desires to promote the true interests of Freemasonry, though perhaps particularly, the Order of the Temple.

I am quite of Bro. Holmes's opinion, that a great deal of nonsense has been talked and written about the Order of the Temple, by those who should first have made themselves a little better acquainted with the facts of the matter.

May I then, as a very humble member, advise all who have taken a prominent part in the controversy (for it is not argument) to ask themselves whether they are, by the style they have adopted, doing Masonic work, or pulling down the work that others have laboured in love to erect, and whether they have been anxious to pull out the mote, from a brother's eye, forgetting the beam in their own.

Let us all rather try to work together, forgetting our little selves, and endeavour to assist in the grand work of bringing all orders of Freemasonry to work in harmony, and though each order managing its own concerns, yet to work under one grand head.

Surely this is Masonic, or I have misunderstood the spirit of what I have delighted in for many years.

I am, yours fraternally,
EXCELSIOR.

K.H.S. AND ST. JOHN.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From your report of the Grand Council I find it has been determined that under certain restrictions Provincial Conclaves may be permitted to work the degrees of K.H.S., and St. John, on payment of 10s. 6d. to the Council for every installation.

I venture to think that this is a mistake, and that it will have the effect of stopping the general working of these degrees; it appears to me that a smaller fee for registration would amply meet the case, and that this should certainly not exceed that charged for the Red Cross degree itself, viz. 5s.

I always understood that these degrees were appendant to the Red Cross, and indeed in America they are uniformly worked by all Red Cross Conclaves and no extra fees are charged; surely it is desirable to encourage the working of these degrees, and not to stifle them by unreasonable fees. I trust it may yet not be too late for the Grand Council to re-consider their decision.

Yours truly,
ALPHA.

SPIRITUALISTS.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You will not take offence if I say that you have been rash in pronouncing judgment upon the Spiritualists in the last *Freemason*, and especially as some of the most eminent amongst your brethren and readers are included in that judgment. I do not desire to detract, in the least degree, from all that has been said in praise of the mechanism constructed and employed by Maskelyne and Cooke; but when you write that the illusions exhibited through this "should put down the pretensions of the Spiritualists," you speak "without book," and place yourself amongst those who "see a little, presume a good deal, and jump to a conclusion." Pardon my saying that you can know very little of Spiritualism, or you would have made no such confession as you have made. Spiritual manifestations are not dependent upon mechanical contrivances, or clever manipulations, as you should have known before writing your condemnatory judgment upon those who—I was going to write, believe in them, but I should write—who know them. Do you happen to know that £1000 is an offer to Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke, or to any other illusionist, who will produce the phenomena daily witnessed by Spiritualists, and that no one of them will accept the

offer? Do you think we have not a right to challenge you to the proof of your assertion that Maskelyne and Cooke "perform by simple dexterity and sleight of hand the feats hitherto professedly accomplished by Spiritual agency?" You would be desperately put to it if you were to have such a challenge, and attempt the proof. I repeat, your pronounced judgment is a rash one; and I might add, is an insult to the understanding of many of your friends and brethren.

I am, yours fraternally,
WILL. CARPENTER.

[The above has been handed to the writer of the notice, to which he makes the following reply.—Ed. *Freemason*.]

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read the remarks of Bro. Wm. Carpenter, which were evoked by my brief notice of the performance of Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke, at the Egyptian Hall.

I little thought that my humble pen would have brought me into a controversy with a brother for whose literary labours, both in and out of Freemasonry, I have ever entertained the greatest admiration. With a writer of such ability and profound erudition, I do not feel competent to "break a lance." I must admit, at the outset, that, although I am a firm disbeliever in the pretensions of the Spiritualists, I have never seen any of these manifestations, but have taken my stand from the published descriptions of the feats of Spiritualistic media, as furnished by themselves, or by believers in their veracity.

I had formed the impression that the principal supporters (for the Spiritualists do not disdain to make money by their mysteries) were weak-minded elderly ladies, and other persons with but a limited knowledge of natural science, a little study of which, in my mind, is sufficient to demonstrate the absurdity of the pretensions of the Spiritualists.

The only way of accounting for the dancing of inanimate matter in the form of tables, chairs, sofas, &c., and the ariel flights of similar articles, would be a suspension of the laws of nature and the annihilation for the time of the laws of gravitation. These we know, to some extent, can be effected by means of galvanism, electricity, and other ingenious applications of natural phenomena.

I can, in every description of the "manifestations" at the seances (although my knowledge of natural science is not sufficient to enable me to account for all the phenomena), see some resemblance to the tricks of conjurers and wizards, and the various scenic effects lately produced as ghostly illusions, by means of reflectors of plate-glass, &c.

Bro. Carpenter says that "Spiritual manifestations are not dependant upon mechanical contrivances or clever manipulations;" but I have it in my recollection that at the seances of Messrs. Davenport Bros. they employed "mechanical contrivances" in the shape of specially constructed cabinets; and, from reading the descriptions at the time, the rope tying, undressing and dressing with floured hands, playing of musical instruments, &c., conveyed impressions to my mind which were exactly realised on witnessing the clever manifestations of Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke.

As to the offer of £1000 to any one who can "produce the phenomena daily witnessed by the Spiritualists," I have only to remark that offers of wagers are not a very erudite argument in settling controversies. It is somewhat like the American game at cards, at which he who has the worst hand sometimes wins, because he has the most money—and audacity.

I do not know the terms upon which the £1000 are offered, but as Bro. Carpenter not only believes in Spiritual manifestations, but knows them to be genuine, I should have expected a better argument from him than the mention of an offer of a wager as a proof of their genuineness.

In reply to the concluding paragraph of his letter, I am rather surprised that Bro. Carpenter, who has taken part in so many discussions in your columns with such great ability, should take my few remarks as "an insult to the under-

standing" of those who hold a contrary opinion. I can assure him that they were written without any such intention on my part.

I remain, yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE NOTICE.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN GLASGOW.

Monday, August the 11th, will be a very memorable day in the history of the Glasgow Lodge Star, No. 219, the members of which some time past determined to obtain a hall of their own. This laudable object they have carried into effect by taking a lease of some large premises at No. 12, Trongate, in the very centre of Glasgow, which they have converted into one of the most convenient lodge-rooms in the city. The hall itself is a spacious apartment, well adapted for the purpose, while the reception, preparing, and Stewards'-room, and the adjuncts are all that can be desired. There are, also, smaller rooms adapted for the purposes of the higher orders, the whole being fitted and furnished in a truly Masonic style.

The P. G. Master, Bro. W. M. Neilson, being on the Continent, the ceremony of constitution was deferred, and the lodge opened by dispensation, so that the working might continue, the lodge having given up their old premises. It was accordingly opened by the following officers:—Bros. Joseph Wilson, R.W.M.; C. S. Atson, D.M., Acting Master; W. Anderson, S.M.; J. M. Davidson, P.M.; J. A. Logan, Acting S.W.; J. Garth, J.W.; J. McKing, Treasurer; J. Morgan, Sec.; J. White, Chaplain; R. Rinwil, S.W.; G. Miller, J.W.; Jas. Duthie, P.G.S.; Jas. Perston, S.S.; J. Gardner, D.S.

On this were Bros. J. Tweed, M.D., Mother Kilwinning No. 2; J. Gaities, P.M. 125; P.G.I.G.; W. Bain, P.G.B.B.; J. Collins, Acting W.M. 87; G. W. Wheeler, 73; J. Farrant, 459; D. Bell, R.W.M. 465; Rev. J. Bain, Chaplain Star of India, 342; and the Rev. J. Wilson.

In the hall were 150 visiting brethren, comprising deputations from every lodge in the province.

Bro. A. W. Banks presided at the harmonium and Bro. Robert Fraser conducted the singing at the opening. After this had been formally done the following six gentlemen, at the request of the R.W.M., were initiated by Bro. Gillies, P.G.I.G., viz.:—Messrs. Allen, J. Disher, Christie, Bronn, Yule, and Sheldon. The ceremony was ably rendered, but owing to the crowded state of the hall at that period the heat was intense; at its close means were taken to procure more ventilation, and the only drawback to the enjoyment of the evening removed. The R.W.M., Bro. Wilson, who had only just reached town, then took the chair, and the lodge was called from labour to refreshment.

The R.W.M., while congratulating the lodge on the fortunate completion of the work in preparing the hall, regretted that the state of his health would not allow him to adequately thank the kind brethren of the sister lodges for coming in such numbers to assist them in thus opening a new Masonic Hall.

The following toasts were then proposed, "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," responded to by Bro. Gillies, P.G.I.G. "The Six Initiates," to which Bros. Wm. A. Allen and Christie, replied on behalf of their companions. Bro. the Rev. J. Wilson in feeling terms gave the "Memory of the Illustrious Men who have filled the Chair of the Star Lodge." Bro. Bain, P.G.B.B., in a humorous speech, gave "Prosperity to the Star Lodge and the Health of its R.W.M." Bro. Wilson replied, thanking the visitors for their good wishes, and proposed "Prosperity to the various Deputations from the other Lodges," every lodge in the province being represented there that night. Bro. Carron, P.M. of No. 87, replied. The S.W. gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," Bro. Aitken replied. The R.W.M. having given the last toast, called the lodge back to labour. He then said that the Star Lodge would be wanting in their duty to themselves if they did not bestow honouring affiliation on Bros. Fraser and Banks for the

valuable service they had rendered in the musical department.

The lodge was then closed, all being highly pleased with the evening's proceedings. Bros. Price, Collins, Fraser, Carron, and Brown, also contributed to the harmony of the evening.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 22nd, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, August 16.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, Nightingale Tavern, Wood Green.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, August 18.

Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest Hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, August 19.

Board of General Purposes at 3.
 Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, August 20.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6, precisely.
 Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, August 21.

House Committee, Girl's School, at 4.
 Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh, Stockwell.
 Chapter 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hotel, Anerly.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.

Highbate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, August 22.

House Committee, Boys' School at 4.

Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.

" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (724), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 23, 1873.

Monday, August 18.

Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, August 19.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, August 20.

Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1080, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.

Thursday, August 21.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.
 Encampment William de la More, New Court House, Prescott.

Friday August 22.

Chapter 680, Selson, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, August 23, 1873.

Monday, August 18.

St. Mungo Encampment, Knights Templar, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, August 19.

Lodge 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

Wednesday, August 20.

Lodge 128, St. John, Shetlestone.
 Chap. 79, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

Thursday, August 21.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
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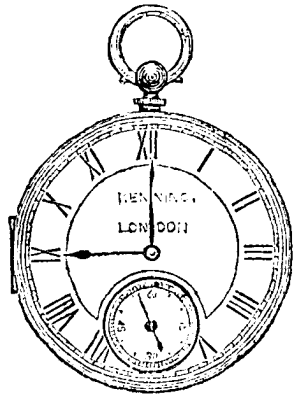
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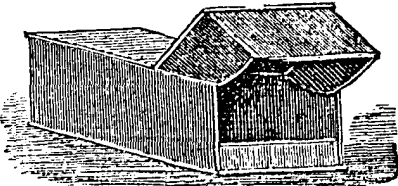
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).—Favoured by fine weather the summer banquet of the Euphrates Lodge, took place at the Bald Faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, (Bro. Henry Lock's) on Wednesday, the 13th inst. There was a goodly company of ladies and gentlemen assembled, all bent upon enjoying the day as much as possible. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Hammond, presided at the banquet, assisted by his two Wardens, his J.D., and several Past Masters, among whom we must not forget the name of Sam. Watkins, P.M. and Treasurer, always doing his best to promote the interests of the lodge and of these jovial gatherings. The cloth being drawn, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to, and interspersed with appropriate songs given by various brothers, amongst whom were Bros. Howell, Hill, and others. The company then adjourned to the dancing saloon, where dancing was kept up till a late hour. It suffices to say that the dinner was served in Bro. Henry Lock's usual style and that the ladies and gentlemen present left the hotel with the greatest satisfaction possible, having enjoyed a pleasant and happy day.

Knights Templar.

GLASGOW.—The St. Mungo Encampment met on Monday, August 18th, in St. Mark's Hall, the M.N.S., Sir Knight R. Bell, presiding, assisted by the following Sir Knights, J. Tweed, D.E.C.; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, Acting Prelate; M. Clanachan, C.C.; and J. Johnson, as M.; Comp. Lentitt, Scribe E. of Chapter 50, was proposed and unanimously elected as a suitable candidate for the Order. The nomination of officers was then proceeded with, Sir Knight Wheeler proposed Sir Knight R. Bell, as Most Eminent Commander for the ensuing year; they were all so well acquainted with the peculiar fitness of that gentleman for the arduous post, they had seen so many proofs of his proficiency in the past, that he was sure they would unanimously re-elect him to fill the chair this year. Sir Knight Bell, while deeply grateful to all the friends present, wished to be relieved of the responsibilities of the office, and would propose, as his successor, Sir Knight Wheeler, who was so well acquainted with the ritual, and was always at his post. Sir Knight Wheeler declined the honour, feeling sure that it would conduce more to the interest of the Order if their worthy E.C. would undertake these duties for the next year. They had adopted the ritual now prescribed by the Chapter General, and though quite willing to aid Sir Knight Bell, he would decline to take the office at present. T. Tweed was nominated as D.E.C.; J. Butler, as P.E.C.; J. E. Speirs, C.G.; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder; M. Clanachan, C.C.; G. M. Alister, S.C.; J. Douglas, J.C.; and J. Bates, Treasurer. The installation will take place on the 15th of Sept.

A committee of nine were appointed to seek a more suitable place of meeting for the ensuing year, and other routine business was transacted.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

EXETER.—Coryton and Rougemont Chapter H.R.D.M.—This chapter was held on the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, Devonshire, when the following members of the Order attended:—Lieut. General H. E. Doherty, C.B., 33°. Inspector General of the Western District of England; P. H. Newnham, P.M.W.S., 32°; F. H. Woodforde, 32°; S. Jones, P.M.W.S., 30°; B. T. Hodge, M.D., M.W.S., 30°; W. H. Haycock, W. S. Passmore, H. Woodgates, M.D., T. David, T. Gardner, F. H. Huxtable, J. Moass, 18°, and others. The elections for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. W. T. Passmore, 18°, as W.M.S., and Ill. Bro. S. Jones, P.M.W.S., 30°, as Treasurer. Bro. W. S. Passmore, 18°, was then duly presented by F. H. Woodforde, M.D., and installed in the chair of M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. S. Jones, 30°, and the following brethren received their appointments to the various offices:—R. Bowden, M.A., H. Prelate; J. Gould, 1st General; J. W. Keyworth, 2nd General; T. Dand, G. Marshal; W. H. Woodgate, M.D., Raphael; W. Hine Haycock, Capt. Guard; S. Jones, Treasurer; T. Grander, Registrar; H. Davey, Chamberlain; W. H. Reed, M.D., Almoner; J. J. Mackenzie, M.D., 1st Lieut. of Guard; F. H. Huxtable, 2nd Lieut. of Guard; R. R. G. Thomas, M.D., 1st Herald; F. Wood, 2nd Herald; A. S. Soper Hexter, Director of Ceremonies. A splendid diamond snake ring, and a beautifully illuminated vellum, with the subscribers' names, &c., upon it, was then presented to Ill. Bro. S. Jones, P.M.W.S., 30°, by Bro. W. Hine Haycock, who carried it on a very ancient silver plate belonging to the Masonic Hall, and, addressing the princes in his usual manner spoke as follows:—"Our Ill. Bro. Jones, as a small acknowledgment for his valuable services in resuscitating the Coryton and Rougemont Chapter, Rose Croix was recommended for and invested with the 30°. Is it not plain, therefore, that looking to what the Supreme Council awarded him as a distinctive mark of their approbation, we, the individual brethren of this comparatively humble branch of our Order, should recognize his claim to our regard and esteem. He has performed all the ceremonies of the Order since its resuscitation in Exeter, and been at considerable trouble, inconvenience, and expense, in arranging the paraphernalia. He has met the brethren on all occasions with that frankness and kindness which are so essentially his province, and at no time of the day during the hours of business or pleasure has he ever been known to refuse an immediate interview to a brother Mason to accord to him the advantage of his intimate knowledge, and advise in regard to all matters of Masonry, theoretical or practical. Ill. brother, when you quitted the chair last year, which you filled with so much credit to yourself and advantage to the other brethren, your left behind you the conscious attestation of the good services rendered to us all, you have set an example to your successors which they will do well to follow, and through all the varied phases of our association with you we have had continuous and increased cause to recognise the sincerity of purpose, devotion, brotherhood, and frequent exemplification of that real charity which are at once the main spring and the tide of our glorious creed. "Palman quit meruit ferat" will be most suitable as the inscription upon your ring, and though we are doubtless all familiar with Pope's hackneyed lines, I may well apply them here and say "Honour and shame from no conditions rise, act well your part there all the honour lies. Ill. Bro. Jones, P.M.W.S., 30° then rose and addressed the brethren, viz.:—Illustrious Brethren and Companions, it is with feelings of most profound gratitude I accept at your hands this handsome present and scroll, believing as I do, that it is intended on your part as an earnest of your kind and fraternal feelings towards me. There are occasions that occur in the lives of most of us, when the feelings which swell up

from the bottom of one's heart are of such a nature that the tongue cannot find words to give utterance to them; such, believe me, my brethren, is the case with me at present. My esteemed and valued friend, Bro. Haycock, has in the generosity of his nature, brought my name before you in a manner far exceeding my deserts or that I could ever hope to deserve. If my humble endeavours to promote the good of our Order have met with your approval, that in itself indeed is a recompense to me in doing what has been a pleasure, and in the performance of the duties which have devolved upon me I have ever experienced the greatest gratification. Ever since I became a Master Mason it has been my anxiety to be admitted a member of the 18°, if deemed worthy, and finding when I thought I might fairly submit my name for approval I was admitted to the honour of fellowship of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the Chapter at Bath, I then endeavoured to resuscitate it in our ancient and ever faithful City, and obtain the advantages for my brethren here. Aided by the strong help I received from the Supreme Council, Capt. Dick, and the cordial co-operation of the old members of the chapter here, we were fortunate enough not only to resuscitate the chapter, but to obtain the warrant of the oldest in existence under the Supreme Council, excepting only the Metropolitan, viz.: the Coryton. Although we may not perhaps have enrolled under our banner since then as great a number of members as other chapters, we have, I hope and believe, ever kept one point in view, that is only to admit into the privileges of our Order Masons who were thoroughly entitled to participate in those privileges. I cannot allow this occasion to pass without tendering my heartfelt and cordial thanks to the members of the chapter for the great kindness and co-operation I have ever received at their hands in carrying out the duties connected with it, many of whom came long distances for the purpose of assisting in our ceremonies, and I trust and believe my worthy friend, Bro. Passmore, that you will receive at the hands of the officers you have appointed, that assistance which you will command and require to carry out efficiently the duties of your high and distinguished position in the Order. I have to tender my grateful thanks to you, Bro. Haycock, for the very flattering manner you have spoken of me; to you, Illustrious Sirs, for your attendance on this, to me, auspicious occasion, and to you, my brothers assembled, for the kind indulgence I at all times receive at your hands. Believe me, I shall ever look back with pride to the day when I was so highly honoured by my brethren, and I trust the Great Architect will spare me to be present to enjoy the privilege of your society at many future meetings. This emblem of eternity will ever be prized and cherished by me as long as I live, and will, I trust, be handed to a Lewis to think of after I am gone. I cannot sit down without thanking two other distinguished members of our Order, Ill. Bro. Lieutenant-General Doherty, C.B.; I mean Bros. Woodforde and Newnham, who have come such a distance to join in our ceremony of installation, and in conclusion, M.W.S., allow me to wish you a very pleasant year of office, feeling assured, as I do, you will fill the distinguished post, not only with honour to yourself, but with credit to the members of the chapter by whom you were elected. The alms having been collected, the chapter was closed, when the brethren repaired to the Half Moon Hotel, and partook of a dinner in every way worthy of Bro. Gardner's reputation, and the evening was spent in the greatest harmony.

The Court of Chancery has just given an important decision in the case of Dr. John Collis Browne's "Chlorodyne," a preparation which has now been in extensive use for the last twenty years in the metropolitan hospitals and among the faculty, as an antidote to cholera, diarrhoea, dysentery, and other debilitating diseases, as well as in febrile, inflammatory, and neuralgic affections. Dr. Collis Browne, having discovered, while in India, serving with the army, an important method of counteracting the diseases which afflicted the Europeans settled there, after much labour brought to perfection a specific which upon its introduction into England met with the unqualified approbation of the most eminent practitioners. Under the name "Chlorodyne," which he also invented to distinguish it from all other preparations, he offered it to the public, and so valuable was it deemed that great difficulty was experienced in protecting it from imitation. The Court of Chancery while regretting its inability to prevent the use of the term, strongly expressed its opinion that Dr. Collis Browne's "Chlorodyne" was the only original, and, therefore, only genuine preparation.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

On St. John's day, the festival of the Patron Saint of Freemasonry, the members of the Craft, including those belonging to the two lodges in Grahamstown, the Albany and St. John's, and others not affiliated with either lodge, assembled in the lodge-room for the installation of the Worshipful Masters of the two lodges, and for the investiture of the office-bearers of each. The Albany Lodge, No. 389, assembled at eleven o'clock, when Bro. A. Brittain, late Senior Warden of the Lodge Good Hope, Port Elizabeth, was installed into the Master's chair by Past Masters Bros. R. Carrin, H. Linton, and P. H. Solomon. The newly installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his office-bearers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. W. A. Smith, S.W.; O. Lester, J.W.; A. W. Allcock, S.D.; G. Goodwin, J.D.; J. Viall, Sec.; J. S. Wilcox, Treas.; J. Everley, and G. Goodwin, Auditors; T. Sheffield, and W. Parsons, Stewards; J. Quait, I.G.; A. Will, Tyler.

Previous to the installation of the W.M. elect, the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Carrin, was presented by Bro. W. A. Smith, acting S.W., on behalf of office-bearers and brethren of the Albany Lodge, with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, and in doing so briefly expressed the pleasure such a pleasing task gave him.

The following address, which was very elegantly engrossed, and tastefully embellished in colours with Masonic emblems, by Bro. J. Viall, was read by the Secretary, and presented with the jewel:—

"To B other Past Master and Worshipful Master Richard Carrin, of Albany Lodge, No. 389, of Free and Accepted Masons.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother:—We, the undersigned, Wardens, Officers, and Brethren of the Albany Lodge, No. 389, desire to convey to you, on the expiration of your term of office, our sincere esteem and hearty appreciation of your invaluable services as presiding Worshipful Master since September, 1871. We cannot allow this opportunity to pass to-day without expressing our grateful acknowledgements that your presidency has been marked with the most beneficial results in promoting the welfare of Freemasonry at a sacrifice of no small comfort to yourself. Your early career in the Craft evinced a devotedness to a life of Masonic usefulness, matured and fully developed in process of time as ever to secure the approbation of those brethren who first placed you in the east in 1863-4, and since that time up to the present you have, Worshipful Sir, brightly shone conspicuous in the exercise of an energetic and successful effort not only to restore the ancient prestige of the oldest lodge in the Eastern Province, but in guiding its actions over the temporary darkness which overshadowed our Temple during a period of alleged departure from the landmarks of our Order.

"By the unanimous vote of the lodge we are called upon to perform an agreeable and pleasing duty. We have now the pleasure, Worshipful Sir, to present to you, as a small but affectionate token of our brotherly love, the accompanying Past-Master's Jewel, with the hope that it may ever remind you of the great truths it has been your happy lot so frequently to inculcate to others. May it ever remind you that since you were first initiated as a brother of this lodge in 1859 you have ever honourably and zealously fulfilled the various duties by worthy, upright, and conscientious conduct, which you have from time to time been called upon to perform, which has not only secured the good will, respect, and brotherly love of the brethren of your mother lodge, but of sister lodges in the town and country.

"May you, Worshipful Sir, now and for many years to come, enjoy as much as any one dare to expect of unalloyed personal, domestic, and social happiness, is the earnest prayer of the brethren of the lodge.

"Signed by the members of 'Albany Lodge' No. 389, at Grahamstown, Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the 24th day of June, Anno Domini 1873, and Anno Lucis 5873."

The jewel is of silver-gilt, and upon the face

of it are the words: "*Audi, Vide, Tace.*" On the reverse side it bears the inscription—"Presented to Bro. P.M. RICHARD CURRIN, by Albany Lodge, No. 389, as a token of their esteem for his services as W.M., 1863-64, 1871-72, and 1872-73." The jewel is suspended with blue ribbon, and on the clasps, in elegant characters inlaid in white enamel, are the words, "Albany Lodge, No. 389."

The retiring W.M. thanked the brethren in the following terms:—Brethren,—In looking at the inscription on this jewel, it calls to my mind years that have passed and gone. I recollect many years ago, seeing the same inscription: "*Audi, Vide, Tace,*" with the All-seeing Eye in the centre, on a tombstone. I was then in company with our late esteemed brother, E. K. King, who was for many years Secretary of the Albany Lodge. He told me those words signified "*Hear, see, be silent.*" I thought, at first sight, it would have been a good text for me, as I am not in the habit of making a speech. But I feel on the present occasion, that I cannot sit down without saying a few words. Brothers Senior and Junior Wardens, Office-bearers, and Brethren all! I return you my most grateful thanks for the very handsome present I have just received at your hands, and for the very flattering address presented with it. I am afraid you have coloured my humble services too highly, for had it not been for the able support I have received from the office-bearers I could not have performed the duties of the office so well as I have done. I have done no more than what every Master of a lodge tries to do:—I have done my best. During the long period that I have had the honour of presiding over this, my mother lodge,—I speak it with pride, if I may use that expression—I do not recollect one single unpleasant event within the walls of the lodge, although I must say, it has not been altogether a bed of roses, for on one or two occasions I have had an unpleasant duty to perform, but I have always managed that outside the walls of the lodge, so as not to disturb its harmony. In looking at this magnificent jewel, it reminds me of various things—the first is, that I possess the goodwill of the brethren, and if I have merited so handsome a testimonial of their respect, I must have given them general satisfaction. I am now advanced in years, and I find that my memory begins to fail me. It is time for me, therefore, to take off this badge of office, and place it on some one younger, better able, and more competent to fill the high office. But if it should be the will of the Great Architect of the Universe to spare me in health and strength, I hope I shall always be found ready and willing to lend assistance if required; and when He shall see fit to call us from this sublunary abode, I hope we shall one and all of us be wearing that jewel that will admit us into the Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. So mote it be!

At high twelve the installation of Bro. W. Waller, P.M., as W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 328, commenced, the officiating Past Masters being Bro. H. Linton, the retiring Master of the Lodge, and Bros. A. E. C. Fielden, R. Carrin, and P. H. Solomon. The Worshipful Master elect then proceeded to invest his office-bearers for ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Jas. E. Everley, S.W.; A. E. C. Fielden, J.W.; F. Fleming, P.M., Treasurer; T. H. Addison, Secretary; D. Sampson, S.D.; T. Holliday, J.D.; H. Kennelly, Inner Guard; H. Will, Tyler.

In the evening the brethren of St. John's Lodge gave a grand Masonic ball, to which about 350 invitations had been issued.

PORT ELIZABETH.—The annual meeting of the Lodge of Good Will, No. 711, took place on Tuesday, the 24th June, at the Masonic Temple on the Hill. Bro. S. Bain, W.M., presided, supported by Bro. W. J. Nettleton, P.M., Bro. J. C. Kemsley, P.M., Bro. C. Wheelwright, W.M. Lodge of Good Hope, and about fifty brethren. The business of the evening was the installation of Bro. J. A. Bell in the chair of K.S., who had proved his qualifications for that important office by the painstaking, earnest, and efficient

manner in which he had discharged the duties of S.W. during the past year. The whole of the beautiful ceremony was conducted in a most impressive manner by the Installing Master, Bro. S. Bain, after which the newly-installed Master appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. S. Bain, I.P.M.; J. Blakeway, S.W.; A. Hill, J.W.; Geo. Armstrong (by proxy), Treasurer; H. E. Tonks, P.M., Secretary; J. W. Riches, S.D.; D. Dyason, J.D.; J. D. Puth, I.G.; W. Denny, Org.; J. E. Fortenbach and J. Horton, Stewards; and J. Morley, O.G. After closing the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by Bro. W. Fox, of the club, to which ample justice was done. The usual Masonic and other toasts having been disposed of, and several songs and recitations given, the brethren retired shortly after eleven o'clock, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES.

By an ancient usage of the Craft, the Book of the Law is always spread open in the lodge. There is in this, as in everything else that is Masonic, an appropriate symbolism. The Book of the Law is the great light of Masonry. To close it would be to intercept the rays of divine light which emanates from it, and hence it is spread open, to indicate that the lodge is not in darkness, but under the influence of its illuminating power. Masons in this respect obey the suggestion of the divine founder of the Christian religion, "neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." A close book, a sealed book, indicates that its contents are secret; and a book or roll folded up was the symbol, says Weingart, of a law abrogated, or of a thing of no further use. Hence, as the reverse of all this, the Book of Law is open in our lodges, to teach us that its contents are to be studied, that the law which it inculcates is still in force, and is to be "the rule and guide of our conduct."

But the Book of the Law is not open at random. In each degree there are appropriate passages whose allusion to the design of the degree, or to some part of its ritual, make it expedient that the book should be opened with those passages.

Masonic usage has not always been consistent, nor is it now universal in relation to what particular passages shall be unfolded in each degree. The custom in America, at least since the publication of Webb's Monitor, has been very uniform, and is as follows:—

In the first degree the Bible is opened at Psalm cxxxiii., an eloquent description of the beauty of brotherly love, and hence most appropriate as the illustration of a society whose existence is dependent on that noble principle. In the second degree the passage adopted is Amos vii, 7, 8, in which the allusion is evidently to the plumb line, an important emblem of the degree. In the third degree the Bible is opened at Ecclesiastes xii, 1-7, in which the description of old age and death is appropriately applied to the sacred object of this degree.

But, as has been said, the choicest of these passages has been selected, but always with great appropriateness, as may be seen from the following brief sketch.

Formerly the Book of the Law was opened in the first degree at the 22nd chapter of Genesis which gives an account of Abraham's intended sacrifice of Isaac. As this event constituted the first grand offering, commemorated by our ancient brethren, by which the ground floor of the Apprentice's Lodge was consecrated, it seem to have been very appropriately selected as the passage of this degree. That part of the 28th chapter of Genesis which records the vision of Jacob's ladder was also, with equal appropriateness, selected as the passage of the first degree.

The following passage from I. Kings, vi, 4, was, during one part of the last century, used in the second degree:

"The door of the middle chamber was in the right side of the house, and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third."

The appositeness of this passage to the Fellow-Crafts will hardly be disputed.

At another time the following passage, from II. Chronicles, iii., 17, was selected for the second degree; its appropriateness will be equally evident.

"And he reared up the pillars before the Temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left; and he called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz."

The words of Amos v. 25, 26, were sometimes adopted as the passage for the third degree:

"Have ye offered unto me sacrifice and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chim, your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves."

The allusions to this paragraph are not so evident as the others. They refer to historical matters which were once embodied in the ancient lectures of Freemasonry. In them the sacrifices of the Israelites to Moloch were fully described, and a tradition, belonging to the third degree, informs us that Hiram Abif did much to extirpate this idolatrous worship from the religious system of Tyre.

The 6th chapter of II. Chronicles, which contains the prayer of King Solomon at the dedication of the Temple, was also used at one time for the third degree. Perhaps, however, this was with less fitness than any of the other passages quoted, since the events commemorated in the third degree took place at a somewhat earlier period than the dedication. Such a passage might more appropriately be annexed to the ceremonies of the Most Excellent Master.

At present the usage in England differs in respect to the choice of passages from that adopted in America.

There the Bible is opened, in the first degree, at Ruth iv. 7:

"Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe and gave it to his neighbour; and this was a testimony in Israel."

In the second degree the passage is opened at I. Kings, vii. 13, 14:

"And King Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass; and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all work in brass. And he came to King Solomon and brought all his work."

While from the force of habit, as well as from the extrinsic excellence of the passages themselves, the American Mason will, perhaps, prefer the selection made in their own lodges, especially for the first and third degrees; he at the same time will not fail to admire the taste and ingenuity of our English brethren in the selection they have made. In the second degree the passage from Judges is undoubtedly preferable to his own:

In conclusion it may be observed, that to give these passages their due Masonic importance it is essential that they should be covered by the square and compasses. The Bible, square and compasses are significant symbols of Freemasonry. They are said to allude to the peculiar characteristics of our ancient Grand Masters. The Bible is emblematic of the wisdom of King Solomon; the square, of the power of Hiram; and the compasses, of the Chief Builder. Some Masonic writers have still further spiritualised these symbols by supposing them to symbolise the wisdom, truth, and justice of the Grand Architect of the Universe. In any view they become inseparable and inseparably connected portions of the true Masonic ritual, which, to be understood, must be studied together.

Lorenzo de Medici said, that all those are dead, even for the present life, who do not believe in a future state.—Mackey's Freemason.

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Reviews.

"The Trial of Sir Jasper," By S. C. Hall, F.S.A.

Sometime since the Times remarked, in reference to drunkenness, "Laws will not do the work which has to be done. We want men for that, and these men must see their work before they do it. Among all the writers, all the talkers, all the preachers, all the workers, all the names we see blazoned in the roll of English fame, are there none that will set about to abate this nuisance and scandal—our national drunkenness." To answer this challenge the "Trial of Sir Jasper" has been written in verse by the well-known editor of the "Art Journal," Mr. S. C. Hall, and the poem has been splendidly illustrated by artists of note, such as Doné, Ward, Tenniel, Paed, Patou, Gilbert, Crickshank, and some sixteen beside, their drawings having been entrusted to engravers in the first rank of their profession, Dalziel Brothers, Cooper, and several others. Evidently no expense has been spared to enlist art in the attempt to overcome sensualism. The poem represents the trial—the distiller, Sir Jasper, being the defendant, and the witnesses the poor sad sufferers from the effects of drunkenness.

"A self-deluded fool is he who deems
The head is innocent that moves the hand,"
and hence the poet endeavours to trace the frightful course to the source, and seeks to unfold the horrors flowing from the abuse of the intoxicating cup.

"We ask and have the aid of art, to show
The height and depth of this the country's
curse;

To tell, with emphasis, what all should know,
For art can give a living force to verse."

Never, we think, was the poet more wedded to the poet than in the instance before us, for each and all alike seem as if inspired with superhuman gifts and eloquence to picture the witnesses, as one after another are summoned to make known their evidence, and unite in

"Giving a foretaste and forecast of Hell,
Which those who view the person know it
well."

One thing to us is quite evident, that whether we countenance or support, or oppose the "Temperance movement" no one can reign ignorant of the extent of Britain's curse, and though many declare they have no patience with the "rabid Good Templars," while the latter are seeking in their own good way to reclaim the drunkards, these who are hindering the work of Total Abstinence have as yet provided nothing equally sure and satisfactory in its effects, or propounded any curative means of sufficient influence to prevent a certain number out of so many thousand moderate drinkers becoming a prey to that disease when—

"Ten thousand devils haunt him, day and night;
Hunt him alike in darkness and in light.
Horrible fancies of all hideous things,
Of birds with crawling feet, and dogs with wings;
The bread is yellow dry, the water ink,
A woman takes mud and with our drink;
The bones have left his limbs; his hair is flame,
That burns its way into his very brain;
And shadows of a past—a ghastly train—
Buzz in his ears of future guilt and shame."

or as
"An old man sang going to a drunkard's grave,
Not in the frosty winter of his age."

The eyes also go wide spread, notwithstanding the "advance of civilization," that the writer of this notice considers no apology is necessary for his introducing the quotation in the Freemason, seeing that the four cardinal virtues of the Craft are "Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice," and that it is a fact that some of our brightest ornaments, distinguished in the roll of lodges, and fitted by nature to be Leaders, "On whose brows genius was seated," but—

"Share degraded names,
And self-reproach. Grand works within their
brains

Dwindled to nothing!"
All, in fact, "Perished in the ruin they have
wrought."

In the midst of our moral decadence, and
we are we to ask for participation to mention the

fact that abstinence alone is the safe remedy, or to fear avowing our belief that unless society will take the matter in hand, and look after the younger generation, training them up in habits of temperance, frugality, and self-denial, there will still be carried on the manufacture of drunkards in our very midst. How many try to overcome their fatal taste for the "drink?"—

"And idly, weakly, vainly sliding back,
They crawl again into the beaten track;
Resolve, and drink; and re-resolve and drink."
Were such poor victims but supported as they deserve to be, how different would be their lot, and how changed their lives.

After an experience of some years the writer of this notice unhesitatingly states it as his conviction, that the majority of mankind might, abstain entirely from the use of intoxicating liquors, and be no worse for the change. It is to be regretted that frequently would-be temperance reformers injure the very cause they desire to benefit by their intemperance of speech and over zealous endeavours, but is there not some excuse for them in the midst of so great and awful an evil, and would not some of their detractors be better engaged in seeking the salvation of the drunkard, than in condemning those who are not doing the necessary work precisely as they would?

But to return to Sir Jasper. The sentence was—

"Accused, you are acquitted! go your way!
No human law can reach you."

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"Sir Jasper, will you grudge
These victims their inalienable right
To change the venue—and be tried elsewhere?
They will be witnesses, accepted there—
Where God will be the judge."

We should state the work is published, at the sum of one shilling, by Virtue and Co., and to our mind each engraving is worth that sum alone.

Mnemonics: British and General. By George Crowther. London:—Mollat & Co. street.

Bro. Crowther has issued, at the moderate price of two shillings, a handy volume for the use of candidates for matriculation and other examinations, and also for the use of schools. The general principle upon which he bases his system of Mnemonics is as follows. To assist the student to remember the dates of certain events in history, he constructs a sentence of three or four words having some reference to the circumstance to be remembered. These words are selected in such manner that, by a preconceived arrangement, the initials of each word will represent a figure; these following in sequence will at once assist the student to determine the date of the event desired to be remembered. We know that some persons despise the use of any "aids to memory," arguing that instead of one thing to remember you have two or more. We cannot do better than quote an anecdote given in the preface in refutation of such an argument—

"Once there was a handy man who took a fancy to joinery. He went up to town and bought a complete assortment of carpenter's tools—everything from a woodman's axe to a sprig-bit. As he was scratching his ear in meditation about the best way to convey them home, a simple bystander suggested—'Why don't you look out for a wheelbarrow?' Because I'm not an ass, was the curt reply; then, softening a little, he added—'You see, my good friend, the difference is exactly here: as it is, I have my tools to carry home; if I took your advice I should be troubled with both the tools and the wheelbarrow.'

We have no doubt that the work will be useful to all those whose avocations or studies render an apt recollection of dates necessary.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Visions,"
Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts U.S.A.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina.

"Pneumatic Origin of Skin Diseases," by Jabez Hogg.

THE FOOTSTEPS OF MASONRY, OR
FREEMASONRY IN RELATION TO
AUTHENTIC HISTORY.

BY BRO. W. VINER BEDOLFE, M.D., S.W. 1329.
Formerly Secretary to the Sphinx Lodge of
Instruction.

"Justly are they called Initiations, for by them we especially learn the grand principles of life, and gain not only the art of living agreeably, but even that too of dying with a better hope.—Cicero.

In the papers I was privileged to contribute in 1871 and 1872 to the *Freemason*, I endeavoured to point out that Freemasonry being municipal in its constitution, was necessarily and essentially Roman in its origin; that institutions resembling it constituted the daily life of Roman society, even from its commencement; that the Masonic signs and pass-words were for the most part common expressions, or in daily use amongst them; that our so called working tools and mathematical emblems are, in reality, derived from the ancient teachings of Plato and Pythagoras; that our modes of initiation are founded upon Roman forms; that Cato, Cicero, and other great men, adorned by their lives or writings associations identical with our own; and finally, that the Roman being its basic form, it is to Grecian teaching that it owes its philosophy.

Since the establishment of a regular Masonic press, there has been a manifest modification of opinion as to the ideas formerly entertained of our mysterious origin, and writers are now expected to bring something more than mere assertion for the ideas they entertain, whilst there is a real and earnest desire to know something of what we are and whence we came.

At the centenary of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Germany, at Berlin, His Serene Highness the Crown Prince Imperial of Prussia thus gave expression to those liberal ideas he is said to entertain on this subject:—

"He alluded to the necessity for a revision of the Ritual, for it was acknowledged that the historical criticism of the day had become a power, from which even the most sacred traditions can no longer escape. That power, he declared, was making demands upon the Order which could no longer be refused.

"Satisfactory proof of historical tradition is demanded, and he acknowledged that the requirements of the present time would have to be complied with. Investigation has been commenced, and would be followed to a satisfactory conclusion.

"If the traditions were confirmed, doubts would disappear, and if anything should prove to be untenable, love of truth would give them courage to sacrifice it, for there is now almost nothing, if we accept the Ritual, but what is accessible to him who desires to investigate it. Let us beware," he emphatically said, "that we do not become blind to the necessities of the present whilst the age progressed with tremendous strides." He requested the brethren to examine his views without prejudice. "The closing century," he said, "has left us imperfections, the coming one will, at its close, point out the imperfections of our own labours."

"All knowledge in Masonry was confined to the ancient first degree, that is to Craft Masonry."

From *The Freemason*, October 14, 1871.

In the papers inserted in *The Freemason* we had thus far proceeded in our search after the Footsteps of Masonry, our last paper bringing it up to the 16th century, the era of the Council of Nice.

As it existed at that period it had simply a philosophic form, (much probably as at present, if the Hebraistic portion were expurged) and may properly be designated, and is in fact so designated by us as Ancient Speculative Freemasonry.

Far better indeed had it ever remained so, opening as it did its philosophic portals to all mankind of every race and creed: we are however committed to a more modern modification, which, whilst it adds nothing to its dignity or force, has introduced much fiction and idle story.

It must however be admitted that at its earliest known introduction to modern times it possessed some traditions which referred to King Solomon. Hence has arisen the untenable supposition that

Israelitish structure was connected with our Institution.

An analogous case occurs with the Gipsies. On first coming into Europe they gave themselves out as being driven from Egypt, and to humour the people amongst whom they journeyed, adopted a pretended tradition to that effect, which long passed unchallenged.

Their history has, however, been traced. I recollect conversing with Mr. E. Carey, son of the celebrated Calcutta professor, and going over a list of their vocabulary, he pronounced all the words to be most unmistakeably Hindoo, and they themselves consequently wandering Thugs.

As Hindoo words could not come out of Egypt, so can no municipal institution have come out of Jerusalem.

Once settled, the Gipsy question has never been re-opened, and I am justified in saying that after the labours which have recently been bestowed to illustrate the history of Freemasonry any person whatever who pretends improperly to exact from his brothers' conscience a belief in vain traditions, will do so in defiance of literary criticism and of truth. For as the language of the Gipsies, so the language of the Masons has been traced, and its native "habitat" proved.

We may here remark that that solemn portion of the third degree, which in a former paper we described as derived from the Eleusinian mysteries, although in our ritual associated with Hebrewism, in reality has, and can have nothing to do with Hebrewism, for the Romish Church has a very analogous ceremony in the ritual of its initiations, derived from the same ancient source as our own, and making no pretensions to any Jewish origin.

The story, however, connecting our Order with King Solomon and his Temple, if implicitly believed in by some, excites the smile and receives the contemptuous shrug and "Credat Judeus" exclamation of the more philosophic brother.

Let us see if we can propose an explanation, or hypothesis of its origin, which shall reconcile truth with tradition.

As neither the sacred text, or the apocrypha afford any proof of this Hebraistic tradition, the question comes when, where, and how did our order obtain it, as it undoubtedly had associated to itself the name of the Israelitish king, when, after its long and dubious wanderings, it finally became re-established.

There is but one answer, possibly it derived it from the Arabs.

On the transference of the seat of the Roman Empire to Byzantium, all Roman institutions, and of course all Roman mysteries and associations, immigrated thither also, and flourished under its mild despotism, although municipal institutions had long existed throughout the Roman world.

Gibbon remarks that the Institution of engineers founded by the Trojans, existed up to the fall of Constantinople, nearly 1500 years, when the debris of that and all other institutions became spread abroad over the face of Europe, and it is well known that the ancient trade guilds of Rome still exist at Constantinople, and might with the greatest advantage be studied.

Guizet remarks, in his "History of Civilization," that Roman municipalities at Arles, and other towns of Southern France, existed without break of time until the 11th century. If therefore Masonry existed like other Roman municipal institutions at each of these two periods, it must necessarily have existed at intermediate ones, and this brings us to the point in question.

In the 9th and 10th centuries, whilst still Roman municipalities existed in the old colonies of Rome, the Arab Kingdoms of Bagdad, Granada, &c., arose and flourished with all the splendour that arts, science, and learning could bestow. Learned men from both East and West, Greece and Italy were invited, and there found liberal patronage.

Of this we may mention as an example the letters sent by the Caliph of Bagdad to the Emperor of Constantinople in A.D. 873, inviting him to send a certain learned professor. "Let not diversity of religion," says the highly enlightened caliph, "nor diversity of country or faith cause you to refuse my request. Do what friendship would demand from friends, in return I offer you a hundred weight of gold, a perpetual alliance and peace." This then was the welcome these monarchs held out to men of science being worthy.

We all know further the description given by Sir Walter Scott, of the liberality and freedom enjoyed in the glorious Arab Kingdom of Granada, where Isaac the Jew sought refuge from barbarous England, secure there of peace and protection, if not of favour.

Hence it is clear that all ranks and degrees of free men resorted to those kingdoms, some attracted by love of adventure, others for protection, others as teachers and instructors in the liberal arts and sciences, and amongst them would doubtless be found those quasi-masonic institutions into which Cicero was initiated, which he wrote of and adorned.

Under these conditions, and in these kingdoms alone could it have been that Freemasonry threw off whatever of heathen taint it still retained, and assumed a neutral character by adapting its symbols to those so highly prized by the people of the country of their choice, and in decorous courtesy to their new brethren and the spirit of the age.

We know that among the Arabs the name of King Solomon was a symbol, and was held in such high esteem that Solomon became with them almost synonymous with king, their literature (as shewn in the Arabian Nights tales) abounded with stories of his wealth and wisdom, and even the ancestry of their horses was and is still ascribed to the horses of King Solomon.

We may also in further illustration of the influence of his name, mention the Abyssinian tradition, deriving their Royal House from the visit of the Queen of Sheba to that same accommodating personage.

The Solomonian traditions have in fact spread every where that Mohamedanism prevails, in Cachmere they have a tradition that he visited their country on a flying throne borne by a swift genii.

We will, however, take a further glance at the Arabs.

Originally, a tribe of idolators, ignored by both Greek and Roman historians, we find them, about 200 years after Hegeira, settled in permanent kingdoms, cultivating especially the mathematical sciences, and teaching even the Greek language to their degenerate Christian neighbours.

Their race consisted, 1st, of Ancient Arabs, but of which they retained little, except the names of the tribes; 2nd, Pure Arabs, claiming descent from Heber. (See Genesis, chapter x.); 3rd, Descendants of Abraham, through his son Ishmael, who, they say, was carried into Arabia Felix, where he married numerous wives.

Here, then, is abundant scope for Hebraistic tradition.

Now the ancient, as well as the modern religion of these Arabs is inextricably mingled with the building of a celebrated Temple called the Kaecba, or "square," (hence the word "Cabalist," towards which they turned their faces in prayer, as do the Jews towards the Holy Temple at Jerusalem. To this temple, or its successor, they pay the same devotion as do the Jews to their temple, and tell of it similar fables.

Adam, they say, on his expulsion from Paradise, was ordered by God to build a temple on a certain place, the plan of which was revealed to him on curtains of light. This temple, they say, was actually built by his son Seth, and being destroyed at the deluge, was re-built by Abraham and Ishmael. Each system had its square.

Can we then wonder that in traversing, in common with all the arts and sciences, such a country, Freemasonry should partake of its ideas and by substituting for the Kaecba as an emblem the far-famed Temple of King Solomon, "which Jews might love, and Infidels adore," wisely, politically, and for ever attempt to unite all sects and creeds, all tongues and languages under their banner, in the Worship of the God of Abraham.

If then, this explanation of the origin of the Hebraistic tradition be accepted, we can see that King Solomon and his Temple are only symbolic, and intended as a sign to embrace all the religions influencing the then known world, viz.:—the Christian, Jewish, and Mohammedan; a most worthy idea, and worthy of the philosophy whence Freemasonry sprung.

This symbol, however, of King Solomon and his Temple has unfortunately, in times of ignorance, been taken as historical, giving rise to tales.

which must emphatically be called idle tales. Such constitute a portion of the latter part of the third degree, evidently compilations of the last century, and which never came further east than Temple Bar.

I believe these idle tales introduced into Masonry have much retarded its progress, attracting largely the simple and credulous, but causing a disinclination on the part of men of taste and erudition for the brotherhood.

The Arch Mason does not pretend to any special tradition, but acts merely in memory of such and such an event, and we accept with respect its forms. The Grand Lodge of England also exercises a wise and sound discretion in refusing to admit those orders which pretend to absurd and nonsensical traditions. Even our own so called "traditional history" might just as well have been taken from the Arabian Nights, as those narrations we give of that monarch, to whose royal patronage we pretend, for erring man and unhappy fratricide as he was, he does not deserve the absurdities that Arabs, Abyssinians, and Freemasons tell of him. We hope, indeed, that they will soon be banished from our midst.

The Mohammedans and Jews had great influence even on the Christian religion of those days, for we are told that the chief of the Iconoclastic, or image breaking Emperors of Constantinople was incited thereto by the taunts of the Jews and Mohammedans.

This, then, is the probable origin of the traditional history, or Hebraistic element, in relation to King Solomon's Temple, and clearly points out a phase through which Freemasonry has passed, and of which it retains the vestiges. It is, moreover, evident that our institution must have passed, in common with other Roman institutions and professions, from Constantinople to these Saracenic kingdoms, where at that period all that was bright and fair was nourished and cultivated, for Mohammedanism was not at that time the miserable system it has now become, since the temporal and ecclesiastical power became irrevocably united under the same head.

Of course there are peculiar difficulties in endeavouring to trace the probable course of a secret society such as ours, but the same may be said of other systems once universally prevalent. Who shall fully explain to us, for instance, the Feudal system? which, like Freemasonry, had various stages of development, and it must never be forgotten that social facts form themselves but slowly.

We are now looking at Freemasonry when the causes which led to its formation have ceased. It now appears to the ordinary observer as an entirety, and he is easily led to suppose that it had always been so, forgetting that those facts which he contemplates as a fully developed system, commenced and increased, and whilst growing underwent many changes.

Numerous and various errors have thus arisen, and this is why so many contradictions and uncertainties concerning the character and moral destinies of illustrious men have occurred. If it be thus in the history of individuals whose duration is so short, how much more so must be the danger of overlooking the variety of origin to which great associations owe their rise, and the many complications which attend their slow and progressive development.

In our next we hope to consider the diffusion of Masonic societies in Western Europe, and its connection with modern ideas.

Persia has recently been described by the Secretary of the British Legation at Vienna, who travelled through the East in 1872. Persia, he says, is about as large as Great Britain and France together, but it has no more inhabitants than Ireland alone (between five and six millions), several thousands of whom have died of hunger during the last few years.

At a special meeting of the Alexandra Palace Company, the resolution passed on the 14th ult., authorising the issue of new capital to the extent of £150,000, was confirmed.

It is stated that Sir Bartle Frere is to be created a member of her Majesty's Privy Council, in recognition of his services in connection with the Zanzibar mission.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M. for West Lancashire, and Lady Skelmersdale, have arrived for the season at Lathom House, Ormskirk, Lancashire, from Portland-place, London.

The Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (No. 749), is now held at Bro. Cleghorn's, the "Coach and Horses," 323 and 324, Strand, W.C., every Friday evening, throughout the year, at eight o'clock, p.m. Bro. T. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, is the Hon. Preceptor, and Bro. Scott, No. 749, Hon. Sec.

Sheriff Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins has received a vote of congratulation on his knighthood from the Town Council of Southampton.

The Marquess of Ripon, and the Right Hon. Benjamin Disraeli, M.P., have each placed their names for £5 at the head of a testimonial subscription to Mr. George Linnæus Banks, who is about to proceed on a lecturing tour to America, in consideration of his long service in lyric literature. Mr. Alderman Lusk, M.P., and the Rev. Dr. Allon are also amongst the first contributors.

A MAN OF BUSINESS.—You don't quite know how I am worked, for I don't talk of these things, because people bore me by saying how hard I work, and they exaggerate, of course. However, at present, and for once, I assure you they are not far wrong. In order to keep down the arrears in Chancery, and also to prevent appeals to the House of Lords (where I have no kind of help), I am forced to write all my judgments at great length. I never go out, except to a cabinet dinner, having since Christmas only dined out once—namely, "yesterday," because Miss Spalding would not go without me to Sefton's. I am never in bed till two, and sometimes three, and I am up again early, with a man copying, while I am correcting what I wrote over night. I dine at half-past five or a quarter before six, and am at work sometimes in half an hour, and never am a whole hour at table, during which time I have letters to write. If I relax, there is an arrear gets up in Chancery, as there did when I was unwell two years ago, and also when I was kept last summer in the House of Lords; and unless I take this kind of pains, the appeals get crowded in the Lords.—*Lord Brougham's Life.*

THE GREAT TICHBORNE TRIAL.—Messrs. Watkins and Haigh, of 215, Regent-street, have photographed a series of groups representing the jury in this *cause célèbre*, which still drags its slow and weary length along, leaving its issue, if ever determined, in a somewhat remote future. The twelve "honest men," who are sworn to well and truly try between our Sovereign Lady the Queen and the defendant at the bar, are here depict with a marvellous fidelity of portraiture, while the grouping of the figures is most natural and easy. Viewed simply in the light of photographs, these examples from the studio of Messrs. Watkins and Haigh represent the beautiful art in its highest state of perfection, and will doubtless be treasured as memorials of one of the most extraordinary public prosecutions in which this, or any other country, was ever engaged.

Two pamphlets have lately been issued by the publishers of *The Rock*. In one of these, lists are given of the "priests" who wish for the establishment of the Confessional in the Church of England, and for the introduction of other Romanizing practices, and in the other, a full report is given of the Anti-Confessional Meeting at Exeter Hall.

PRUSSIA AND THE CATHOLICS.—War is still waged between the German authorities and the Catholic party. The former have signified their opinion of the contumacious bishops by at once withdrawing the State allowance of 4 000 thalers, hitherto made to the priests' seminary at Fulda, and by ordering that the episcopal boys' seminary be closed on the 1st of October next. Archbishop Ledochowski has been summoned for the 8th of this month before the criminal section of the district court of Posen to offer a justification of the disciplinary proceedings taken by him against the priest Arndt.

Poetry.

THE MASON'S TREASURE.

BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., P.Z.

Let monarchs boast their jewell'd crowns,
The rich their wealth display;
Let youth and beauty still believe
Their charms will ne'er decay.

Let all rejoice in what they have,
And prize it as they may;
We, too, will prize what we have got—
What ne'er will pass away.

The monarch must his crown resign,
The rich man leave his store;
But Truth and Virtue yield the fruits
That live for evermore.

When Masons true and faithful are,
And play their proper part,
They cultivate those priceless fruits,
And have them in the heart.

The good they do lives after them,
And more abundant grows,
For Heaven blesses all that's good,
And him who it bestows.

AN ELEGANT AND INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

Liverpool Town Councillors are about to do an act which reflects credit not only on their taste, but their liberality. An album of a most interesting kind has just been prepared by Bros. Vandyke and Brown, photographic artists, of Bold-street, which is intended for presentation to Mrs. Pearson, the wife of Bro. John Pearson, whose mayoralty of Liverpool last year was of the most munificent and satisfactory character. During Bro. Pearson's year of office the members of the Council subscribed for and purchased a gold chain of office intended to be worn by the mayors of Liverpool in perpetuity, and Bro. Pearson wore this chain for the first time at the Thanksgiving service held at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, for the recovery of the Prince of Wales. After the purchase of the Mayor's gold chain of office, a sum of money still remained, and it was resolved that this should be devoted to providing a souvenir of the circumstance of his worship attending St. Paul's, for presentation to Mrs. Pearson. It was determined that this should be in the form of an album containing the portrait of the lady's husband and portraits of his fellow-members of the corporation during his period of office, and also of the principal officers of the corporation. The album is neatly bound in morocco, and has the corporation arms on the outside in solid gold, and gold clasps and lock. The title-page of the album contains this inscription, which is wrought with illuminated letters and has an appropriate bordering, with the Liverpool arms, &c.:—"This album, containing photographs of the aldermen and councillors of the borough of Liverpool, was a presentation to Mrs. Pearson, of Golborne Park, Lancashire, during the mayoralty of her husband, John Pearson, Esq., in commemoration of the Thanksgiving day services in St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 27th day of February, 1872, for the recovery of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales from his dangerous illness, on which occasion the Mayor attended in state, wearing for the first time a chain of office presented to him by the members of the corporation for the use of the mayors of Liverpool in perpetuity." On the next page are photographs of the medallion attached to the Mayor's chain of office, and in the succeeding page is a photograph of Bro. Pearson. Then follow photographs of the aldermen and town councillors, and of the principal corporation officials. All the photographs are exceedingly clear, and remarkably well executed. Each of the pages contains four photographs, and has a neat and very appropriate bordering, which has been designed by Bros. Vandyke and Brown. The binding of the album was the work of Bro. H. Greenwood, Castle-street. The cost of the production is about £60.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

BROWN—BALDWIN.—On the 13th inst., by special license of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, at the Priory Church, Great Malvern, by Bro. the Rev. Oswald M. Holden, B.C.L., M.A., assisted by the Rev. Gregory Smith, Vicar of Malvern, William Arthur Brown, The Hollies, Penn, near Wolverhampton, to Amy Ellen, elder daughter of Bro. George Baldwin, P. Prov. G.R. Worcestershire, P.M. 280 and 560, of Merrildale Grove, Wolverhampton.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending August 30.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. "Charles I."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. London Drama, "Innocent."

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Selton Parry. Byron's Burlesque, "Orpheus and Eurydice."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Freece. "The Royal Turkish Bath," "Quakers and Shakers," and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

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NEWSOMES CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circus and other Entertainments.

QUEEN'S HALL.—"Blondinette Melodists."

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DEDICATION OF A MASONIC LODGE AT JERUSALEM.

The attempt to organize a Masonic lodge in the city of Jerusalem, under American auspices, which has been long on foot, has at length succeeded. Advice was received a few days ago from Bro. John Sheville, who went out last spring for that purpose, that "on Wednesday, May 7th, he organized the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, in due and ancient form, in the Great Mark Master's Quarry, under the city of Jerusalem, and initiated a candidate."

As a preface to this remarkable incident, which forms an era in Masonic history, we give a brief history of the Cotton Megara (or

Royal Quarry), with which every traveller in Jerusalem is familiar. The very existence of this vast cavern under the city had been forgotten. No records of crusading times give any account of it, although the discovery of Christian crosses on the walls show visits of travellers at least since the era of Christ. Some Arab chronicles of the ninth or tenth century hint at the fact that "very extensive caves underlie the Holy City;" but these may refer to other large excavations known to exist under various parts of Jerusalem. Upon the whole, it is the settled opinion that no knowledge of the great quarry, later than the first or second century of the Christian era exists, and it was reserved to an American missionary, Dr. J. T. Barclay, to bring the fact to light. Some twenty years since, passing along outside the north wall of Jerusalem, his dog, in pursuit of a rat, scratched an opening under the wall, and disappeared from the eyes of his master. This led to an enlargement of the opening, and the most remarkable discovery that this most wonderful of cities has ever yielded. It was found that under the north-east quarter of Jerusalem is an abandoned quarry of such vast extent as to answer most satisfactorily the query that has long puzzled antiquaries—"Where did Solomon's builders procure the native stone for the walls and substructure of the Temple?"

To enter this weird and mysterious crypt, it is necessary to pass outside the city at the north or Damascus gate, and turn to the right. The city wall here is about fifty feet high and of corresponding thickness. It was erected, as an Arabic inscription shows, in the year Hegira 948, equivalent to A.D. 1542, by order of the Sultan Suleyman. In constructing this wall, all sorts of massive materials were used—granite columns, marble blocks and huge bevelled "ashlars," that had done similar duty in mural structure ever since the days of Solomon.

The entrance into the great quarry has been enlarged with spade and chisel, so that it is an easy matter now to visit the place.

Lighting candles to dissipate the midnight darkness, you pass first in an easterly direction 113 feet. The way is over great mounds of rubbish, partly artificial, as the marks of chisels show; partly made up of pieces that have fallen from the ceiling. Then the way turns, at nearly a right angle to the south, 400 feet. The marks of chisel and hammer become more and more evident.

Blocks of square stone, in every stage of preparation, from the rough to the perfect, encumber the path. Piles of chippings are heaped up everywhere. Upon the side of the quarry deep, narrow grooves are seen, cut lengthwise and perpendicular, marking out the dimensions of proposed blocks, and showing the ancient method of detaching the stones from their native bed. The marble is of a soft, friable nature, called in the native tongue *melcheli*. Occasionally a harder vein of stone occurs, but of the same chemical composition, and this the natives call *mescheli*.

Turning again to the left, we go to the distance of 196 feet, to where a small basin, chiselled in the harder rock, five feet in diameter and half as deep, was made to collect water for the workmen

of "Hiram." The water at present is bitter and disagreeable to the taste. Near this foundation is a deep circular pit, in which lies a human skeleton, probably of one of those early Christian devotees who used the quarries of Jerusalem for the same purpose as the catacombs of Rome, viz., as places of concealment during the persecutions of the first four centuries of our era.

A little further to the south there is an apartment eighteen feet square, which from its regular form seems designed for a particular purpose. Great numbers of bats cling to the roof, which is forty feet high. Bones of various kinds, brought in probably by jackals, proved that there were once ample openings to the cavern. Numerous crosses are traced upon the wall, and a few Hebrew inscriptions, but not sufficiently legible to be understood. It was in this apartment, henceforward to be known among Freemasons as "The Chamber of the Brotherly Covenants," that the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, of Freemasons was duly organised, May 7th.

The readers of the *Herald* will not have forgotten the visit to this renowned spot by Morris, the Masonic enthusiast, in 1868. Collecting together such of the ancient Craft as were to be found in Jerusalem at the time, including Capt. Warren, the English explorer, the venerable Prussian savant, Bro. Petermann, and others, he entered this memorable chamber, and performed there the mystic rites of Masonry so long disused. In that crypt of "silence, secrecy and darkness," the brotherly interchange was made, which has been perpetuated in every language under heaven, and there our American brother repeated his own verses, which every Mason has acquired by heart: "We meet upon the level and we part upon the square."

Since 1868, most zealous and unremitting efforts have been pursued by Dr. Morris and his associates to secure the organisation of a regular lodge in Jerusalem. The difficulties, almost insurmountable, were referable to the sparsity of the Craft in the East, their numerous languages, their inexperience in Masonic work, the want of suitable chambers for lodge rooms, &c., and most of all to the fact that there is no Grand Lodge of Masons in the Turkish Dominions.

Several efforts to organize this lodge at Jerusalem failed—one from the death of Hon. John P. Brown at Constantinople, and one from the degradation and death of the Pacha General at Syria, Mohammed Reschid. The nearest lodges were at Beyrout, Syria, 150 miles in the north, and Port Said, Egypt, 200 miles to the south-west; but within the memory of man there has been no lodge in Palestine.

At last all the named difficulties were overcome, and the following was issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada:—

"William M. Wilson, Grand Master—To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren:—

"We, William Mercer Wilson, Esq., &c., of Simcoe, in the Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, send greeting.—

"Know ye—That we, by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of

Canada, vested in us for that purpose, and at the humble petition of our right trusty and well beloved brethren, Rob Morris, John Sheville, Rolla Floyd, Richard Beardsley, Charles Netter, Peter Bergheim, Robert Macoy, James M. Howry, C. W. Nash, George D. Norris, A. T. Metcalf, Alexander A. Stephenson, Chauncey M. Hatch, Martin H. Rice, John W. Rison, A. J. Wheeler, John Scott, Albert G. M. Mackey, John H. Brown and DeWitt C. Cregier, do hereby constitute the said brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title or denomination of The Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293; the said lodge to meet at the city of Jerusalem, or adjacent places in Palestine, on the first Wednesday of every month; empowering them, in the said lodge, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Freemasons, according to the ancient customs of the Craft in all ages and nations, throughout the world.

"Given under our hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at Hamilton, this 17th February, A.L. 5873, A.D. 1873. By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

"THOMAS WHITE, JR., D.G.M.
"THOMAS B. HARRIS, Grand Secretary."

Under this authority the Rev. Bro. John Sheville left New York, April 8th, conferred with a Masonic company at Cairo, Egypt, and may arrived at Jerusalem May 6th; finally on the 7th of May, the day named in the warrant, organised the lodge.

Collecting together twelve of the resident and visiting Masons of Jerusalem, including four of those specified in the warrant, Bro. Sheville entered the vast and gloomy vault at two p.m., and proceeded, with guides and lighted torches, to "the Chamber of the Brotherly Covenant" already named, where the Masonic emblems, engraved by Dr. Morris in 1868, remain to designate the place. Upon a square plate which marks the centre of the chamber the essential objects constituting the "Great Lights" of Masonry, were displayed in traditional order. A proper arrangement of officers and members followed, and the well-known forms of organising the lodge and dedicating the work to the royal patron, King Solomon, were proceeded with. On the same evening a resident of Jerusalem, a gentleman of distinction, was initiated.

The first act of the new lodge, after the Grand Marshal had pronounced the organisation perfect, was to declare that "all Master Masons who are members of the American Holy Land Exploration are hereby recognised as honorary members of No. 293, with corresponding rank." The number of these is some two thousand.

It has been demonstrated by instruments that the floor of this cavern is higher than the surface of the temple site, a quarter of a mile south, and as the great stones which still remain in the walls around Mount Moriah unquestionably had their origin in this quarry, much light is thrown by this fact upon the manner of moving them. The operatives had only to construct an inclined plane and roll these blocks, which are twenty, thirty and forty feet in length, down to their places.

Our readers who know that the Masonic Order in the United States and Canada are

reckoned at a half million members, in 9,000 lodges, will not wonder at the interest taken in this movement by the American Craft at large. That the Order "sprung from the east and moved to the west" is an admitted fact in Masonic history, and as the Masonic membership of the world is less than a million, the American branch represents more than half the entire body. That there is a general uniformity in Masonic ceremonies and secrets the world over was fully established by Dr. Morris's researches in 1868, and confirmed by the observations of Mr. Seward, two years after. But the Americans have taken hold of Freemasonry in a broader sense than other people. It has entered more deeply into the business and domestic relations of the people. Sixteen periodicals are devoted to the instruction of its members. This very month, when the remains of the American Ambassador to Russia, Governor James Lawrence Orr, reached New York, the guard of honour, at his own dying request, consisted mainly of Freemasons. In the beginning of June a convention of more than two thousand Masons, representing 700 lodges, met in New York to consult upon matters of interest to the fraternity. At this moment there is a Convention holding in New York, of delegates from every State and Territory in the Union, arranging the Rituals of the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees of Masonry. Under this view of the condition of the world-wide institution in America, it was thought eminently fitting that the first lodge in the Holy Land, should go "from the west to the east," and so the light and knowledge of thirty centuries should be returned, as Christianity and science had already been returned, to the place from whence it came.

To the Past Grand Master of Kentucky, Rob Morris, LL.D., is due the inception of the plan, and to the liberality of some two thousand of the Masonic fraternity, under his earnest appeals for five years, its successful accomplishment.

The condition of society in the Turkish empire, social and civil, is extremely encouraging just now to the establishment of Masonic lodge there, and it is proposed during the coming year to organise them in sufficient number at Joppa, Acre, Nazareth, and Nablou to justify the formation of the Grand Lodge of Palestine.

It is known that the ancient Craft is favoured by the Sultan, Abdul Aziz, and that a good proportion of the Pachas and high officials are members in the Craft. The celebrated Fuad Pacha, long Grand Vizier of Turkey, was a warm advocate of Masonry, and at his death was Deputy Grand Master of Turkey, under the English Constitution. The Sultan, some years since, commanded one of his favourite Secretaries to "join the Masons and tell him who they are and what they do." He did so, and reported so favourably of "the high character of the members, the innocence and propriety of their secrets, their devotion to good order and decorum, their abhorrence of plots and conspiracies against the civil powers," &c., that the imperial inquirer let it be known from that time forward that he was favourable to the sons of King Solomon (Melek Suleyman) and their work." This adds his name to a royal and

imperial group of patrons of Masonry, which is worthy of record.

William, Emperor of Germany, is a Freemason of forty years' standing; also his son, the Heir Apparent of the Empire. The father of Victoria, Queen of Britain, was a Freemason, also three of her sons, and herself, by royal consent, Patron of the Order.

Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy, is a Mason; as is also his son Amadeus, the late King of Spain. To them might be added the Kings of Holland and Sweden, and a host of princes and the nobility of Europe.

The want of a society like Freemasonry is more keenly felt in the Turkish empire, and particularly in Palestine, than in any other country in the world. So numerous are the religions, so keen the religious hatreds and feuds, that quarrels, such as those reported at Bethlehem a few weeks since, illustrate the normal condition of the country. Mohammedan, Christian, and Jew have no common ground of union there, except on the checkered pavement of the lodge.

This is proved by the facts collected in Dr. Morris' Masonic researches there. He found in Smyrna seven lodges, no two of which employed the same language in their rituals, and whose members represented all the religions of the Levant, yet meeting and associating in a harmony which is a standing marvel to those who are familiar with the jarrings and contentions so common in the city. So at Damascus and elsewhere, in the private convocations of Freemasons to hear the Masonic lectures of Dr. Morris, the Consuls of France, Italy, England, Germany, Persia, the United States, &c., joined hands with Pashas, Sheikhs, Beys, Cadis, Karniakamis, Americans, Protestants, Greeks and Jews, in the one work of giving and receiving pleasure.—*New York Herald.*

ANOTHER MASONIC HALL IN NEW ZEALAND.

The Masons of New Zealand seem to be in earnest in the great work. It is only a fortnight ago we had to record the laying the foundation of a Masonic hall at Timaru, now we copy the following from the *Grey River Argus*:—

The consecration and dedication of the new Masonic Hall, on the 22nd May, took place at Greymouth, in the presence of perhaps the largest gathering of the fraternity ever assembled at any time on the West Coast.

The first Masonic lodge was established at Greymouth on 20th March, 1868, under the English Constitution. The founders at first held their meetings at the Albion Hotel, but the accommodation becoming too limited for the rapidly increasing members of the Masonic body, the lodge was removed to a fine hall, built expressly for Masonic purposes by Messrs. Gilmer Brothers. The brethren of the Scottish Rite formed a lodge under their own Constitution, and inaugurated it on St. Andrew's Day, 1871.

Both lodges held their meetings in the same building, but the still increasing numbers of the fraternity justified the leading members of both lodges in considering that the time had arrived when the Freemasons should erect a building over which they would have sole control.

A joint stock company was formed, all the members of which are Masons. A suitable site was secured, and on 27th December, 1872, the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, by special dispensation from the District Grand Lodge, the foundation stone was laid with Masonic honours by Bro. James Kerr, W.M., Greymouth Lodge.

Bro. J. A. Eissenhardt was selected as architect, and the operative portion of the work was entrusted to the direction of Bro. Charles Holner. Both of them have faithfully performed their duties, and although the work is not carried out at present to the extent originally designed, the hall, in the magnitude of its fine proportions and the artistic elegance of its architectural decorations, stands an ornament to the town and an honour to the Masonic Society.

The internal arrangements of the building comprise on the ground floor a vestibule inside the main entrance, with passages leading on the left to the banqueting room, and on the right to offices suitable for occupation as professional chambers. In front of the vestibule, and reaching to the back of the building, is another large room which could be utilised as a library and reading-room, or for any similar purposes. The whole of the upper floor is occupied by the lodge room, with two ante-rooms, and the necessary conveniences for the safe keeping of the furniture and paraphernalia of the Order. The lodge room itself is a fine spacious hall, well lighted and ventilated, and decorated, according to ancient custom, with inscriptions, mottoes, and designs emblematic of the objects of Freemasonry and the obligations imposed upon those belonging to the Order.

At two o'clock the members, to the number of nearly one hundred, assembled at the lodge room at Gilmer's-buildings. The lodge was opened and closed in all the degrees, according to the Scotch and English rites, by Bros. Kerr and Kent, the Worshipful Masters of either lodge, and at three o'clock the Tyler announced the approach of the District Grand Master with his officers. The District G.M., Bro. John Lazar, was accompanied by Bros. G. W. Harvey, D.D.G.M.; Rice, Acting D.G.S.W.; Hudson, D.G.J.W.; Batham, D.G.S.; Cuddiford, D.G.D.C.; Eisfelder, D.G.P.; Hawkins, D.G.S.D., and other officers of the District Grand Lodge. The District Grand Master was conducted to the chair with the usual honours, and after the D.G.L. officers had taken their places, the District Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the Grand Master delivered the following address from the chair:—

"Brethren,—In compliance with your request, I have now the honour, in the capacity of District Grand Master for the County of Westland, to lend my aid in dedicating a Masonic Hall to the honour and glory of the Most High. I must ever consider it as one of the fortunate events of my life that the Craft of Free and Accepted Masons should be called forth to assist at an undertaking so laudable and so glorious, during the time that, from their affliction, I have the honour of sitting in the chair of the District Grand Lodge. The business of this day will be remembered in the annals of Greymouth, and will transmit your names with lustre to posterity. In the name of the Craft of Free and Accepted Masons, I sincerely implore the protection of the Supreme Architect of the Universe on our undertaking. May you long continue here the ornaments of civil society, and may you hereafter be received into those mansions, those lodges, prepared in Heaven for the good and virtuous Mason."

The procession was then formed under the direction of Bro. Cuddiford, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, who was efficiently assisted by Bro. W. H. Revell, as Marshal of the Craft Lodges. The order of procession usual on similar occasions was observed, and when all was ready the march was commenced to Trinity Church, the Entered Apprentices leading, followed by the Fellow-Crafts, Master Masons, and officers of both lodges, all whom preceded the District Grand Master with his Deputy, the District Grand Pursuivant bringing up the rear.

The large body of Masons present, clothed in the different coloured regalia of the several Craft Lodges, interspersed with the insignia of companions of the Royal Arch, many of whom attended, as well as the members of the confraternity of Mark Masons, gave the procession an imposing appearance.

The Grand Master was literally covered with the decorations, jewels, and insignia of his rank, and the Deputy Grand Master was, only in a

lesser degree, suitably clothed in accordance with his standing and office in the Order.

The church was crowded with a congregation composed of all denominations, a large proportion of those present being ladies. After the District Grand Master had taken his place and the church services suitable to the occasion were concluded, the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, Chaplain of the Greymouth Lodge, delivered the following discourse, taking as his text:—

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself."—St. Luke, x. 27.

"We are assembled here, brethren, to hold a service preparatory to the ceremony of setting apart the new hall for the better carrying out the purposes of Masonry. The short notice I received—only a few hours old, and the waning of the day alike forbid a lengthy discourse. We have met in this Christian temple for the express purpose of acknowledging the paramount claims of religion, and the superiority, infinite, of the service of God appointed over any society, however good, of human origin. To some it may seem that such an institution as Masonry is unnecessary, because the Christian religion furnishes rules sufficient, and presents motives sufficiently strong to the practice of them. Others not only regard Masonry as unnecessary, but even look upon it as antagonistic to religion, and point to the secret symbols, the exclusive meetings, and even the faults or vices of individual members, as confirmations of that hostility. With regard to the first two objections, I must content myself with saying that to Masons they seem necessary to the conservation of the discipline of the Order, and that the secret signs are especially needed as an universal language by which Masons may communicate with Masons, whatever be their country, and however strange their language. With regard to the last objection—the bad lives many Masons live—this in no degree militates against the value and goodness of the institution, for if it did, then the same objection might be raised against Christianity itself, which, though it numbers many millions under the banner of the Cross, yet at the same time hath myriads who, though professing to believe on Jesus Christ, yet live lives entirely unregulated by His holy teachings. "Masonry can hardly be the bad thing some think it, when we consider the number of good and wise who belong to it. It is a matter of fact as the statistics of Masonry show, that it is not confined to the bad and vicious; Masonry is now spread all over the world, and princes, nobles, senators, and philosophers, forgetting their splendor, have sought the favour of membership in a society where the rich and poor are alike considered and treated as brethren, and where only worth and benevolence, according to the principles of our Order, confer a title to respect. The society, brethren, to which I and many of you belong does not merely boast of the principles on which it is founded, which may be briefly summed up in the words I took for the text viz., the fear and love of the great God, and love to our brother, but the annals of Masonry are bright with deeds of the purest and most exalted benevolence. Captives have been delivered, exiles restored, the oppressed succoured, the poor relieved, by the brotherly love of Masons, and whatever the lives of some Masons may be, the principles are the same, sacred and perennial—the spirit of Masonry is the same. Every member of the Order knows that the principles of Masonry are calculated to promote the interests of sacred morality and pure religion. Every brother knows that such are the tenets of Masonry, and if any brother acts in opposition to the brotherly love and truth of what he is constantly reminded by appeals alike to eye and ear, he is in reality no Mason. "The voice may be Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." To promote brotherly love is the grand design of Masonry; the opposite spirit is the cause of strife, confusion, and every evil work, and is the very antipodes of the spirit of Masonry. But our Order is made up of individuals, and it behoves everyone who would wish to deserve the name of a Mason to live consistently with the principles of the institution to

which he belongs, not to be led astray by the spirit of selfishness, so common in an age of competition, where everyone is trying to rise on others' downfall; but by a spirit of justice, generosity, charity, benevolence, and piety, to obey the command of the Saviour, to so let His light shine before men that they may see His good works and glorify His Father which is in Heaven. There is a common argument against Masonry, that it is a passport to disorder and licensed revelry, and many think even a necessary part of the working of the Order. Now, though some of the Craft may have afforded scandal by intemperance and disorder at social meetings, yet for such blots Masonry is not answerable, for while it sanctions rational and friendly enjoyment, from the example of Christ at the marriage feast at Cana, where happiness must have marked the day, it as strictly forbids every approach to excess and every symptom of disorder; and he whose character is the opposite of temperate, industrious, frugal, pure, and pious, is entirely opposed to the principles of the Craft, and is doing what he can to throw contempt on the order of which he is an unworthy member, for when admitted a member he was straightway exhorted—an exhortation in varied forms afterwards repeated—to "let prudence direct him, temperance chasten him, fortitude support him, and justice be the guide of all his actions. With you brethren, it rests to support the credit of Masonry here. Refute the calumny, if it be one, by your strict and circumspect behaviour for the time to come; and if with any one of you it be too true, go back to the principles of your Order; built upon the old foundations, the revealed will of God, and lead a life which the world shall see only to admire. Be not content, however, with showing in your conduct the virtues of temperance, soberness, and chastity, to which you are bound, but remember, in addition thereto that crowning virtue so beautifully taught by the Saviour in the parable of the Good Samaritan, following almost the words of the text which is commended to your notice, when once at least in your life you appeared poor and penniless—I mean the grace of charity. Charity, first, in as tender a regard for the character of others as concern for your own good name, and next in administering out of your abundance to the need of your poorer brethren. Indeed, I shall now proceed to put your principles somewhat to the test, by calling on all here to exercise that virtue you all profess to admire—I mean charity, which, like its sister, mercy, blesses him who gives, as well as him who receives. I wish now to awaken the charitable feelings of all present on behalf of an institution which greatly aids in mitigating the pains of accident and disease—the Grey River Hospital. Of one blood all are made; all are therefore liable to sickness, disease, death; and though we are in health to-day, as our presence certifies, yet it may be otherwise. I ask you all to contribute to the funds of an institution which is supported in a great measure by voluntary contributions. Give heartily, give liberally, and whatever you may feel inclined to give on behalf of the useful object for which I have pleaded, will be thankfully received and faithfully applied. May we all leave this house benefitted by the services in which we have joined. May our after doing this day be hallowed by God's blessing. May we think nothing we would not have God discern; say nothing we would not have God see; and may peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, be established amongst us evermore.—Amen."

The sermon was listened to with marked attention, and the singularly well-timed appeal the preacher made to the sympathies of his hearers, on behalf of the sufferers in the Grey River Hospital, was a spontaneous and commendable effort in the cause of those attributes of charity and mercy which Masons are always enjoined to cultivate and practice. The offertory at the conclusion of the sermon will form a handsome donation to the funds of the hospital.

The services at the church being finished, the procession reformed, and marched to the Masonic Hall in the same Order as before. On arriving at the lodge the District Grand Master and officers took their respective places, and the

Worshipful Master of the Greymouth Lodge addressed the District Grand Master, and formally placed him in control of the building for the purposes of the dedication. The District Grand Master accepted the trust, and made the following invocation:—

“Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of All Worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Temple, and from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present undertaking. We humbly invoke Thee to give us, at this and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of Light and Life, Great Source of Love and Happiness, solemnly to dedicate this Hall to the honour and glory of Thy Most Holy Name.”

The first part of the ceremony of the consecration being concluded, the Architect of the building offered his implements to the District Grand Master, and resigned his trust. The District Grand Master received the emblems, and addressed Bro Eissenhardt as follows:—

“Brother Architect.—The skill and fidelity displayed in the execution of the trust reposed in you at the commencement of this undertaking have secured the entire approbation of the District Grand Lodge, and they sincerely pray that this edifice may continue a lasting monument of the taste, spirit, and liberality of its founders.”

The District Grand Master then handed the implements of the architect to Bro Frew, the District Grand Director of Works, with an appropriate charge. The District Grand Wardens then in turn presented the corn and wine to the District Grand Master, who used them at the proper time and in the prescribed manner. The District Grand Master then presented the oil to his Deputy, who disposed of it according to ancient usage, and with a most impressive and eloquent charge from the Grand Master to the brethren, the ceremony of consecration was concluded. At different parts of the ceremonies the choir sung appropriate hymns, accompanied on the organ by Bro. Wylde, who very ably performed the duty undertaken by him.

As the District Grand Master delivered his final charge he was surrounded by present and Past Masters, among whom on the dais were Bros. Kerr, W.M. of the Greymouth Lodge; Kent, the R.W.M. of the Grey River St. Andrew Lodge; Past Masters, Ancher, Moss, Cooper, Blackmore, Wylde, and Reid. When the District Grand Master, with his officers, had taken their departure, the lodge was closed in the form observed by both constitutions, and the brethren were dismissed.

This concluded the proceedings in connection with a ceremony which, for grand and impressive solemnity, and at the same time perfection in minute detail and arrangement, many of those who had the privilege of being present can scarcely ever hope to witness again.

The brethren afterwards met in the banqueting room, and partook of a cold collation, prepared by Bro. Jas. Johnston, in his usual first-class style, and at about eight o'clock in the evening, the brethren finally separated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

An important addition is being made to the above schools, consisting of dormitories, bath-rooms, lavatories, and a new block of w.c.'s, &c., to meet the increased requirements of this excellent institution.

The work, which since its commencement has proceeded very rapidly, has been carried on under the immediate superintendence of the architect, Bro. J. W. Dennison, Esq., of King-street, Cheapside, by Mr. Thomas Boyce, Builder, Hackney, and is now fast approaching completion.

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MASONIC BIOGRAPHY.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The name of Washington stands first on the roll of our country's history, for “first in war, and the first in peace, he was first in the hearts of his countrymen.” Heaven endowed him with the wisdom of the ages, and the virtues of his life were only equalled by the success of his patriotism. Without the vestige of any inordinate ambition, he became the leader of the people—the hero of liberty. Through the blood of revolution he ascended to an empire of fame and power, which has given him a name that ages cannot dim, or even time itself destroy.

He was honoured while living with the highest confidence of his fellow men, and, even now, when he has been dead for nearly three-fourths of a century, the state of his Masonic glory still shines with a lustre which the world cannot equal.

Many have wondered that among so many great and distinguished men who were his contemporaries, that he should be acknowledged so universally and pre-eminently the greater. Patrick Henry was more eloquent—John Adams was a better scholar, and Benjamin Franklin had more varied knowledge, and yet Washington was greater than them all.

It was not the heraldry of chivalry while he was Commander-in-Chief of our continental armies which had endowed him with such distinguished virtues, for as was well-known, his personal greatness had been already confessed, and it was this that had called him to the office.

When not yet quite 21 years of age Washington had been made a Mason, the law of admission at that time reading a little different from what it does now. It then required the applicant to be of “mature and discreet age.” This ancient requisition was a good one, and marked the measure of character far better than the mere years of majority. At nineteen Washington had received the commission of major in the army of the Colony of Virginia, and before he was made a Mason he had been appointed one of the executors of the estate of his brother Lawrence—with whom he had visited the West Indies, the only time in his life he was ever off the continent.

That Masonic knowledge had something to do with Washington's subsequent distinguished history and character, no one acquainted with the teachings of the Craft will for a moment doubt, for being honest and conscientious, and already of high character withal, he evidently gave heed to its numerous lessons of prudence and wisdom and made them the measure of his moral actions, as well as of his personal manners and spirit, through all his life-long responsibilities.

His initiation stands recognised on the books of the old Fredericksburgh Lodge, No. 4, at Fredericksburgh, Virginia, as follows:—

“November 4, 5752.—Received of Bro. George Washington, for his entrance £2. os. 3d.

“March 3, 5753.—George Washington passed Fellow Craft.”

“August 4, 5753.—George Washington raised Master Mason.”

The officers of the lodge serving at that time were R.W. Daniel Campbell, Master; John Neilson, Senior Warden, and Dr. Robert Halkerson, Junior Warden. The Holy Bible used on the occasion, it is said, is yet preserved. It is a small quarto bearing the imprint of John Field, printer to the Cambridge University, 1688. On the list of the membership of this old continental lodge are found the names of Brigadiers Hugh Mercer, (who fell at Princetown) George Weedon and William Woodford; of Col. John Jaringnan and Major Gustavus Brown Wallace, who were all officers of the revolutionary army. There also are the names of Gen. Edward Stevens, Governor Shottswood, Col. McWilliams, and Chief Justice John Marshall.

To be a Free and Accepted Mason in those early days of distinguished American history, required something more than the mere forms of initiation. The purer principles—the ennobling virtues—the sound philosophy and the high personal resolves—were all there to move the man—to give the development and to vindicate

the sublime and ancient practice of the Order.

It is a little strange that the biographers of Washington have almost wholly ignored the fact that he was a Freemason. It may be that they did not think it necessary among the other multitudinous evidences of his goodness and greatness. But in taking such a course we think they were wrong, because Masonry doubtless had much to do with the purity and integrity, as well as with the general moral grandeur of his life's great success.

As is well known among American historians, the Masonic brotherhood had a lodge organized in the revolutionary army, which was called the “American Union Lodge,” and which was attached to the “Connecticut Lines” during most of the years of the war. With this lodge Washington met more than once. He assisted them in the celebration of St. John's Day, June 24th, 1778, and again on St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27th of the same year.

The English soldiers, it seems, had also organized an army lodge, for on one occasion the American army captured a party of British soldiers, and in their possession was found the chest containing the jewels and furniture of a lodge of Freemasons, but as soon as this was made known to the Commander-in-Chief, he ordered them to be returned, with a note stating they were not legitimate trophies of war.

After the war was over, Washington was one of the Charter members to establish Alexandria Lodge, No. 22. His name headed the list. Governor Edmund Randolph, of Virginia, was then the Grand Master, and the warrant mentions the name of Washington as “our illustrious and well-beloved brother, George Washington, late General and Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the United States,” and bears date April 28th, 1788.

Washington's Masonic correspondence runs down to 1791, within one year of his death, showing that he never lost his first love, but that up to his last hours he never ceased his devotion to the ancient and honourable fraternity, to which he had given his name in his early young manhood, and to which he, no doubt, felt that he owed much of his physical and moral perfection during all his alter years. The bright example of such a distinguished member of the body should surely serve as a beacon light to all others through all coming years.

On many of the charts of our lodges he stands before us erect and properly clothed, as one who has properly exemplified the dignity of the fraternity, and given to the world evidence, which should be satisfactory, that the institution is worthy of the confidence and respect of all honourable minds. If it had not been so, George Washington would never have given it his life-long devotion. The favourable affirmation of one such witness who has testified from the inner walls of the Temple, is worth infinitely more than the intolerant accusations of ten thousand outside croakers, who never knew even the alphabet of the Masonic philosophy.

The index finger of Masonic integrity need but be pointed to Washington as one of its ardent and distinguished representatives to silence the guns of any intelligent opposition to Masonry the world may ever manifest, for his fame was no party myth, as his pre-eminent character was the product of the soundest principles as well as of the purest and wisest actions.

What he was as a man, a patriot, and sage, belongs to Masonry, in part at least, and therefore the Craft may rightfully present him to the eye of the present and coming ages as one whose distinguished memory is a portion of their inheritance.—*Masonic Advocate.*

THE CONSUMPTION OF COAL IN LONDON.—The accounts kept for the collection of the coal-tax show that the quantity of coal retained for consumption in the metropolitan district, with a population now of above four millions, was 5,133,567 tons in the year 1869, averaging 1 ton 7 cwt. 1 qr. and 7 lbs. per head; in 1870 it was 5,579,971 tons, or 1 ton and 9 cwt. 1 qr. head; in 1871 it was 5,810,789 tons, or 1 ton 9 cwt. 3 qrs. per head; and in 1872 it was 5,900,690 tons, or 1 ton 9 cwt. 2 qrs. per head.

Original Correspondence.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Excelsior, in your issue of the 16th, preaches the Christian doctrine that the injured should forget and forgive, but he omits to add that Christianity also teaches that contrition, confession, and restitution, should precede condonation. The beam in the eye of the offender, doubtless alluded to by your correspondent, not unfrequently blinds him to the importance of these obligations, and it is as well, therefore, that they should be imperatively insisted upon.

I entirely agree with Excelsior that a great deal of nonsense has been talked and written about the so-called Order of the Temple and Hospital by certain Masons who appear to have forgotten history and common sense in their efforts to rival the frog in the fable, and to convert the respectable body known as Masonic Templars into a chivalric windbag; and I am perfectly ready to assert, with Excelsior, that I "am not quite prepared to account for the tone of the letter published in your magazine" (sic) and supposed to be written by Sir Patrick Colquhoun.

However, no obligation rests upon either Excelsior or myself to do that which it is the duty of the individual chiefly interested to perform, and upon whose shoulders will rest the burden until due explanation may be afforded; neither can Excelsior, nor any other individual, persuade his brother Freemasons to let bygones be bygones, whilst the sin against them remains unacknowledged and unatoned.

Let Sir Patrick Colquhoun offer a disclaimer or an excuse for a letter, regarding which his friends and his opponents can have but one opinion, and let these "Knights" (who are not content to call themselves of the Temple alone, but in defiance of the societies must needs entitle themselves of the Hospital also) abjure the pretensions and the follies which have made them the laughing stocks par excellence of the 19th century, have seriously implicated an august and honoured personage, have caused disunion amongst the body universally known and respected as Masonic Templars, and have provoked the indignation of all those who have at heart the best interests of Freemasonry. Let them renounce the injurious and absurd aspirations to aristocratic exclusiveness indulged in so ludicrously by their would-be advocates, and be content once more with their modern origin, and to be "honest men and Masons," and then hope for Masonic forgiveness from their brother Masons, for their sins against their confrères and the Craft.

I am, yours faithfully
A MASONIC TEMPLAR.

FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me, through you, to inform the author of the article entitled "Freemasonry in Ireland, by an English Mason," which occupies the position usually assigned to the leading article in your impression of the 16th instant, that he has (unintentionally, no doubt) considerably understated the result of the attempt which has, for the last five years, been making by a number of zealous members of our Order to establish a Masonic Orphan Boys' School in Ireland, as there are now sixteen orphan sons of our deceased brethren receiving the benefits of education and maintenance on the foundation of this charity, instead of the six or eight of which he speaks. I am sure the brother, for whose information I write, will be pleased to be thus set right, as he seems to be favourably inclined towards Irish Masonry, though endowed with a keen perception of some of the principal faults and blemishes in the government of our Order in this part of the kingdom. I may conclude this note by stating that the eminently zealous brother, to whom the founding of our Boys' School was originally due, has recently expressed his determination shortly to start a Widows

Annuity Fund, similar to our English benevolent institution, to which I cordially wish success.—

I am, fraternally yours,

AN ENGLISH AND IRISH MASON.

JACHIN AND BOAZ.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to Bro. Carpenter's reply, on page 538, respecting the above, our esteemed brother does not give reference to his previous article on the subject of Solomon's Temple, but as it is well worthy of perusal and reperusal, I would refer the brethren to page 539 of Vol. 3, of *The Freemason*, as not only is the question of the Pillars discussed, but also the number and position of the gates of the Temple, &c.

There are other passages which appear to me to show that the right hand coming out of the temple is intended, viz., I. Kings, xii. 39, where when speaking of the Brazen Sea it is said "and the sea was on the right side of the house Eastward over against the South, and in II. Chron. iv. 10, "and he set the sea on the right side of the East end over against the South." When it is remembered that the Holy of Holies was in the West, and that the Brazen Sea was in the inner court, just outside the holy place at the east end of the temple, the "East end against the South" must be on the right side in going out of the temple, and if this is so as regards the Brazen sea, it appears most likely the same rule would apply to when the pillars at the entrance of the Temple are spoken of.

M. J. M.

KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been induced from a perusal of an admirable review in the *Masonic Magazine* of this month to purchase a few copies of the great Masonic poem, bearing the above title, by Bro. Duganne, of New York, published by our learned Bro. Markham Tweddell, of Stokesley, Yorkshire, and have been so much struck by its singular beauty that I hasten to advise all true Masons to get the poem and read it for themselves. The price is small (only 2d.), and the pleasure to be derived from its perusal by the brethren of the mystic tie will, I can fairly promise, be very great.

EMMA HOLMES, 31^o.

PASSING THE VEILS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you assist me in answering the following question, which has been put to me from a brother in Malta.

"A brother took his Mark Degree in Ireland, and the other day went to an Irish Chapter here (Malta), but they objected to him, as he had not passed the 'Veils;' he said he had, as it is a part of the Degree in Ireland, but they say nay. Who is right?"

I shall be glad to see an answer in your valuable paper, and enclose my card.

I remain, yours fraternally,

E.K.S., P.M. and P.Z.

UNDERSTAND YOUR AIMS.—I respect the man who knows distinctly what he wishes. The greater part of all the mischief of the world comes from the fact that men do not sufficiently understand their own aims. They have undertaken to build a tower, and spend no more labour on the foundation than would be necessary to erect a hut.—*Gaelic*.

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MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Under this heading we think of starting a department for enquiry respecting old, scarce, and valuable works on Freemasonry; such as various editions of any important book, the differences in the editions, and the supply of title pages, &c., in case of any of the contributors having imperfect copies.

We hope to have the assistance of Masonic students generally, as such a department cannot fail to be of practical benefit to all Masonic bibliographers, and encourage an interest in the literature of the Craft.

ACCOUNT OF SCOTLAND 1702.

Can anyone inform us what authority Dr. Kloss had for saying that in a "Short Account of Scotland (being a description of the nature of that kingdom, and what the Constitution of it is in Church and State—London, Newborough)" is a remarkable Charter of the Brotherhood of Freemasons at Dundee, 1689? (No. 235 "Bibliographie der Freimaurerei.") A friend had a copy examined for us in the British Museum, but failed to discover such a charter.

MANIFESTO AND MASONS' CREED.

We have not succeeded in tracing a copy of this work, and shall be glad to be informed of its date and character through this department. It is alluded to in "Ahiman Rezon" of A.D. 1807, and is said to contain an account of the "Ben Jonson's Lodge" and its struggles.

It may be in Dr. Kloss' work, although, from a hasty examination, we did not notice it.

It is likely to furnish some facts of value as to the causes of the secession about 1738, which ultimately resulted in the institution of a rival Grand Lodge, and the invention of the Royal Arch as a separate degree.

JOHN CONSTOS AND HIS SUFFERINGS.

We have lately purchased a copy of a work, at the end of which is an imperfect copy of another book, which commences at Part the Second (page 23). "An Account of the Sufferings of John Constos for not Divulging the Secrets of Masonry." There are three engravings. Part the Third is mainly illustrative of the tendency of our symbols, &c. Then follow "Remarkable Occurrences; a list of Modern Lodges ending 585 (chesire) of 1799; and a "List of Ancient Lodges" without any dates.

We desire to know what was the title-page, and the contents of Part the First. We have found one page with a water-mark of 1803, and fancy the work must have been issued some eight years later. We are anxious to ascertain the year for which the "list of ancient lodges" is intended.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The King of Denmark has appointed Prince Arthur a Knight of the Order of the Elephant.

RAILWAYS REGULATION ACT.—The new Act on the regulation of railways has been printed. Returns are annually to be made to the Board of Trade in the form presented in the schedule. Within seven days of an inquest on a death arising from a railway accident, all coroners are to make returns to the Home Secretary. Without a further inspection of a railway the Board of Trade can delay the line being opened until the requirements of the board, for the public safety, are complied with.

Mr. J. E. Collier, brother of Sir R. Collier, and Recorder of Poole, has been appointed judge of the Liverpool County Court, in place of Mr. Serjeant Wheeler, who goes to the Marylebone Court.

SERIOUS SOVEREIGNS.—Some spurious sovereigns have recently appeared. They are made of platinum, gilt, and are almost identical in weight with the genuine coin; and, although upon examination they may be detected by ringing and by a sharp roughness of manufacture, they are calculated to deceive the public when carelessly taken.

A new telescopic comet was discovered at Milan by the well-known comet discoverer, Tempel, on the 3rd ult., a little after midnight, in the constellation Pisces. It was observed by Dr. Bruhns at Leipzig, on the 21st of July, being then in Cetus. He states that it somewhat elongated, with an eccentric condensation, a nucleus-like appearance, about two min. in diameter.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 29th, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, August 23.

- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, August 25.

- Lodge 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship, Bancroft-place, Mile End-road.
- " 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Hford.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155; Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, August 26.

- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishops-gate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, August 27.

- Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham.
- " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, August 28.

- General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes' Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsobny-st., Millbank.
- Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
- Highate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8. Friday, August 29.
- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship Hotel, Leaden-hall-street.
- Pannure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Baid-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (724), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 30, 1873.

Monday, August 25.

- Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.0.
- Chap. 24, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 5.30.
- Tuesday, August 26.
- Lodge 1393, Hamer, 21, Windermere-st., Breck-road, Liverpool, at 4.
- Chap. 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street; Liverpool, at 7.
- Wednesday, August 27.
- Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
- " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
- De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, August 28.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 11.
- " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 1313, The Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
- Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
- Friday, August 29.
- Chapter 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, August 30, 1873.

Monday, August 25.

- Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
- Chap. 122, Thetis, 25, James-street, Tradeston.

Tuesday, August 26.

- Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-st.
- " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, August 27.

- Lodge 187, St. John's, Carlake, Black Bull, Carlake.
- " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Thursday, August 28.

- Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Buildings, Govan.

Friday, August 29.

- Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollockshaws.
- " 347, St. John's Operative, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

Advertisements.

THE ADVERTISER, a Master Mason, a Member of a South African Lodge, is in imminent want of £35 to stave off his creditors, to whom he owes about £16, and enable his wife to open a little business. He has five little children, two of whom are seriously ill, he would also be thankful if he could get employment either as Collector, Timekeeper, Messenger, or Sorter, &c., he has no wish to return to the Cape should he be successful. Being without friends here, he trusts the Craft will assist him out of his difficulties. Contributions will be thankfully acknowledged by W. E. J., 103, Lefevre-road, Victoria-park.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—We regret to announce that the above lodge has sustained a sad loss in the death of the I.P.M., the highly esteemed and deeply regretted Bro. William Swatton, whose dissolution took place on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at Margate, whither he had gone in the vain hope of recovering his failing health. The lamented brother was initiated in the Camden Lodge in November, 1865 was appointed to office in July, 1868, and in May, 1872, was by the unanimous vote of the brethren elected to the Master's chair, upon his retirement from which in July last he was presented with a very handsome jewel as a token of respect and esteem, for during his year of office, and in fact throughout the whole of his career his kindness and urbanity were such as not only to endear him to every member of the lodge, but also to all with whom he was brought into contact. He was indeed a brother who felt and practised the highest and noblest principles of the Craft. His remains were interred at the Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow, on Monday, the 18th inst., in the presence of a numerous assemblage of mourning relations and friends, his lodge being represented by the following brethren:—Bros. J. N. Frost, P.M.; W. Meadway, P.M. and Sec.; Bro. G. A. Garratt, P.M.; W. Morrill, J.W.; and E. G. Morris. A special service was performed in the chapel in the most impressive manner by the Rev. Bro. D. Shaboe, M.A., Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Suffolk and Middlesex, P.M. and Chaplain of Lodge Unity No. 183, P.Z. of the Yarborough Chapter, &c., during which, by the foresight of Bro. Garratt, P.M., and the kindness of the Reverend Chaplain, the coffin was surmounted by the traditional sprig of acacia, which, with the scroll, provided by the reverend brother, was interred with the remains in their final resting place.

WAVERTREE.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—The brethren connected with this popular suburban lodge gathered in strong force at the Wavertree Coffee House, Wavertree, on Wednesday afternoon, the 20th inst., the principal business being the installation of Bro. J. W. Williams, the W.M. elect, and the investiture of officers. During the past year the prosperity of the lodge has been fully maintained, no fewer than 30 having been initiated; and as the working and general harmony of "The Duke of Edinburgh" have been maintained with Masonic zeal and true fraternal feeling, there has been nothing to detract from its position as one of the most successful local lodges. Consecrated in 1867, No. 1182 has steadily held its own amongst other lodges, and is now justly recognised a leading body of members in Masonry. The brethren were summoned to begin their Masonic duties at two o'clock, and punctual to the hour Bro. W. Pughe, W.M., commenced the exceedingly heavy business of the afternoon, by opening the lodge, supported by the following past and present officers and members:—Bros. P. R. Thorn, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; W. Woods, P.M.; S. Cookson, P.M.; J. W. Williams, S.W.;

J. N. Edginton, J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; J. G. Bales, Sec.; T. B. Myers, S.D.; R. Martin, jun., J.D.; J. C. Brew, I.G.; G. Scott, Org.; C. Llewellyn, S.S.; J. Williams, J.S.; W. Crawford, Tyler; Bros. W. C. Wiggins, R. Mugford, A. Thomas, J. Jones, W. Thomason, C. Jones, G. Masker, H. Sawyer, S. Newbold, J. W. Abrahams, J. Jacobs, J. Hope, L. Barrow, T. F. Jones, J. Whitfield, T. Snelson, J. O. Milledge, T. Davis, W. E. Owens, J. Gilleson, J. Sale, J. T. Bullock, A. Vaughan, J. Curlender, and others. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., W.M., 986; the Rev. J. W. Lurton Burke, 369 (Clitheroe); Peter M. Larson, P.M., 594; B. B. Marson, P.M., 1356; E. Kyle, W.M., 673; R. Ing, P.M., 594; C. Humphries, S.W., 1013; Dr. J. V. Worthington, W.M., 220; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Bold, P.M., 369; P. Askew, 594; W. S. Corris, 1356; R. Chinoweth, 673; A. Woolrich, 1355; J. Keet, 1356, and others. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Mugford and Hughes were duly passed by the W.M. The lodge was afterwards opened in the third degree, when Bro. Capt. Milledge was also efficiently raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by the W.M. (Bro. Pughe). Not wearying in well-doing, Bro. Pughe next proceeded to instal Bro. J. W. Williams, as the W.M. of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, and the most effective manner in which he performed this impressive ceremonial, as well as the previous passing and raising, and the subsequent charges to the officers, reflected the highest credit upon his Masonic zeal, aptitude, and intelligence. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Pughe, I.P.M.; J. Edginton, S.W.; T. B. Myers, J.W.; W. Brown, Treas. (re-elected for the sixth time); J. G. Bales, Sec. (re-invested also for the sixth time); R. Martin, Jun., S.D.; J. Williams, J.D.; T. Davies, I.G.; G. Musker, S.; C. Llewellyn, S.; J. Thornton, P.M., M.C. On the motion of Bro. Thornton, seconded by Bro. Myers, Bro. G. Scott was unanimously re-elected Organist. Bro. W. Crawford, on the motion of Bro. Jacobs, seconded by Bro. Myers, was also re-elected Tyler for the sixth time. At the conclusion of the installation, the newly-chaired W.M. proceeded to initiate two candidates into the privileges and mysteries of the ancient fraternity, which he did in a most creditable and complete manner. The lodge was then closed according to established custom, and the brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent repast in the lodge room, which was all the more enjoyable after the arduous duties of the afternoon. Owing to the fact that the room was required for a bowling club dinner, the brethren separated immediately after the repast, without any toasts being proposed, although the brethren displayed their loyalty by singing the national anthem. On the following day (Thursday) the annual picnic of the brethren of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge was held at Mills' Great Eastern Pic-nic Hotel, New Ferry, which turned out an unqualified success and genuine treat for the "outers." The weather was splendid, the arrangements complete, and the general enjoyment unequalled. In respect to numbers, the Masonic pleasure gathering was the largest of the season. The first section of the party left the George's Landing stage at half-past twelve o'clock, and reinforcements arrived at New Ferry until the afternoon had far advanced. There were then upwards of 200 present on the grounds where the festival took place, among the principals being Bros. J. W. Williams, W.M. of the lodge, and the past and present officers:—Bros. J. Edginton, S.W.; S. B. Myers, J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; J. C. Bales, Sec.; R. Martin, jun., S.D.; J. Williams, J.D.; T. Davies, I.G.; G. Scott, Org.; G. Masker, S.; C. Llewellyn, S.; J. Thornton, P.M., M.C.; W. Woods, P.M.; S. Cookson, P.M.; and the following visitors from local lodges:—Bros. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., W.M., 986; Rev. J. W. Lurton Burke, 369; S. E. Ibbs, P. Prov. G.S.B.; R. Ing, P.M. 594; E. Kyle, W.M. 673; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; P. M. Larson, P.M. 594; R. Washington, J.W. 1094; F. Sargent, P.M. 594; N. Thoms, 1182; J. Dawson, 673 and

1299; N. Green, 241; P. Askew, 594; &c. The amusements provided for the large party were of the most varied and enjoyable character, chief amongst these being dancing, to the strains of Mills's New Ferry Band, croquet, bowls, &c., During the afternoon a number of donkey races were improvised by the brethren, and these were perhaps the most novel and entertaining of the whole programme. An excellent repast was provided for the company in the large hall of the grounds, and afterwards Bro. Williams, W.M., presented a very handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. W. Pughe, I.P.M., bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the members of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, to Bro. W. Pughe, as a token of their esteem, being the first W.M. who was initiated therein."—Bro. Pughe, in the course of a pointed and excellent speech, acknowledged the presentation, and referred to the substantial benefits to be derived from the principles of Freemasonry. The ladies and brethren afterwards joined in the merry dance and other amusements, and the majority returned to Liverpool by the special boat at eleven o'clock.

POTTER'S BAR.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on Saturday, August the 23rd, at the Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar, there were present:—Bros. J. H. Batten, P. 3.A.D.C., Middlesex, P.M.; F. Walters, P.G.S. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; C. Horsley, P. Prov. G. Reg., Middlesex, P.M.; G. W. Schollar, S.W.; R. Limpus, P.G. Org., Middlesex, J.W.; C. A. Ferrier, S.D.; J. H. Webster, I.G.; W. J. Laing, P.M., Tyler; Collins, Capt. J. H. Dodd, Bryceson, J. Boyce, D'Arcy, and others. Visitor, R. Jennings, 907. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. H. Batten, P.G.A.D.C., Middlesex, I.P.M. The minutes of the lodge meeting, held on Saturday, July 26th, were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of the candidates for initiation at the September meeting. Bros. Capt. J. H. Dodd and Bryceson, were passed to the Fellow Craft's degree. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., and Secretary, took the chair. He raised Bro. R. Jennings, Royal Albert Lodge, 907, to the third degree. He initiated Messrs. J. R. Boyce, and D'Arcy, into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The work of all the degrees was done in a superior manner. One brother proposed as a joining member for September meeting. Three gentlemen proposed for initiation at the October meeting. Letters of apology were received from Bros. E. W. Richardson, W.M.; E. Sillifant, P. Prov. G.D., Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer, and C. H. Rushworth, J.D., excusing and regretting their absence, which was caused by circumstances beyond their own control, also from Bros. J. C. Parkinson, D.P.G.M., Middlesex, P.M.; and E. W. Mackney, W.M. 134. Business being ended the lodge was closed until Saturday, September 27th Refreshment followed labour

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—On Saturday, 16th August, the regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Red Lion Bro. William Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M., opened the lodge. He was supported by Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.G. Steward, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., Prov. Grand Steward Middlesex, Sec.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M., as S.D.; J. Hayward, J.D.; C. W. Fox, I.G.; R. W. Williams, Organist; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; J. Hammond, P.M.; F. Jenson, W. Warhurst, J. James, J. R. Croft, G. S. Streeton, B. M. Dyer, R. Lawrance, John Thompson, R. Carne, H. Gloster, R. R. Millington, H. J. Green, J. Wallis, C. Horsley, P. Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex; E. W. Mackney, W.M. 134; W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45; A. R. Rumsey, 206; G. Ridge, 1194; and others. The minutes of two meetings were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. T. James, 60, W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45; S. Hill, P.M. 157; E. Mallett, I.G. 141; G. Harrison, 820; and J. McNaughton, 871, as joining members, and of Messrs J. V. Watkins, W. Prattout, add J. Laurence, as candidates for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge in September. The heavy agenda paper was relieved of a small portion of its work by the

initiation of Mr. W. Warhurst, and passing of Bros. J. R. Croft, and R. Carne. The Worshipful Master feeling somewhat fatigued, resigned his seat as W.M. to his brother, Bro. John Hammond, P.M. 201, who proved his proficiency by the excellent manner in which he raised Bros. B. Meyer and G. S. Streeton to the third degree. The W.M. resumed the chair, and presided over the lodge or the remainder of the evening. He with his brother, did the work in a superior manner, which was pleasant and agreeable to witness. They proved themselves to be worthy scions of the well known good working "Jordan" Lodge, No. 201, which has numbered so many well known distinguished Masons amongst its Past Masters. The brethren unanimously recommended the Treasurer, Bro. S. Wickens, P.M., for office, and the W.M., Bro. W. Hammond, for Stewardship in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex for 1874. A large number of joining members and candidates for initiation were proposed. A committee to revise bye-laws, also other business of the lodge was formed. The lodge was closed and declared a *journeé* until Thursday, September, 19th, 1873. Refreshment followed labour.

TORQUAY.—*Jordan Lodge* (No. 1402).—The brethren of *Jordan Lodge*, 1402, Torquay, met at the Masonic Hall, on the 21st, for the purpose of installing as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. John Chapman, who was honoured on the occasion with the presence of the much esteemed Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Bro. Huyshe, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Metham. There was a numerous attendance of brethren from various parts of the country, and amongst those present were:—The Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe; The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. L. P. Metham; T. Perry, W.M., 1402; J. Chapman, S.W., 1402; L. M. F. Sarre, Sec. 1402; P. Karkeek, S.D., 1402; M. G. Rice, Organist 1402; T. Morgan, I.G., 1492; C. Johns, Tyler, 1402; W. A. Goss, P.M.; R. H. Rae, P.M. and Secretary, 189, P.G.S.D.; J. Brown, P.M., 1099, P.P.G.P.; H. W. Hooper P.M., 1254, P.G.R.; John Way, P.M., 39, P.P.G. Treasurer; P. D. Michelmore, W.M., 1138; B. H. Pescott, W.M., 789; D. Watson, 328; C. Mutton, 1205; J. Dodge, J. Paul, W. Bradnee, and others. Bro. Perry, the W.M. for the past year, performed the impressive ceremony of installation, with very great efficiency and ability, whilst the charges were given to the W.M. elect, and the Wardens by Bro. Rae, P.G.S.D., and this having been done, the Worshipful Master appointed his officers for the year ensuing, as follows:—Bro. Perry, I.P.M., Treasurer; Bro. J. Murray, S.W.; P. Karkeek J.W.; the Rev. J. P. Foster; Chaplain; L. M. Sarre, S.D., and Hon. Secretary; Morgan, J.D.; P. M. Harland, D.C.; W. A. Goss, A.D.C.; Rice, Organist; J. Dodge, Inner Guard; C. Johns, Tyler. A very interesting and pleasing feature in connection with the proceedings, was the presentation of a splendid Past Master's jewel, to Bro. Perry, by the Prov. Grand Master of Devon, on behalf of the lodge. This presentation was made as a recognition of the ability and the courtesy which Bro. Perry has at all times shown in the discharge of his many and difficult duties during his year of office—the first year of the lodge's existence, and in presenting the jewel the Prov. G.M. remarked that the worthy I.P.M. had strictly adhered to the duties which he took upon himself when he was first elected and had thoroughly conformed to all those regulations to which he at that time so cordially assented. By so doing he had gained for himself the esteem, the respect, and the love of his fellow Masons, and they could not shew this better than by presenting him with the beautiful jewel which he (Bro. Huyshe) had now the pleasure of handing to him. Amidst loud applause the Prov. G.M. then pinned the jewel on the breast of Bro. Perry, and the latter, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that it was his duty to govern the lodge had been feeble and unsteady they had, at any rate, been hearty and sincere. It was a matter of the greatest gratification to him to be able to say that during his year of office they had never had one single word which could by any means be considered as approaching to unpleasantness—(hear, hear)

—but the whole business of the lodge had been conducted with the utmost good feeling and unanimity—(applause). The thanks of the brethren were given to Bro. Goss for the gift of a very handsome frame for the charter of incorporation of the lodge; the Prov. G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the visiting brethren were thanked for their presence, and the lodge was then closed in due form. At a later hour the brethren partook of an excellent banquet at the Queen's Hotel, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., Bro. Chapman. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. The health of the Prov. G.M. was most cordially drunk and the welcome with which he was always greeted amongst Masons in the province made the arduous office which he held a pleasure rather than a burthen to him. It certainly was a very laborious office, and in another week he should have to do that which, of all the duties he had to perform, was the most burdensome, viz., to appoint the officers for the Prov. Grand Lodge. But in this task he was ably assisted by the D.P.G.M. and others, and in all the appointments that he made he did his best to be thoroughly and strictly impartial—(hear, hear). But the brethren must recollect that while there were 44 lodges in the province, there were only eleven or twelve offices to be filled, and if they bore this in mind they would readily appreciate the extreme difficulty of the task which he had to perform. He could only say that the few honours which were at his disposal he always considered it his duty to give to those who worked hard and deserved them—(applause). Bro. Metham, D.P.G.M., briefly responded to the toast of his health, which was warmly received, and the Prov. Grand Master, in proposing the next toast said he attended *Jordan Lodge* that day with more than usual pleasure. He liked to see the Master of a lodge remember the solemn duties which he had to perform, and he liked to see those duties done as they ought to be done. He had seen that done to-day by their excellent I.P.M., Bro. Perry, who certainly performed the somewhat difficult ceremony of installation in a way which he did not find excelled in any of the lodges of the country. Certainly he did not expect to see it done so well in a lodge so young as the *Jordan Lodge*, and he congratulated the brethren on having had such a Master during the past year. He also congratulated them on the excellent selection of W.M. for the ensuing year, which they had that day made, because one who had received such tuition and such education as had been given by the worthy brother who had just vacated the chair could not fail to fill the office with satisfaction to all concerned. Although the *Jordan Lodge* was so young, it had already shown itself to be a lodge conducted upon true and faithful Masonic principles. It had endeavoured to do its duty without allowing itself to be carried away by a wish to largely increase its numbers, irrespective of the quality of those who were introduced into the lodge, and he wished to impress upon all Masons that they should not seek to get anyone and everyone into their lodges. For himself, he should be exceedingly glad if the Grand Lodge would double the entrance fee; they would then have a very different class of men in the Order. It was really a bad principle to look simply to the filling of their books with numbers. If a man put a bad stone into a building it was by no means an easy thing to take it out again. But it must come out unless they wished to mar the beauty of the whole building, and how was the mistake to be remedied? Why, by never letting the stone go in—(hear, hear, and applause). Never let them put an evil stone into a building, and then they would raise and erect a temple fit and proper for habitation—(hear, hear). This was why they had raised their fee above that of every other lodge in the province, and he congratulated them very much upon having done so, because it was the way to keep them select. It might perhaps be said, in opposition to such a course as this, that Masonry was universal, and therefore ought not to be kept select, but he did not consider that there was anything in the argument. Masonry was universal, it was true, in its principles, but in its members it was select, and ought to be select—(hear, hear). The R. W. brother concluded by proposing, in complimentary

terms, the health of the W.M.—(applause). The W.M., in returning thanks, said that the sole object which they had in view in starting the *Jordan Lodge*, was that of raising the standard of Freemasonry, and so far, he was happy to say, their efforts had been crowned with success. In the formation of a second lodge, it was quite natural that there would be opposition, and especially as the new lodge started with the intention of admitting a better element than the candidates indicated in the old one. In dealing with that opposition, in a true Masonic spirit, he was pleased to find that the exercise of that spirit had contributed towards the ultimate success of the undertaking, and now at the first anniversary of the lodge, they were honoured by the patronage of the most distinguished Masons in the province. He (the W.M.) wished to express the indebtedness of the lodge to the wise counsels and constant support of their R.W. Provincial Grand Master, who was an honorary member of the lodge, and had ever shown himself ready to second their efforts. After acknowledging the complimentary terms tendered by the Provincial Grand Master in proposing the toast, he (the W.M.) proceeded to give "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," who had acquitted himself so creditably during his year of office, and who had at its close so satisfactorily conducted the installation of his successor. The I.P.M., Bro. T. Perry, replied briefly, and in terms that manifested deep attachment to the lodge, and expressed his indebtedness to the W.M. for the manner he had proposed his health, and hoped that the future of the lodge would fully realize the anticipations of its founders. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the W.M., Officers, and Members of the Sister Lodge," W. Bro. D. Watson, I.P.M. 328, responded, thanking the W.M. of the *Jordan Lodge* for the fraternal spirit he had kindly manifested towards the lodge of which he was the Immediate Past Master, and intimated that as far as he was able he should try to get *St. John's Lodge* to reciprocate the sentiments so kindly tendered. W. Bro. T. Perry then gave "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. P. D. Michelmore, W.M. No. 1238; R. H. Rae, P.G.S.D., Hon. Sec. No. 189; and D. Watson, I.P.M. 328. Bro. P. Q. Karkeek, J.W., expressed his wish to see the lodge take that position which would be calculated to improve the mental, as well as the moral standing of its members, and considered that the effort of those who had charge of the lodge should be to endeavour to secure this very desirable object. He was very glad that the lodge had by its bye laws strictly prohibited any refreshments at the meetings of the lodge, and trusted that the true principles of the Order would be faithfully carried out in the every-day life of the members. The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. C. Johns, in terms that indicated the spirit of Freemasonry, brought the meeting to a close.

Royal Arch.

GLASGOW.—*Thetis Chapter* (No. 122).—This young but prosperous chapter met on Monday, 25th inst., for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year, when the following were unanimously elected. Comp. James Park, the founder of the Chapter was unanimously requested to again fill the chair of First Principal Z, which office he has held since the formation of the chapter. He acceded to their wishes and consented to hold the office for one more term. J. McDoughal, was appointed H.; J. H. Scatt, J.; Joseph Johnson, Scribe E.; Wm. Bassett, Scribe N.; and J. Gurn, T. A vote of thanks was presented to Comp. Clatworthy, for the efficient way in which he had performed the duties of Scribe E. for the past five years. Comps, William Bas-et, and J. D. Fleming, of Chap. 69, were then affiliated as members of the *Thetis*, and the Chapter was closed according to ancient form.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

Mark Masonry.

CARNARVON LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 119).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Brislington, on Thursday, August the 21st. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. A. Scott, at 5 o'clock. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. J. B. Halford, as a joining member from the Amity Mark Lodge No. 132, also Bro. W. Tucker, W.M. Craft Lodge 103, Bro. John Summers, 326; Bro. E. Trood, 326; Bro. Dr. D. Bernard, 1296; Bro. H. W. Lane, 103; Bro. J. R. Shorland, 610; and Bro. E. Cook, S.D. 103, as candidates for advancement. The ballot being unanimous in every case, and five of the brethren being in attendance, and having signed the required declaration, they were severally introduced and advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M.'s, with full ceremonial, in accordance with the new ritual. The brethren present expressed their great satisfaction at the introduction of the new ritual, and were advised by the W.M. to procure a copy each, so that by the next meeting they might be perfect in their part of the ceremony. There being no further business the lodge was closed in ancient form at 7.30. There were present:—Bros. W. A. Scott, P.M., Grand Steward, W.M.; Dr. S. Bryant, P.M., Grand Master Overseer, Treasurer; G. F. Tucker, N., R.A.M., Prov. G. Asst. Sec., S.W.; J. M. Hunt, J.W.; A. G. Williams, Reg. of Marks; William Munro, Asst. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., M.O.; Hearn, S.O.; Hunt, J.O.; J. A. Clark, Prov. G. Inspector of Works, J.D.; H. Amor, Prov. G. Deacon, S.D.; Birtwell, Secretary; J. B. Warren, Steward; Samuel Edwards, I.G.; J. Coles, Tyler; D. P. Belfield, Prov. G. Steward; James Jones, and others.

Reviews.

Bro. D. Murray Lyon's *History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1.*

For some months we have been expecting the advent of the most important contribution to Masonic literature of this eventful period in the Craft's history; now our hopes are realized, and there lies before us not only the handsomest, but also the most readable volume which has ever been published, respecting the "Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland." Containing as it does over 400 pages, printed most beautifully by Messrs. Blackwood and Sons, and profusely illustrated, the really splendid work by Bro. D. Murray Lyon cannot be done justice to, even in a carefully prepared review, and therefore we are anxious to induce our readers not to rest satisfied with the following brief notice of its varied contents, but to procure copies for themselves whilst they are obtainable. Published under the patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G. ("Patron of the Order" in Scotland), and dedicated to the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B. (P.G.M.), we should say that the author and publishers have obtained every influence requisite to ensure success; we predict a rapid sale of the volumes as yet unsubscribed for, and confidently anticipate one hearty and unanimous expression of approval of Bro. Lyon's labours by the fraternity and Masonic press of both hemispheres.

The portraits are so numerous and excellent, that it would almost be invidious to select any for particularization. To many, no doubt the full page engravings will form the chief attraction in the series, they are the Earl of Dalhousie (forming the frontispiece, by Jeans, from a photograph), the Duke of Athol, John Whyte Melville, Esq., Earl of Rosslyn, Earl of Haddington, Earl of Zetland, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. There are more than fifty other portraits, engraved by our able Bro. Robert Paterson, forming an attractive gallery of living and deceased Masonic celebrities, the like of which has not hitherto been produced. In fac-similes the work is especially rich, and certainly, whether we consider the admirable and faithful lithographs by Ritchie, or the unique and curious originals,

the publishers have offered us a rare combination of *gems* in art and antiquity.

Commencing with the beginning and concluding portions of the Schaw Statutes of 1598, and the oldest minute of the Lodge of Edinburgh, July, 1599, the artist pictures to us the exact appearance of these old records, and reproduces all the chief documents mentioned by the author including the "Letter of Jurisdiction to William St. Clair," of 1600 (in full), the very large "Letter of Jurisdiction to Sir William St. Clair of 1628," various commissions, seals, marks, portions of M.S. charges, and lodge records from the sixteenth century. Apart altogether from the novelty of the foregoing, their value in assisting the studies of the literary members of the Craft cannot well be over estimated.

Having thus, by way of introduction, referred to what may be termed the ornamental part of the book, it is needful we should glance at the History itself.

No one familiar with Masonic literature for the last and present decades of this century, can fail to have been impressed with the voluminous, instructive, and most valuable character of Bro. D. Murray Lyon's contributions, and they at least will not wonder that his honorary and honourable connection with the Masonic press for many years has culminated in the production of the massive and well-written "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," and the publication of a work, which will always be regarded as the *chef d'œuvre* of Masonic research and information.

Those who expect nothing more than an account of the lodge of Edinburgh will be most agreeably surprised on turning over the pages of the book to find a history of the several ancient lodges in Scotland, and, in fact, an epitomized narration of the progress of Freemasonry in North Britain for the last three centuries, including a sketch of the "hautes grades" and fanciful degrees which were so eagerly sought after about a hundred years ago.

Brother Lyon disposes of the so-called "Hereditary Grand Mastership" of the St. Clairs, by demonstrating such a title to be wholly foreign to the text of the "Letters of Jurisdiction" of 1600 and 1628 (*circa*). The latter was mainly a confirmation of the older document, and both are silent as to the Grand Mastership. Hence, so far from affording corroboration of the appointment by James II. of William St. Clair, Earl of Orkney and Caithness, to the office of hereditary Grand Master (as Bro. W. A. Laurie claims), Bro. Lyon shows that "on the contrary, they furnish a pretty conclusive refutation of the statement."

It would be strange indeed for a brother to be Grand Master of the Masons *prior to his initiation*, and yet such must have been the case with William St. Clair, if we receive the fable, for he was not accepted a member of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning until May 18, 1735, and on the 2nd of the following month was "advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft." Bro. Lyon establishes the important fact "that more than a year before the date at which St. Clair is alleged to have formally intimated his intention of resigning the Masonic protectorate, and several months prior to his admission into the Order, the creation of a Grand Mastership for Scotland had been mooted among the brethren." It should also be remembered, that whilst the first of these Letters of Jurisdiction purports to be drawn by the Deacons, Masters, and Freemen of the Scottish Masons, the *second* is the joint production of the "Masons and Hammermen within the kingdom of Scotland."

It is thus evident, as Bro. Hughan, the well known Masonic historiographer, has frequently observed, the office of "Grand Master was a creation of the Revivalists of A.D. 1717."

The Acts of the Scottish Parliament, ancient the Crafts and Incorporations, are carefully traced by Bro. Lyon, and their bearings with respect to the Freemasons accurately weighed and considered indeed the complete manner in which the early history of the Masonic lodges in Scotland is treated by our brother, is amply sufficient to enable one quite a stranger to their career to become generally familiar with the salient points in their eventful history, and many of their proceedings are so graphically described, that the reader cannot fail to be interested and

instructed as he proceeds with the perusal of the records.

The great feature in the work is its readable character. Dry accounts of lodge meetings, confused particulars as to the origin of lodges, and questionable statements as to the antiquity of certain offices, degrees, and ceremonies, are all touched by the "magic wand" of the historian, and changed into a compact and harmonious narrative of the sayings and doings of the early Craft, every evidence being fitted into its proper place, and the whole cemented together by a master mind and skilful Mason. The "Schaw Statutes" of 1598-9, and the M.S. of the "Acheson-Haven" and "Edinburgh-Kilwinning," as also numerous other curious and valuable documents, are to be found in the volume, and what is more, every needful particular is furnished as to the period when such were granted, written or promulgated.

We have not been able to discover one event of importance in relation to Freemasonry in Scotland which has been omitted, but so far as our researches have gone we have found every special event which has occurred during the mainly operative period of the Craft, and all the salient points in subsequent proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and its daughter lodges, to be faithfully portrayed by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, and described in such an efficient, accurate, and happy manner that we do not hesitate to style the author of such a work the "Masonic Historian of Scotland," a title he has earned for himself prior to the issue of the present volume.

The records of the Lodge of Edinburgh commence July 1599, and extend to six volumes, all of which are in excellent preservation. No other lodge occupies so favourable a position in this respect, either in Scotland or the sister kingdoms of England and Ireland. The earliest authentic minute of a non-operative (or gentleman) being a member of a Mason-lodge is to be found in the records of this ancient lodge, viz.—John Boswell, Esq., 8th day of June, A.D. 1600.

On the 3rd day of July, 1634, the Right Hon. Lord Alexander, was "admitted folowe off the Craft," and on the same day Sir Alexander Strachan, Bart, and Sir Anthony Alexander, were similarly distinguished. Several other speculatives are chronicled as being initiated a few years subsequently, and it is "worthy of remark that, with singularly few exceptions, the non-operatives who were admitted to Masonic Fellowship in the Lodges of Edinburgh and Kilwinning during the seventeenth century were persons of quality, the most distinguished of whom, as the natural result of its metropolitan position, being made in the former lodge."

General Alexander Hamilton was made a member of the Lodge of Edinburgh, May 20, 1640, and took part in the initiation of Quarter-Master-General Robert Moray, at Newcastle, in May, 1641, when that town was occupied by the Scottish army. This most singular admission of a Mason in a town in England, by members of the Lodge of Edinburgh, (and which initiation was subsequently acknowledged to be lawful by the brethren of the Lodge) has entirely been overlooked by all those who preceded Bro. Lyon in scrutinising the ancient records, yet one of more value cannot be found in all the minutes. Sir Patrick Hume (afterwards Earl of Marchmont) joined the Lodge on St. John's Day, 1667, the Right Hon. William Murray on June 24, 1670, and so also was Sir John Harper. On the 27th December, 1679, several brethren, for "taken upon them to passe and enter several gentlemen without licence or commission from this place," were severely censured and made to suffer some of the penalties of transgression for a season. Up till the year of the Revolution, in favour of William Prince of Orange, Bro. Lyon tells us the Lodge of Edinburgh seems to have been in undisturbed possession of the metropolis and its seaport as the field of its labours. In 1677 a number of Masons started the Canongate Lodge by representing themselves as "one part" of the mother Kilwinning, which in reality they were not. In 1685 several Masons formed themselves into a lodge for Leith and the Canongate, and thus gradually the monopoly enjoyed by the Lodge of Edinburgh was gradually and surely undermined,

and prepared the way for the final overthrow of its exclusive jurisdiction by the "Journey-men" in 1712. Not that its privileges were surrendered quietly, or without many severe struggles, but nothing could withstand the growing conviction that one lodge only for the city of Edinburgh was neither just nor desirable.

During the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which was in all probability a result of the visit of Dr. Desaguliers to that country, many very curious incidents are referred to by the historian, and as the time arrived when even the Grand Lodge itself was put on its trial, and a dissolution of that body was threatened, our readers will see that Bro. Lyon has no lack of stirring events to chronicle. We must not omit to mention that capital biographical sketches of distinguished Freemasons are interspersed throughout the work, and are a most attractive addition to its contents, neither must we neglect to notice the excellent index which accompanies the volume, and increases its usefulness as a work of reference. Contrary to the desire of the author, but certainly in accordance with the wishes of the subscribers, a really good portrait of Bro. D. Murray Lyon heads the "contents," and only the life of that able brother is wanting to complete the book. We are glad to see his friend, Bro. William James Hughan, has supplied this desideratum in an appreciative and lengthy review of the history in question, to which we beg to refer our readers, and which we are likely to reprint.

We cannot conclude better than by recommending every Master of a lodge to introduce this grand work to his brethren, and every brother should seek to promote its sale.

Live Lights and Dead Lights: (Altar or Table?)

By Hargrave Jennings, author of "The Rosicrucians," &c. John Hodges, Strand, London.

Its contents are as follows:—

Introductory Chapter as to the Design and purposes of the Book; Sunday in London; Sunday in Summer; Symbolic Meaning of the various Parts of a Church; A Ritualistic Church Outside; Ritualism inside a Church; Mysteries of the General Cross-Form; Theurgic Mysteries in the different Cross-Forms; The Outside of Westminster Abbey; The Inside of Westminster Abbey; Religious Confusion of the present time in England; Rationale of the Blessed Eucharist; An Altar for a Victim, or a Table for Company, &c. The Work is handsomely bound, and its illustrations are exquisite in execution.

The Trustees' Guide. Cracroft's Investment Tracts: published by Edward Stanford, Charing Cross, price 1s.

This excellent and very cheap "Guide" is a synopsis of the ordinary powers of trustees in regard to investments, with practical directions and tables of securities, British, colonial, foreign, and miscellaneous. To investors this work will prove invaluable. It gives the amount of issue of every class of stocks and shares; the company, rates of interest, description of option, date when interest is payable, date of termination, and prices from 1868 to the present time. The legal portion has been superintended by counsel of high standing. Few books, probably if any, containing so great an amount of condensed and carefully digested fact, have been presented to a public at so reasonable a price.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

An excellent address, delivered by the Grand Master to the brethren, is herein contained. Page 252 commences with a list of subordinate lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Pages 257 to 388 give the returns from the subordinate lodges, and page 398 a list of the Grand Secretaries and their addresses. It will no doubt be welcomed by members of the Craft.

Newspaper List for the United Kingdom. By W. J. Clarke, general advertising agent, 85, Gracechurch Street, London.

We find an alphabetical list of London newspapers, days when issued, and also lists of

newspapers published in the provinces, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. To all newspaper proprietors, agents, and others, this useful book will prove of great value.

The Bijou Crochet Book. By Mademoiselle René, London, Alfred B. Emanuel, 27, Somerford Grove, Stoke Newington, N.

To ladies this little work will prove very useful. The patterns given are beautiful in design, every stitch, loop and chain being explained. It promises to be highly attractive. We cordially wish it every success.

Skin Diseases: An enquiry into their parasitic origin, and connection with eye affections; also the fungoid or germ theory of cholera; by Jabez Hogg, Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, &c., London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox.

The frontispiece shows: fungi taken on a glass slide exposed to a current air; algoid filaments growing in distilled water; healthy yeast-cells from sweet-wort, a little too dark in colour, and too full of granular matter, &c.

The writer gives some able remarks on the aim of modern medicine; the rise and progress of a vegetable parasitic theory of disease, to which is added a table of diseases of supposed parasitic origin. Page 9 commences with:— the anatomical structure of the skin. The skin is composed of three layers, the epidermis or cuticle, the dermis or true skin, and the subcutaneous cellular tissue. It is largely supplied with blood-vessels, nerves, glands, and adipose tissue. Muscular fibres are found in the superficial layer of the dermis in close connection with the hairs of the body. In some of the lower animals, as the cat tribe, mouse, &c., these muscles are arranged in bands about the nose, and they serve to erect the hairs and convert them into sensitive tactile organs. From page 20-90 it gives chapters on parasitic diseases: the atmospherical conditions necessary for their production, botanical description of fungi and yeast plant, simplicity of structure of fungi and mildews; ravages occasioned by them in the vegetable and animal kingdoms mode of destruction explained, various opinions on the nature of parasitic diseases of the skin, porrigo, scutulata, ringworm, description of disease, and treatment; cases examined under the microscope, ophthalmia, pustular conjunctivitis, description of disease, overcrowding as a cause in government pauper schools and school hospitals; treatment; Mycetoma, fungus—foot disease of India, conclusion arrived at after a survey of parasitic diseases of the skin, &c. In the latter part of the book is given a chapter on cholera and other diseases, containing fungoid or organic germ; theory of cholera. The vital germ, and physical theories of disease explained, Dr. Tytler's, supposed discovery of the cause of cholera; Dr. Wallace, Dr. Mitchell, and other authors' fungus theories, &c. In concluding, the writer says—

"So much remains to be done in this difficult inquiry, and so many doubtful points require clearing up before it can be truly said cholera or any other form of disease has its origin in a fungoid growth, that, if we are not more cautious, we shall find the cholera contagion what Borek has aptly described it to be—"the infusoria chaos of the intestines." He further remarks,—"if any one is determined to furnish a formula for cholera, he may take bad air, bad water, sewer emanations, floating stinks, germs if you please, bad ventilation, with perhaps with a dozen or two more evils, which are all more or less concerned in originating the disease." He shows that the prime occasion for its development is a mass of human beings aggregated together, either in towns in barracks, or in the country, into a sufficiently limited area of mud, gravel, granite, large and imposing structures, crowded courts, alleys, cellars, or attics, and the necessary conditions for cholera as well as other zymotic diseases are provided. Altogether it is one of the most complete works we ever saw on skin diseases. We heartily commend it to our readers' patronage.

The Revising Barrister for the City of London will open his court on the 23rd of September.

Masonic Tidings.

ST. JOHN'S GATE.—The following letter appears in the *Clerkenwell News*:—Sir, "A rumour is being extensively circulated that this house is to be restored at the expense of the English Order of St. John, to whom it is stated it has been sold. The property was purchased of Mr. Wickens by a private gentleman, a client of our house, and not by the Order of St. John. That gentleman is a member of the English branch of the Order, and this may, in some measure account for the report; but though it is hoped that the Old Gate House may ultimately become the property of that body, it is intended for the present to keep it open as an old-fashioned tavern, under management which we hope will satisfy the numerous literary and other clubs which have for so many years been connected with the locality. As the statement that the house is about to be closed is likely to do the business considerable harm we shall be obliged by your finding room in your columns for this explanation of the real state of the matter.—We are, sir, yours, &c., Chapman and Turner."

CENTENARY OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.—The Grand Orient of France has issued a circular to all its lodges, and to all Masons in correspondence with it, of its intention to celebrate the centenary of the establishment of the Grand Orient of France. The celebration will take the form of a fête and banquet, on the 27th September, during the session of the General Assembly. The Grand Orient invites all Masonic bodies in correspondence to send deputations, and relies upon a numerous attendance in reply to the invitation. The Grand Orient considers that the occasion of its centenary will afford the opportunity of a reunion of brethren of all rites, for the purpose of renewing the bonds which exist between the great Masonic family.

Several lodges in Paris are advocating a modification of the fees for the different degrees, so that the minimum may be as follows: First degree 25 francs; Second degree 20 francs; Third degree 15 francs.

In consequence of the alarming illness of the W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Capt. Bridges, the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, to have been held at Bath this month, is postponed until further notice.

The St. James's Lodge of Instruction, hitherto held at the Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-Road, Bermondsey, has been removed to Bro. George Wintle's, the New Tanners' Arms, Grange Road, Bermondsey.

The Session 1873-74 of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, will commence on Friday, the 5th of September, at 6 o'clock precisely, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Muggeridge, at the Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, when we have no doubt there will be a numerous assemblage of brethren.

Mr. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect Whetham, has appointed Mr. Thomas Beard to act as his Under-Sheriff during his year of office.

A "life ship"—a little steamer—whose mission is to cruise up and down the Channel in all weathers, bringing succour to ships when approaching a lee shore from the windward side, was launched at Southampton yesterday. She is to be called the *Peronelle*.

A great trades demonstration was held in the Queen's Park, Edinburgh, on Saturday last, in favour of the repeal of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

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THE DIVINE OMNIPRESENCE.

"Let us remember that wherever we are, and whatever we do, He is with us, and His all-seeing eye beholds us."—*Masonic Charge.*

The Sacred Symbol consecrates the Lodge,
And thoughts inspire which lift the heart
above,
Suggesting that 'tis holy ground we tread,
Where all is harmony—all peace and love.
We're there reminded of the truth sublime,
That He who all things made, now fills all
space;
In all things lives, and animates the whole,
Ruling and guiding in every place.
Where'er we are, whate'er we say or do,
His eye beholds, for He is with us ever,
To check the evil, and to crown the good,
To strengthen and to aid each high en-
deavour.
Oh, Lord omnipotent, as good as great,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be!
Let Thy good Spirit rule within our hearts,
That all our doings may be bless'd by Thee!
Then shall we ever in uprightness walk,
Our obligations ne'er forgotten be,
But so controlling us, in heart and life,
That all may learn from what in us they
see.
There's nothing selfish in our mystic band,
There's nothing difference makes among
our kind,
Our brothers first, but only first, we aid,
That aid we'd give alike to all mankind.
'Tis thus we'd imitate our common Lord,
Whose sun shines forth on evil and on good,
Whose rain refreshes both unjust and just,
Though some, through life, His goodness
have withstood.
Oh, Lord Omnipotent, give us the grace
To do Thy will, as holy angels do,
That others seeing, in our steps may tread
And thus the reign of righteousness renew.

A CALIFORNIAN LANDOWNER.—Dr. Glenn, of Colusa County, owns a ranch which contains nearly 45,000 acres. It embraces a frontage of 18 miles on the Sacramento River, and extends back about five miles. It is enclosed and divided by 140 miles of fencing. One tenant, G. W. Hoog, rents and cultivates about 10,000 acres of the land, and the Gupton Brothers cultivate an equal portion. Some 15,000 acres are rented out to a number of farmers who work on a smaller scale. At the present time Hoog is engaged in cutting 7,000 acres of wheat and barley. The crop this year will yield about 20 bushels per acre of wheat. In favourable seasons the yield has been about 35 bushels. The yield of barley is considerably larger. The total crop will amount to nearly 180,000 bushels. He is thrashing his grain with one of Case's 48-inch cylinder thrashing machines, which is run by a 20 horse-power steam engine. To supply this machine requires six large headers and 18 header wagons, which require the labour of 110 horses and 50 men. The machine has thrashed five sacks of barley per minute, at which rate it has run for an hour and a half in succession. It has also thrashed 32 sacks of wheat in seven minutes. It will require about six weeks to thrash the entire crop. These are the operations of Hoog alone. Gupton Brothers have an equally large crop, and are driving business on about the same scale. The smaller tenants are equally well employed.—*Sacramento Union.*

HOWEVER HIGH THE TEMPERATURE, however impregnated with impurities, air, food, or beverages may be, no one need be helpless, hopeless, or powerless. Apathy, restlessness, headache, giddiness and parched skin, warn mankind that a feverish attack has begun, which neglect will intensify if the sufferer fail to resort early to Holloway's purifying and regulating pills or some such corrective medicine. Holloway's Pills meet all the disarrangements of the circulation and nervous centres with efficiency and safety, and through these patent auxiliaries they are competent to check advancing maladies and to conquer threatened perils. Holloway's Medicine is particularly useful to people past their climatic age, when energies begin to wane, and various organs of the body become capricious in their functions.—*ADVT.*

A NOVEL EXPERIMENT.—The National Temperance League have successfully made a novel experiment at the manœuvres on Dartmoor, and are about to repeat it at Cannock Chase. With the sanction of the military authorities they opened a temperance commissariat for the benefit of the soldiers, and have worked it so well as to make up to some extent for the deficiencies of the Control Department. Commencing at five o'clock in the morning, they have all day long supplied hot coffee and tea, in addition to most things eatable and drinkable which savour not of alcohol. In other respects the "Temperance Camp" has offered far better accommodation to the soldiers than the ordinary canteen, the men being able not only to obtain stationery and stamps, but having a tent placed at their disposal for recreation, reading, and writing. The "camp" appears to have supplied about 100 gallons of coffee and four gallons of tea a-day in 1d. cups, and at certain hours of the day demands upon its resources have been very severe. The experiment has been made under the direction of a Miss Robinson, assisted by an earnest and competent staff, and officers and men alike have largely and thankfully availed themselves of the advantages which it conferred. At considerable personal trouble, too, Miss Robinson has rushed in where the postal officials feared to tread, and has earned the gratitude of many a soldier's wife by sending to Plymouth for post-office orders for the men, neither the camp postmaster nor the Postmaster-General, though memorialised on the subject, caring to make the necessary arrangements. Writing to the Secretary of the League on August 14th, Miss Robinson says that on the previous Saturday she had sent in for forty orders, amounting to over £25, and adds, "Last year the soldiers' wives left behind in garrison suffered much from being unable to get remittances from their husbands, and the men as a rule take no money back, saying that they may as well spend it as lose it." It is scarcely necessary to observe that the temperance caterers have seized every available opportunity of spreading the principles of the League, and as they started by securing in an eminently practical way the sympathies of the men, they have succeeded in making a very fair number of converts.—*Times*, 21st August, 1873

A CONSUMERS' STRIKE.—In these days of high prices it is impossible to tell what form combination may take, and it is interesting to watch its development as it extends from one class to another, and is even snatched up as a weapon of defence in out-of-the-way places under the pressure of emergency. It seems that at Builth, a Welsh watering place, the other day, the visitors, maddened by the exorbitant charges of the local tradesmen, determined on a "strike" and accordingly convened a meeting on the public recreation ground of the place, where they discussed their grievances and decided on their plan of action. Bitter complaints were made of the high prices charged by shopkeepers and hotelkeepers, and it was ultimately resolved that unless the charge for butter was reduced nearly 50 per cent, and the price of ham brought down to that at which it could be obtained at Cardiff, they (the visitors) would totally abstain from the use of those articles of consumption. The meeting was then adjourned, after a committee had been formed to wait upon the tradesmen and inform them of the determination that had been arrived at. There can be little doubt that this system of "striking" against the charge of certain articles which have hitherto been of daily use will in a short time become common, owing to the impossibility of meeting the exorbitant demands of retail dealers. People are beginning to find out that many of what are termed "necessaries" are in fact luxuries, which can be easily dispensed with without serious discomfort or inconvenience. The style of living has of late years become far too extravagant among all classes of society, and the present high prices will be not without their compensation, if they induce simpler habits than those which have done so much to demoralise both tradesmen and their customers. Fewer servants, fewer fires, less meat, less butter, less luxuries of every description will become the fashion, until demand and supply have reached an equilibrium.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

PATENT AIR GAS.—A novelty is about to be introduced in Leeds in the shape of gas manufactured by a very simple process from air. The necessary apparatus consists of three connected parts. The first is a blower, set in motion by a wound-up weight, operating upon its axis by a cord passing over pulley sheaves. Through the motive power secured by the gradual pressure of the weight downwards, the fan revolves and forces a sufficient supply of air into what is called the generator. This is a cylinder charged with a chemical preparation known as gasogen, which gives off an inflammable vapour. By passing through this, common air acquires illuminating qualities, and is at once conducted, ready for use, into the "governor," a kind of meter used to regulate the pressure. It will thus be seen that no kind of fuel is used in the process, the only material requisite, in addition to the air supply, being the liquid gasogen. One of the main ingredients of this highly volatile preparation is spirits of petroleum. It is not explosive, and can be purchased at a cost of half-a-crown per gallon. This quantity will make 500 cubic feet of air gas, which is said to be equal to twice that supply of coal gas, owing to its stronger light and slower combustion. Consumers who may contemplate making their own gas by the new mode will want to know something about the apparatus. A machine to serve from 10 to 14 burners can be purchased for £15, and the prices for ordinary purposes range from this figure to £50 for an apparatus equal to the supply of from 5 to 125 burners.

CONSERVATION OF WOOD.—The application of wood to the rough and trying purpose of street paving renders any inquiry into the means of assuring its preservation of great interest. At Toledo, Ohio, blocks were found to be, at the end of four or five years, entirely rotten; yet when the wood paving at the corner of King and Jordan-streets, Toronto, was taken up after some two or three years' wear, it was found to be practically as good as new. It had diminished only from one-sixteenth to one-eighth of an inch but, although the surface had thus been ground down, it was, by that very process, rendered almost as hard as iron. Toledo blocks had been coated with tar. The probability is that the latter had been thus treated while the wood was still green or moist, and that the superficial covering served to confine the moisture, and so to make the process of softening or rotting away all the easier. French and Belgian engineers have been lately giving some attention to this subject. An American newspaper, noticing their experiments, says—"Instances are mentioned by one of the experimenters, M. Melsens, in which prepared blocks, into the sinuosities of whose woody fibres the tarry preparation had penetrated, after exposure to alternate steam baths and frosty weather, and to burial in wet or marshy soil, were perfectly sound and uninjured after 20 years' trial. A section of a piece of timber impregnated with tar shows that the conserving substance has followed the lines of the longitudinal fibres, and often the microscope reveals the complete filling of the pores, and every channel which might give entrance to deleterious agents is plugged by the tar, which in many cases, is also found a perfect preserver of bolts, screws and nails." It is declared that by this process a railway sleeper may be made as sound and to last as long as an Egyptian mummy. It must be clear that no such results as these could be attained without a careful selection and preparation of the wood in the first instance. That appears to us to be the primary condition in all cases. Then it becomes a question what is the best preserver, regard being had to cheapness. Is it carbolic acid or tar, or what? The answer may most materially affect the application of wood where durability is an absolute necessity to its adoption.—*Toronto Globe.*

The Prince of Wales will subscribe to the Cole's testimonial. The Duke of Edinburgh puts his name down for £25, and Lord Ripon and the Duke of Buccleuch each subscribe £25.

The Foresters had their annual fête at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday last, which was attended by 68,543 persons.

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THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL AND THE PRESS.

BY BRO. EMRA HOLMES.

The impertinent self-appointed mentor of the Prince of Wales must have had an attack of jaundice, or shall we coin a word, and call it "Templaphobia," when it published the article on the "Order of the Temple," now under review; but unfortunately, in venting its spleen on the august ceremonial which roused its ire—possibly because its representative was not invited to the feast—betrays what we can only describe as crass ignorance in commenting on the meeting.

The writer, it would seem, had recently read "Ivanhoe"—had probably witnessed the performance of "Rebecca"—and gathered the little

historical knowledge he possessed from the pages of Sir Walter Scott.

The joke is really too good—*The Spectator* quoting Sir Walter Scott as a reliable authority on matters antiquarian. Our would-be-clever contemporary, in speaking sarcastically of the officers present at the Convent General, in April, takes exception to the style "Most Eminent" as applied to the Grand Master, no doubt forgetting, or, might we say, more probably *not knowing* that that title was precisely what was used by the Knights of St. John, with whom the Knights Templar were amalgamated. If the author of the article in *The Spectator* will condescend to refer to Porter's History of the Knights of Malta* he will find a letter thus headed:—

"Charles II., by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c."

"To the Most Eminent Prince, the Lord Nicholas Cottoner, Grand Master of the Order of Malta, our well-beloved cousin and friend, Greeting:

"Most Eminent Prince," &c., &c. The letter concludes, "we therefore amicably beseech your Eminence, &c.," and is signed, Your Highness's Cousin and Friend, Charles Rex."

A letter from Queen Anne to the Grand Master, in 1713, is couched in the following style:

"Anne, by the Grace of God, &c, to the Most Illustrious and Most High Prince, the Lord Raymond Perellos, Grand Master of the Order of Malta," and is signed "Your Highness's good Cousin and Friend, Anne R."

Emanuel Pinto, Grand Master (under whose sanction, it is said, the Malta Order was conferred on Freemasons), who died in 1773, was not content to be "Most Eminent" only, or "Illustrious," but claimed for his ambassadors at foreign courts the prerogatives of those who represented the monarchs of Europe, and for himself demanded the title of *Most Eminent Highness*, whereas his predecessors, Porter alleges, in a somewhat contradictory manner, had all been contented with that of *Eminence*.

It would thus appear that *Most Eminent* is by no means an inappropriate title for the Grand Master of the United Orders of Knights Templars, and Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.

Our contemporary is pleased to sneer at the Earl of Limerick, the Great Prior, and adds:—"It is only necessary to read *Ivanhoe* to learn that the chief of a Templar Convent was Preceptor, not Prior." We are very grateful for the information, but the Preceptor is the chief of our Convents or Encampments, and not the Prior, who, however, is the head of a priory of Malta.

Perhaps *The Spectator* will forgive us if we suggest that the Templar houses were not called convents at all, but preceptories, and that the author of *Ivanhoe* is the last man we should go to for correct antiquarian knowledge. If we remember right, in the very book *The Spectator* quotes, "*Ivanhoe*," Sir Walter Scott makes the courtiers address Richard I. as "your majesty," a title which was not used by the Kings of England for centuries afterwards.

We are quite ready to admit the truth of one

* Vol. 1, p. 368.

statement of *The Spectator*, that the Duke of Manchester's Knights of Malta are not true Johanniter, and here for once *The Spectator* is right, as the Sacred Council at Rome, the Supreme body in the Order of St. John, repudiates the claims of the so-called Anglican langue.

By the way it is whispered that the Manchester Knights, or Anglican Langue, as they prefer to be called, are making strong efforts to secure, if they have not already purchased, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, erst the head quarters of the Knights of St. John.

It is said that Sir George Bowyer and the Roman Catholic Knights (but with how much truth we know not) have been equally desirous of getting possession, but remembering that the chief authorities at Rome refuse to acknowledge the legitimacy of the English langue, the mere holding of St. John's Gate will no more make the Duke's lieges real Johanniter than the possession of Temple Church makes the London barristers Knights Templar. Our contemporary in attempting to describe the Installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master is positively amusing in its mendacious impertinence, when it says that "having passed the precincts of the *Temple of Willis's*," as it describes, with *infinite wit*, the place of meeting, "than he was launched into the centre of a series of scenes of the most arrant tomfoolery, curiously variegated with maudlin piety." We have stated before that the account of the proceedings given in the *Daily Telegraph* was incorrect, but it was nevertheless fairly written, as most of its descriptive articles are. We cannot say so much for *The Spectator*. The whole tone of the article is splenetic and contemptible, and the ribald manner it adopts to spit its venom on the Order of the Temple is strongly suggestive of an old fable, often quoted, and often needing quotation.

Is it possible that the writer of the article is some canny Scot, who tries to decry what he, in his heart of hearts, only covets?

Is it because the Prince of Wales has shown so great an interest in the Convent General of the Order of the Temple, whose Statutes the Scotch repudiated before they had properly weighed the consequences of their conduct that this article was written?

Can it be the old story of "The Fox and the Grapes" revived for the benefit of a few malecontents?

The Spectator's logic is very fine.

At the commencement of the article under review, it ridicules the notion that the Masonic Knights are true descendants of the ancient Templars, apostrophises the shades of Hugh de Payen and Brian de Bois Gilbert, and talks of "the marvellous transmogrified resuscitation of knights all dust, and swords all rust."

At the conclusion it is vastly indignant that the heir to the throne, with the Queen's sanction should give away "trumpery titles and pinchbeck decorations," a graceful way of sneering at the Grand Cross conferred upon the Emperor of Germany, the King of Sweden, and a few other nobodies *The Spectator* does not choose to recognise, and then says that "real nobility and knighthood lose somewhat of their worth," while such things are allowed.

The Spectator concludes as follows:—

“When Lord Granville was recently questioned by Lord Houghton in regard to the principle of permitting British subjects to wear foreign Orders, his reply was pitched in a very high key indeed. What would he say if he were questioned as to the propriety, or not to put too fine a point on it, the legality, of the Prince of Wales conferring not merely a foreign, but a Papal and Monastic Order at Willis’s Rooms?”

If we are a Papal, Monastic, and Foreign Order we must be surely true Knights Templar, but then our sapient compeer speaks of us at the outset as only a sham.

If we are only imitation and Masonic Knights then the reference to the Monastic and Papal Order is simply nonsense, if we are true Knights Templar, under the Mastership of the heir to the throne and the express sanction of the Crown (the fountain of law and honour) the question of legality is as idle as it is intended to be mischievous.

The Spectator opens by attacking us as spurious, and concludes by admitting our right to our title, in order to denounce us as an illegal body.

Our contemporary is on the horns of a dilemma, and we leave it to find its way to the logical conclusion of a line of argument, which we readily admit, is unique of its kind.

NOBLE MASONIC THOUGHTS.

Above all, a personal fidelity, absolutely incorruptible, should be the characteristic of every Mason; and none should gain admission to your Temple who are not so organized and tempered that, whatever emergency may arise, and whatever temptation may assail them, there shall be no sacrifice of one jot or tittle of the faith they have plighted at your altars. There can be no divided fealty or devotion among us. I am one of those who demand of my Masonic brethren exactly what I propose to give them in return—a loyalty to my vows which no earthly influences can shatter or impair. I demand that the moral standard of the ancient brotherhood shall be steadily advanced—raised higher and higher, and yet higher—until the golden period shall come again, when the simple name of Freemason shall be a guarantee of manhood, faithfulness, and integrity. Let us not be content with any half-way excellence. The genius of our Order demands all the perfection attainable, and in these respects, at least, humanity is capable of absolute perfection.

No man is so constituted that he cannot be true and faithful, and he who, possessing the faculty, will not exercise it, is unworthy material, to be cast out without compassion or delay. Let me admonish you again to look more to quality and less to quantity; and not to forget that in the character, not in the number, of your brethren, is to be found the strength, the influence, and the capacity of the brotherhood. I submit to you, in illustration of this view, the simple proposition that it would be better, infinitely better, that there should be but one hundred Masons in this vast Commonwealth, and each one of that hundred feel that he could repose in

serene and perfect confidence on the fidelity and truth of the other ninety-nine, than that there should be an hundred thousand, with the distrustful feeling that ten of them, in the hour of trial, might prove false. Let us know where we stand as Masons, and whether the solemn vows which we have uttered are to govern our actions, or whether they are hollow mockeries, imposing no higher duties than those we owed before they were uttered. Let us ascertain whether Masonry is a living reality, demanding some sacrifice as the occasion for it may arise, or a delusion and a sham—a child’s rattle, to be toyed with at pleasure, and cast aside whenever a selfish interest may lead us away from the observance of its obligations.

I do not propose to be thus cheated and deluded. I am earnest in my own devotion to its sublime teachings and principles. If there is one thing in our poor human nature which more than all others tends to redeem us—if there is one thing that makes me feel like bowing down to thank Almighty God for the poor gift of human life, it is this sense and capacity of fidelity to individuals with which he has endowed us. It is the strongest similitude of the divine, and I shall have strangely miscalculated if, in the summing up, the practice of this virtue is not suffered to cover a multitude of sins. I repeat, it is peculiar by the province and mission of our Fraternity to cultivate that virtue; nay Freemasonry demands it; and you cease to be Masons when you cease to practice it. And as it is the crowning glory of human character, so the vice which stands opposed to it,—treachery, infidelity, betrayal of the confidence and trust you have invited and received,—is the basest and most odious, the most universally detested and despised of all human depravities. Treachery, moreover, is never a solitary invader. It brings in its train an army of lesser evils, as if to conceal its own enormity by surrounding itself with gradations of infamy. As treason is the the highest crime known to the law of the land, so in the moral and social world, infidelity is the basest, the vilest of all vices. The one is the jewel which should always glitter resplendent in the Mason’s crown; the other the hateful word which should find no place in his vocabulary. Next to that of husband and wife, parent or child, no merely human relation is so sacred as that of the Masonic Brotherhood. To be false in any of these connections is to sin against ourselves and descend to the lowest depths of shame and degradation. Yet, we must make the humiliating confession that Masons are sometimes false to one another, and that betrayals of confidence and trust among those who sustain that relation have been of far too frequent occurrence.

I would have you, as you can do if you will make an end of these humiliating and shameful occurrences. I would imbue you with a nobler conception of the spirit and requirements of your fraternal obligations, with a more complete and unwavering devotion to your vow.

If you have been imposed upon by unworthy brethren, if you have been betrayed and wronged in the name of Freemasonry, on your own head the blame must rest, for you hold in your own hands the remedy for all these evils; and I adjure you once more, if you would preserve

untarnished the lustre of the name you bear, be more diligent in the application of those remedies. If you are too cowardly to reject the doubtful or expel the unworthy—if you receive into your ranks the applicant of indifferent character, because your treasury is impoverished and your revenues are falling away, you have converted your trust into merchandise, and the fate of the ancient money-changers ought to fall, and will fall, upon your heads. Reduce you numbers, surrender your charters, let your lodges perish and seek Masonic association elsewhere, if need be, rather than degrade your profession and compromise the Fraternity by the acceptance of unworthy material. I caution you again against making Freemasonry too popular, too common, and too cheap. I renew the admonition more emphatically to-day, because you are again in the midst of a season of marked prosperity, than which nothing more imperils purity of character. The danger must grow with your growth. As you increase in numbers and apparent power and influence, the shrewd and designing, the selfish and the ambitious, will seek to ally themselves with you, not for the purpose of becoming serviceable to their fellow-men, but with the intent to make Freemasonry serviceable to themselves. Let sleepless vigilance be the guardian at the portals of your Temples.

I am not setting up a degree of excellence unattainable, and I desire not to be misapprehended. Freemasonry does not demand perfection. I am painfully aware how soon my own expulsion would follow the establishment of such a test. It does not inhibit any rational enjoyment. That would be to subvert and destroy the social qualities, which it aims rather to cultivate and develop. But it does require, most imperatively, that every one of its votaries shall at least maintain the ground of respectability; and he who falls but a hair’s-breadth below that requirement should be cast out without misgiving or regret. Regard your Lodge as a family, of which you are constituent portions, and let no one enter there whose conduct or character is such that you would be unwilling to admit him at your own fireside, or blush to present him to your own wives and daughters.

It is because you have departed from these rules of conduct and fallen below this standard of excellence, that you have become frigid and unsocial at your gatherings, and half the enjoyment of being Freemasons has become unattainable. You do not give the sojourning brother a cordial welcome, because your experience has taught you that some who bear that name are unworthy of your confidence and fellowship. But if you had been more careful in making Masons, you would have had no such experience and no such consequent distrust. I have often been pained at the neglect with which strangers have been received and treated in your lodges. I have seen them depart with more alacrity than they came, glad and relieved, apparently, to escape from a place where they had come expecting fraternal regard, and found only the form of politeness, mingled with evident suspicion and distrust. And though until more care is exercised in the election of candidates, and more energy is displayed in the discipline of those already chosen, there will be occasional imposi-

tions; yet Masters of Lodges should know that whoever comes to them in the character of a Mason should receive that civility and attention, which the fraternal relation entitles him to anticipate, until, by some act of his own, he has forfeited his claim to your courtesy and hospitality.—Grand Master Leonidas E. Pratt, of California.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, 3rd September, 1873:—

I. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th June for confirmation.

II. An Address of Condolence from the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the death of the Earl of Zetland, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

III. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.—A brother of the Beaufort Lodge, No. 103, Bristol, £50; the widow of a brother of the Belvidere Lodge, No. 503, Maidstone, £100; the widow of a brother of the Grove Lodge, No. 410, Ewell, £250; a brother of the Lodge of United Strength, No. 228, London, £100.

IV. Report of the Board of General Purposes to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of August instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4,532 14s 5d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75, and for servants' wages £88 19s. od. and avail themselves of the opportunity to congratulate the members of the Craft on the very satisfactory condition of the accounts.

(Signed) HORACE LLOYD,
President."

V. Memorials from the Friendly Lodge No. 383, Montego Bay, for assistance to build a Masonic Hall.

VI. Proposed Motions:—

1. By Bro. Frederick Bigg, W.M., No. 1261. "That at least seven days' notice shall be given to the W.M. of a lodge before such lodge is posted as being in arrear of its subscription."

2. By Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D. "That the sum of £80 be given from the fund of General Purposes. That the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

3. By Bro. William Smith, P.M. No. 33.

"That in future the laws and regulations of the Fund of Benevolence governing the Lodge of Benevolence be read once in every year previous to the Lodge entering on business at the meeting in the month of January, and that Article 17 of the laws and regulations of the Fund of Benevolence on the Book of Constitutions be altered accordingly."

4. By Bro. William Smith, P.M. No. 33.

"That in future a room be set apart for the reception of Provincial Brethren on Quarterly Communications and other meetings of Grand Lodge."

It is understood that the honour of knighthood will be conferred on Mr. Hawkshaw, F.R.S., the superintendent engineer of the Holyhead Breakwater, which was opened by the Prince of Wales on Tuesday.

WYCLIFFE AND TYNDALE.—It is intended to erect, in a suitable place in the centre of London statues to the memory of Wycliffe and Tyndale, in connection with their efforts to secure "a free and open Bible" for the people.

The sentence of death passed on Captain Jack and five other Modoc Indians has been approved of by President Grant, and they will be hanged on the 3rd of October.

MASONIC FETE.

A new feature in the interchange of courtesies amongst the brethren of the Craft has been introduced by Bro. John Sutcliffe, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. of Lincoln; who invited the Prov. Grand Officers, and the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the province, with their wives, to a garden and croquet party, and banquet, at his residence, Stallingborough House, near Great Grimsby, on Thursday, the 14th inst. Bro. Sutcliffe is so well known in Masonic circles for his large-hearted charity, liberality and hospitality, that those who were honoured with invitations knew they would be entertained in right royal style, for none can do the host better than he, and in this were not disappointed.

Amongst those present were:—Bros. Major Smyth, D.Prov. G.M.; J. Fowler, Prov. S.G.W.; Daniel Ace, Prov. G.C.; W. G. Moore, Prov. G.R.; F. D. Marsden, Prov. G.S.; C. M. Nesbitt, P.G.T.; J. Hadfield, Prov. J.G.D.; A. Bates, Prov. G.D.C.; Cobbett Jackson, Prov. G.S.; M. Cook, Prov. G.S.; T. Slater, jun., Prov. G.S.; Geo. Nelson, Prov. G.S.; W. E. Howlett, W.M. 422; Gardner, S.W. 712; Goodhand, J.W. 712; Copeland, P.M. 792, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Broadhead, P.M. 792, S.D. 1294; W. Marshall, J.W. 792; R. Gough, Sec. 792; Jas. Robinson, D.C. 792; Wardale, Tyler 792; W. H. Radley, P.M. 838, P. Prov. J.G.W.; W. Poole, S.W. 838; John Allen, jun., Sec. 838; Henry Scales, Sec. 1232; Robbs, P.M. 1282; Pigott, S.W. 1282; H. H. Cave, J.W. 1282; C. L. Hett, Sec. 1282; Rev. C. K. Saunders, S.W. 1286; H. C. Chambers, J.W. 1286; A. A. Padley, Sec. 1286; F. Long, W.M. 1294, P. Prov. G.S. of W.; T. P. Cupiss, 1294, P.M. 792, Prov. S.G.W.; Walmsley, S.W. 1294; Jack Sutcliffe, J.W. 1294; Holland, Steward 1294; H. Garvey, 1294; Wardale, Tyler 1294; Dawson.

The following ladies were also present:—Mrs. W. G. Moore, Miss Howlett, Mrs. Ace, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Copeland, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Benett, Mrs. Robbs, Mrs. Pigott, Mrs. Long, Mrs. and Miss Cupiss, Mrs. Bates, Miss Garvey, Miss Harriet Garvey, Mrs. Dawson, Miss Dawson, Miss A. E. Dawson, Mrs. Jasse, Mrs. Sutcliffe, three sons, and five daughters.

On the arrival of the company they were received by Bro. Sutcliffe, Mrs. Sutcliffe and one of the Misses Sutcliffe in the drawing-room, and after the reception they entered the garden, where they were refreshed from a delicate spread of wines, claret cup, &c. provided al fresco, the other Misses Sutcliffe, assisted by Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, J.W. 1294, P. Prov. G. Steward; and Mr. Harry and Mr. James Sutcliffe, gracefully performing the honours.

The company then passed on to the croquet lawn, on which was an excellent quadrille band from Manchester, and the company soon appreciated the enlivening strains by entering into the "poetry of motion."

The day was charming for the occasion, and highly the company enjoyed it, which was enhanced by the urbanity of the worthy host and his lady, and the courteous attention of the Misses Sutcliffe and their brothers, who vied with each other, during the visit, to render the enjoyment and of each one complete. These pleasures were interrupted by the sound of the gong calling the company to the banquet, in a spacious and elegant marquee, erected in an adjoining pasture. Great taste had been displayed in the decorations, and the tables, which were luxuriously provided with every delicacy of the season, were worthy the presence of a prince. During the banquet the band played pleasing, but subdued airs. On the right of the host sat the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Mrs. Sutcliffe, and Bro. F. Long and Mrs. Long, and on his left the Provincial Grand Chaplain and Mrs. Moore, and the Provincial Grand Registrar and Mrs. Ace. After the loyal and other toasts had been given, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the health of Bro. Sutcliffe in eulogistic and deserving terms, alluding to the great aid which the Craft, its charities, and its schools had received by his advocacy, support, munificent and sympathetic charity; and to the founding of the St. Albans Lodge, No. 1294, of which he was its first Master, and to his being well known by the brethren in West Yorkshire

and Durham (of the latter province he was Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon), and in particular to the benefit which his own province had derived from him; and he thanked Bro. Sutcliffe for the splendid compliment he had that day paid them. Bro. Sutcliffe feelingly responded, and said he was not only proud and happy to have such an assemblage around him, but he desired to promote unanimity and good feeling among the brethren of the province, and the interests of the Craft, and to shew the ladies—he would call them his sisters—that they could be admitted into something Masonic; if not to witness our secret mysteries and labour, to partake of and join with us in our refreshment after. He referred to the compliment paid him by the Provincial Grand Lodge in electing him Steward to represent the province at the next Festival of the Boy's Institution, and to the testimonial presented to him by the St. Albans Lodge, on the second year of his Mastership.

The Provincial Grand Chapter, in polite and complimentary terms, proposed the health of Mrs. Sutcliffe. On leaving the banquet the company returned to the lawn, where dancing was resumed, and continued until darkness compelled retirement.

Thus passed a delightful afternoon, which will long remain in the memory of those present. It might without much impropriety, be added that the services of Bro. Sutcliffe during his Masonic career, and the substantial benefits he has conferred on the Craft, it is hoped, ere long be recognised by his elevation to an office in Grand Lodge.

In addition to those present Bro. Sutcliffe had several letters from brethren apologizing for inability to attend from pre-engagements, or other unavoidable circumstances. When Bro. Sutcliffe was installed at West Hartlepool as W.M. of 1066, he then invited the Province of West Yorkshire and about 90 brethren responded. Bro. Dr. Fearnley, D.P.G.M., assisted by a Board of 37 Installed Masters, did him the honour on that occasion to instal him.

It is gratifying to learn that Bro. Jack Sutcliffe received the following letter, accompanied by a very handsome biscuit canister:—

Boston, 21 Aug., 1873.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

We the undersigned brethren, who on the 14th inst., had the pleasure of accepting your father's Hospitality at a grand Masonic fete, (which will be treasured in our memory as a red letter day in our Masonic career,) think this a fitting opportunity of endeavouring to shew our high appreciation of his love of Masonry by begging your acceptance of the accompanying small present, as a souvenir on your approaching marriage, and we sincerely hope you and the lady of your choice may enjoy every earthly blessing and many years of great happiness.

With affectionate and paternal greetings, we subscribe ourselves your faithful brothers in Masonry,

"W. HEPPWORTH RADLEY, P.M., 838,
P.P.S.G.W.

"COBBETT JACKSON, W.M., 272,
P.G. Steward.

"THOS. SLATER, jr., W.M., 838,
P.G. Steward.

"WM. POOLLES, S.W., 838.

"JOHN ALLEN, jr., Sec., 838."

"Bro. JACK SUTCLIFFE,

"Stallingboro' Hall."

We doubt not the wish of Bro. Sutcliffe in bringing together the brethren of the province to form a better personal acquaintance with each other and establish friendships, will result in more frequent meetings beyond the pale of the lodge room and strengthen the cords of Masonic feeling both within and without the Craft.

The Court of Chancery has just given an important decision in the case of Dr. John Collis Browne's "Chlorodyne," a preparation which has now been in extensive use for the last twenty years in the metropolitan hospitals and among the faculty, as an antidote to cholera, diarrhoea, dysentery, and other debilitating diseases, as well as in febrile, inflammatory, and neuralgic affections. Dr. Collis Browne, having discovered, while in India, serving with the army, an important method of counteracting the diseases which afflicted the Europeans settled there, after much labour brought to perfection a specific which upon its introduction into England met with the unqualified approbation of the most eminent practitioners. Under the name "Chlorodyne," which he also invented to distinguish it from all other preparations, he offered it to the public, and so valuable was it deemed that great difficulty was experienced in protecting it from imitation. The Court of Chancery while regretting its inability to prevent the use of the term, strongly expressed its opinion that Dr. Collis Browne's "Chlorodyne" was the only original, and, therefore, only genuine preparation.

KENTUCKY MASONIC ORPHANS' HOME.

From the "proceedings," of the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, we extract the following account of an interesting incident. It is necessary to state that the session of Grand Lodge was held in a theatre:—

The Grand Master, having called the Grand Lodge from labour to refreshment, the drop curtain of the stage was raised, exhibiting the Orphan's Home, composed of fifty-eight children, clad in plain but neat attire, to the admiring gaze of the delegates. As soon as the applause had subsided, Past Grand Master E. S. Fitch, introduced the children as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren. It is my distinguished honour, and the highest gratification of my whole life, to present for your inspection to-day, this design drawn upon our trestle board, wrought out and developed in living reality—The Masonic Orphans' Home of the State of Kentucky. Mingling my hearty congratulations with those of the entire brotherhood over this commendable achievement, while contemplating the youthful charges now before us, and presenting them to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as their foster mother, may we not exclaim, with an exulting pride, surpassing even that which fires the bosom of the old Roman Matron, when she presented her Gracchi children, "Here! here are our jewels!"

At the close of these remarks, the following Greeting Song, written for the occasion, was sung by the Orphans in a creditable manner, and with manifest emotion, awaking a kindred sympathy throughout the crowded hall.

GREETING SONG.

"Come, let us be joyful,—before us we see,
The friends of our fathers in sweet unity;
They've paused just a moment, our faces to view,
To inspect a design of Freemasonry true.

"Chorus—Happy greeting to all.

"We claim not the dear ties of kindred or birth,—
Our idols of clay lie entombed in the earth,—
But we hail you, as brothers of that mystical band,
Who've embellished our Home with a generous hand.

Chorus—Happy greeting, &c.

"As friends, benefactors, as fathers indeed,
The hope of the orphan in the hour of need,
We know you have rallied, our sad lives to bless,
To shield us from harm, and relieve our distress,

Chorus—Happy greeting, &c.

"Then, welcome, thrice welcome, we greet you to-day,
Assembl'd securely in Grand Lodge array!
And may each fond meeting, in future attest,
Your love for the home of the Orphan bereft.

Chorus—Happy greeting, &c."

This was followed by an introductory address by Grant Williams, a beneficiary of Montgomery Lodge, No. 23, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

Following this introductory, which was delivered in a clear and distinct voice, though tremulous with emotion, "Our Little Flower Girls" arranged in a semi-circular form on the stage, with bouquets of flowers in their hands, each one repeated a beautiful, poetical sentiment or appropriate text, suggested by her favourite flower, and then all united their voices in that charming little song, entitled,

"We are little sunbeams, shining and free."

Next in order was an original dialogue, on the character of the Home and Freemasonry generally, by Preston Brickey, a beneficiary from Fleming Lodge, No. 112, and David Stephenson, from Dycusburg Lodge, No. 232. This dialogue was rendered in a spirited manner, and was exceedingly interesting and humorous, but too lengthy for insertion.

"The entire home then sang the popular school song, "We are gay and happy."

"As soon as the applause was quieted, the following true biographical sketch was given, in a very impressive manner, by William Crane, a

beneficiary from Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 174, Lexington, Kentucky:

"A boy there was, sent to our Home,
And he was thought quite crazy,
With dogs and sheep inclined to roam,
When not too mad or lazy.

"His silly pranks and wayward steps
Awaken'd sad foreboding;
He slighted all the best precepts,
The car of mischief ever loading.

"No threat could daunt—no fright prevail,
This erring boy to law recall;
'Till Love's sweet accents did prevail,
And won his heart and rescued all.

"That boy so wayward, crazy, wild,
Ne'er felt a mother's gentle hand;
He was a slighted orphan child,
'Till gathered to this happy band.

"Before you now, you see that boy,
Whose early life in blight began,
Rejoicing with a heart-felt joy,
That he may yet become a man.

"To you I owe what'er of bliss,
My future life may now enjoy,
To you the recompense is this—
You've sav'd a Mason's orphan boy."

The transition from this truly pathetic incident was happily made by the "Green River Salutation," an original poem by Mollie Coleman, beneficiary, from Pond River Lodge, No. 244, as follows.

"In Grand Lodge array, before me I see
The ag'd and the honour'd, the hopeful and young,
Engaged in rites of deep mystery,
Which history has noted and poetry sung.

"A band so renown'd a presence so grand,
May well daunt a novice like me.
Yet pardon a word on behalf of the land
So famed for its Leaf and its Freemasonry.

"You've heard from our hills in the prelude of Grant,
The 'blue-grass' has spoken through her Elkhorn Crane;
And Smiley has echo'd her women's rights rant
As the voice of the Jessamine plain.

Then may not a Muhlenburg Orphan be heard,
If only to remind you, 'tis surely enough
That this styling it over us is rather absurd,
As Green River folks are quite up to snuff.

Then step to the front—tobacco-patch girls,
Sample bright tens of the Green River Stock,
Let's give them a song—come brush back your curls,
And tell of the moral that's taught by the clock."

Suiting the action to the word, nine beautiful girls, from the Green River section of the State, advanced to the foot lights, and ranging themselves in line, under their leader, rendered the Clock song, in inimitable style.

After a cordial and earnest invitation from the Superintendent to all present to visit the home during their stay in the city, the exercises were closed by an appropriate song, and a benediction pronounced by the Grand Chaplain.

DEATH OF A PARIS JOURNALIST.—M. Darpenne de la Grangerie, a well-known contributor to *Le Figaro* and *Le Gaulois*, is dead. During the late war M. de la Grangerie originated and organized the "Ambulances de la Presse," whose personnel consisted almost wholly of unpaid volunteers, and so successfully did M. de la Grangerie carry out his work that succour and food were always to be found at his field ambulances during the various sorties, even when others had exhausted their supplies. M. de la Grangerie was arrested by the Commune, and was fellow prisoner with the late Archbishop of Paris, whose fate he would certainly have shared but for the strong remonstrances of his fellow-workers in the ambulances, who intimated to the Commune that they would withdraw their attentions to the wounded if their Secrétaire-Général was not liberated. M. de la Grangerie received the decoration of the Legion of Honour for his services.

Original Correspondence.

SPIRITUALISTS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir,

My attention has just been called to Mr. Carpenter's letter respecting your report of our entertainment at the Egyptian Hall. Your correspondent was in error when he stated that the £1000 challenge dodge of a spiritualist has not been accepted. Two challenges were sent to me, one for £250, to accomplish all that the Davenports did, and another for £1000, to produce spirit manifestations under the same conditions as mediums. Both these I at once accepted; for the first I proposed to obtain reports from three towns, Cheltenham, Bath, and Leeds, where I had seen the Davenports perform, and undertook to accomplish everything the reports stated that the brothers did, both in their cabinet and dark seances. This was not agreed to, but I was told I must accomplish something that was reported to have taken place in private; what that something was, I could not ascertain, consequently, I would not pledge myself to perform tricks I had never seen or heard of. For the second challenge, I undertook to produce spirit lights, spirit faces, rap and move tables, and suspend myself in mid-air in a private room, under the same circumstances as Home, viz; in total darkness. This was agreed to, if I would consent to be bound hand and foot, and allow myself to be held by a committee during the entire seance, and lights struck at three seconds notice. I would like to see the medium who could produce the manifestations under the same test, or, as seeing is generally objected to by mediums, I would give a good sum to feel him, and if I had as many thousands to spare as the challenger appears to have, I would readily stake one upon it.

I am having the whole of the correspondence respecting the challenges printed, and shall be pleased to furnish a copy to anyone who will send address.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN NEVIL MASKELYNE.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Either your "devil" or my caligraphy is to blame for an error which appears in my letter inserted in your last issue.

For "unities" your printer has substituted "societies."

The unities of time, place, and action, are alike outraged by the assumptions of that section of the Masonic Templars who, unmindful of the axioms of Freemasonry, would forsooth be aristocratic and exclusive, who forgetful of the deadly feuds between the Templars and Hospitallers in the middle ages must needs now-a-days pretend to represent at once the Knights of the Temple and of the Hospital, who owing their right to the name of Masonic Templars to Freemasonry, and to Freemasonry alone, have discarded the prefix "Masonic," would fain forget their origin, and crying Excelsior! Excelsior! would kick over the ladder by which they have mounted. I protest against such outrages against common sense and propriety, and I trust the great body of the Masonic Templars will unite in restraining the follies of the few. For my part I have no ambition to imitate the jackdaw in peacock's feathers, and I am content to remain nothing better nor worse than

Yours faithfully,

A MASONIC TEMPLAR.

BRITISH ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

This association held its annual congress this year in Sheffield. The members assembled at Cutlers' Hall, where they were received by the Mayor of Sheffield and the members of the corporation. There were present his Grace the Duke of Norfolk (the president for the year), Lord Houghton, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hills, Mr. Godwin, Mr. R. N. Philipps, and others.

The Mayor having spoken a few words of

welcome, the Town Clerk read an address embodying a formal expression of the good wishes of the townspeople towards the association.

The Duke of Norfolk, in receiving the address, said it was a great pleasure to the members of the association to be received in such a kind and cordial manner by the inhabitants, and to have the assurance that in making the researches they were about to commence into the former history of the town, they would have the sympathy and assistance of those living there.

The formal business over, the association proceeded to the parish church, where an inspection was made of the Shrewsbury monuments in what is called the Shrewsbury Chapel. These monuments are those of the Earls of Shrewsbury, who were the former lords of Hallam before the estate passed into the hands of the Norfolk family. A visit was next paid to the "Manor House," which was one of the prisons of Mary Queen of Scots, and which is being restored by the Duke of Norfolk into something like the condition in which it was when it was inhabited by that ill-fated queen.

The party were then driven to Broom Hall, the residence of Mr. R. N. Phillipps, for the purpose of inspecting the fine ancient timber of that house; and they received a hearty welcome. The hall excited great interest, and the visitors willingly remained in the open air, on an elevated piece of ground, opposite to the gable, while Mr. Phillipps read a paper on "The Early Dwellings and Timbered Houses of England," illustrated by a reference to Broom Hall, near Sheffield."

At the close of the reading the thanks of the association were accorded to Mr. Phillipps, who entertained the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Houghton, and about a hundred ladies and gentlemen at luncheon.

In the evening the association assembled at the Cutlers' Hall, where the members were the guests of the Duke of Norfolk.

On Wednesday evening a conversazione was held, when a very numerous party assembled at the Cutlers' Hall, the great banqueting hall and other rooms being thrown open for the occasion. A collection of Roman, mediæval, and other antiquities, lent by the Corporation of London, was exhibited, and greatly admired and appreciated, together with other objects of a similar character from private collections. An interesting paper on "Celts, and the Manufacture of Iron and Iron Implements by the Romans," was read also by Mr. R. N. Phillipps, which was listened to and frequently applauded by a crowded and attentive audience; and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Planché, Somerset Herald, for a paper so full of information, and so appropriate to the locality where the congress was then assembled. A number of excursions were arranged for the week.

A STRAY ICEBERG.—A letter from a gentleman on board the United States steamer Junia, at St. John's, Newfoundland, contains this paragraph:—"On the 3rd of July a large iceberg became stranded at the mouth of the harbour, and the captain wishing some of the officers to go out with him and see it, I gladly accepted the invitation, and as soon as our party was made up we started out in the steam launch. As we approached the berg the air grew sensibly colder, and we found it necessary to slip on our overcoats. We ran alongside of it and measured it with our eye, which gave us 25ft. high, 180ft. broad, and 400ft. long, and as that portion below the surface bears the proportion of seven to one, we can calculate the depth or thickness of the berg to be 280ft., equal to 11,200,000 cubic feet or 286,225 tons. The berg was melting so rapidly that water was flowing from it in every direction, preventing us from approaching very close to it, so we decided to go to a smaller one and cut some ice for our own consumption. We were very successful as we brought on board nearly half a ton. About five minutes after leaving the large berg we heard an explosion, and looking around saw that one end had burst off, and filled an area of about 300ft. in length of the width of the berg; so we escaped an unpleasant dampness just in time."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 5, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, August 30.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, September 1.

Lodge 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.

" 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

Premier Red Cross Conclave, Freemasons' Tavern.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Goutheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, September 2.

Colonial Board at 3.

Lodge 1257, Grosvenor, Metropolitan Victoria Station Pimlico.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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Wednesday, September 3.

Quarterly Communication, of Grand Lodge at 6, let 7.

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Thursday, September 4.

Lodge 822, Victoria Kites, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.

" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.

" 1351, St. Clements Domes, 265, Strand.

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Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Elbury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.

Highate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, September 5th.

Lodge No. 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

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Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (724), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 6, 1873.

Monday, September 1.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

West Lancashire, Mark Lodge (No. 65), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, September 2.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.

" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street; Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, September 3.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.

" 580, Harmony, Wheat-sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.

" 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.

" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcom, at 6.

" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1350), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, September 4.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.

" 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.

Chapter 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcom, at 6.

Friday, September 5.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.

" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

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For the week ending Saturday, September 6, 1873.

Monday, September 1.

Lodge 122, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.

" 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.

Chap. 119, Roslin, 25, Robertson-st.

Tuesday, September 2.

Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

" 233, Hamilton, Spalding H. Hamilton.

" 401, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Motherwell.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

Wednesday, September 3.
 Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 117, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 128, St. John, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 166, St. John's, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.
 Thursday, September 4.
 Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Garngad Road.
 " 370, Renfrew, High-street, Paisley.
 Friday, September 5.
 Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 " 408, Clyde, 170 Buchanan-st.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 572, Thorntree, Thornliebank.
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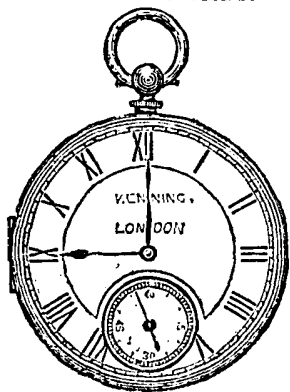
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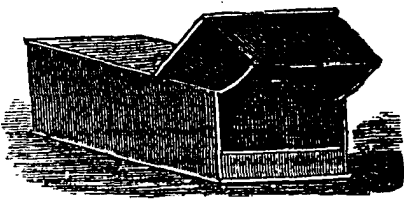
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LIVERPOOL.—*Mariners' Lodge* (No. 249).—The annual summer festival of this most popular and pleasant lodge, which came off on Wednesday, the 27th ult., was in every respect a complete success, and will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present. Frodsham, Belmont, and the Overton Hills, within easy distance of Liverpool, was selected, after mature study and no little trouble, as the scene of the day's festivities, and the result of the "out" fully justified the choice. The all-important weather, although somewhat gloomy in the morning, assumed a brighter aspect as the day wore on, and there was little left to desire in this respect. A committee, consisting of Bros. Rose, W.M., the S.W. and J.W. of 249; J. K. Smith Treas.; J. Wood, and H. W. Nicholas, I.G.; spared no pains to make the pleasure gathering a success, and they succeeded to their hearts' content. To Bro. Nicholas especial praise is due, not only for the active exertions which he made, but also for framing a programme of the day's proceedings which formed a novelty in Masonic productions. This programme was so unique, so clever, and so thoroughly characteristic, that it deserves to be quoted at length for the benefit of other pic-nic committees. It was as follows:—

MARINER'S PIC-NIC, No. 249,
 August 27th, 1873.

The Party will leave the Lime-street Station at—

12.0., and in saloon carriages specially provided by the London and North Western Railway Company, be conveyed to

FRODSHAM.

Proceeding through the village, the right hand of fellowship will be extended to them at the

BEAR'S PAW.

Where matters are expected to come off *à la*, the landlord being a bit of a wag. Journeying onward, they will arrive at the

PARISH CHURCH,

Permission having been obtained to view the same, from the vicar, the Rev. W. C. Cotton. After singing the old Hundredth Psalm, and hearing an address from the Rev. Phillip Hains, Rector of St. George's Wigan, and Chaplain of the lodge, the Picnicians will reach their destination.—

BELMONT,

30. ("In the morning we will fly towards Belmont."—*Shakespeare*.) Where a sumptuous dinner will be provided by the proprietor, Mr. James Rigby. Bro. Henry Burrows, R.A., will "hold, as 'twere, the mirror up to nature," and in the course of the day photograph the group.

30. GRAND PROMENADE IN THE GROUNDS. The Overton Hills command an extensive view of the Runcorn Bone Works, the Red Hills of Helsby, and "other *ills* that flesh is heir to."

LADIES RACE,

For a Silver Thimble, given by Bro. Robinson, of the firm of Brown, Jones, and Robinson.

3.30. GENTLEMEN'S RACE,
 For a handsome Silver Watch and Appendages. Entrance 1s. each. "We know what belongs to a watch."—*Shakespeare*.

4.0. DONKEY RACES ON THE FLAT,
 And it is to be hoped on the square also. Entries to be made on the spot. Handicapper, Starter, and Judge, Bro. Edwin Hughes, I.P.M.; Clerk of the Course, Bro. Henry Pearson, P.M.; Commissions executed by "Nicholas," the only true Prophet. Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith will be in attendance in case of accident.

5.0. MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT,
 In the Belmont Music Hall, under the direction of Professor Bro. W. G. Veales, Mus. Doc., who will be assisted by artists of acknowledged ability. The P.G.C. will here dilate upon Past and Passing Events—"In a quiet sort of way."

6.0. TEA IN THE ARBOUR.
 The party will leave Belmont and return by the way of the Village Smithy, where Bro. Veales will record the deeds of the Village Blacksmith, in song. The Chestnut Tree, not being *poplar* or ornamental, has been cut down for other purposes.

FINALE—HOME, SWEET HOME.

About 120 brethren and ladies started from Lime-street Station at the time appointed, and on arrival at Frodsham the parish church was visited, and an excellent address, by Bro. Hains, Chaplain of the lodge, on the principles of Freemasonry in accordance with the Sacred Law, was listened to with marked attention. At Belmont a sumptuous dinner was done full justice to, where the tables "groaned beneath the weight of curious viands." In the grounds Bro. Henry Burrows made an excellent photograph of the outers, and a separate one of the officers of the lodge. The ladies' race was contested by quite a bevy of fair ones and was won by Miss Leighton, who also carried off other prizes during the day. The race for the silver watch evoked much competition, and was cleverly won by Bro. Hamilton, G.D., who defeated in the final heats Bro. Hains, Chaplain; Hughes, I.P.M.; and Jones. The donkey races on the flat were "flat" indeed, as several of the animals refused to move. The miscellaneous concert by Bros. Meale, Rose, Price, Fisher, and Nicholas, assisted by Mrs. Skeaf, elicited such rapturous applause, that this particular portion of the programme passed off in anything but "a quiet sort of way." The party having partaken of tea, turned their faces homewards, making a halt at the Village Smithy, where the song of the "Village Blacksmith" was most effectually rendered by Bro. W. G. Veales, to a real bellows and anvil accompaniment, whilst the forge fire lighted up the group in a weird and effective picture. The party arrived in Liverpool at 10.15., thoroughly delighted with the day's festival.

WEST DERBY.—*Pembroke Lodge* (No. 1299). The annual pic-nic of the brethren of this lodge, holding its meetings at West Derby, at a pleasant distance from Liverpool, took place on Thursday, the 28th ult., the scene of the day's festivities being Frodsham, Belmont, and the Overton Hills. About 80 brethren and ladies started from Lime Street Station, shortly after 11 o'clock. Amongst those of the party were Bros. J. Clegg, W.M.; J. Sellar, I.P.M.; J. F. Jones, J.W.; R. Bennett, Sec.; F. Page, and others. Admirable arrangements had been made by the Special Committee of which Bro. J. H. Townley was the indefatigable Secretary; and the catering of Bro. W. Vines, one of the P.M.'s of the lodge, must have given the most complete satisfaction, even to the most exacting. The weather on the whole was favourable, and a very pleasant day was spent. After an excellent dinner, the party engaged in dancing, croquet, bowls, gymnastics, &c., according to their various tastes; while not a few found considerable amusement in exciting donkey races. Mr. Martin's band furnished excellent music, and every feature passed off with the proverbial merryness of the "marriage bells." The party returned to Liverpool at an early hour.

MILLOM. *Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge, was held at the Masonic Rooms, Millom, on Tuesday 19th, August. The chair was filled by Bro. Thomas Dodgson, the W.M., and P.M. 995, who was supported by Bros. J. Mills, S.W.; J. Meredith, J.W.; J. Postlethwaite, Sec.; R. Pearson, P.M., 995; and othes. Sundry business was disposed of, and the the lodge was finally closed in due form.

Red Cross of Constantine.

CONSECRATION OF THE WALTON CONCLAVE. A third Red Cross Conclave has been added to those already in existence in Liverpool, and flourishing to the most surprising extent, by the consecration of the Walton Conclave, No. 97, at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Thursday, the 28th August. The addition of a Conclave to the lodges and chapters already in existence at the North end of Liverpool, must prove a great boon to the residents in that part of the town, and there is every likelihood of the "Walton" proving as popular as either of the existing Conclaves. The consecration ceremony was fixed to begin at 5 o'clock, and shortly after that time, and as a preliminary to the more important part of the proceedings, a conclave was opened by Ill. Sir Knt. G. Turner, Int. Gen., for West Lancashire, for the purpose of installing several approved and elected candidates for the new *fraternity*. The chair of the V.E. was occupied by Sir Knt. J. Banning, P.V.; and that of H. P. by Ill. Sir Knt. J. K. Smith, Dep. Int. Gen. for West Lancashire. After the conclave had been opened according to the strict ritual of the knightly Order, Sir Knt. T. Ashmore, Past S. of the Skelmersdale Conclave, No. 77, ascended the throne, and proceeded to instal into the sublime privileges of the Order, Bros. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, 1086; D. R. Williams, 1035; G. E. Hammer, 1086; and U. S. Barker, 724. (Four other candidates were due, but absence from town prevented their attendance). After the installation Ill. Sir Knt. Turner proceeded to consecrate the Walton Conclave, No. 97, assisted by the following Knights of the Order, besides those already named:—Sir Knts. Joseph C. Lant, M.P.S. designate; J. J. Rose S.G.; P. Ball, S.; C. McNab, W. Quayle, P. Armstrong, besides the following visitors:—Em. Sir Knight Molyneux, M.P.S. 55; Sir Knights P. B. Forshaw, 77; J. Wood, Treas. 55; Em. Sir Knight H. Nelsen, M.P.S. 77; and others. The Ill. Int. Gen. in an impressive consecration of the conclave, received invaluable help from Em. Sir Knights J. K. Smith, T. Ashmore, and H. M. Molyneux. Em. Sir Knt. J. C. Lunt, was subsequently enthroned M.P.S. of the new conclave, and Sir Knt. Jesse Banning, was installed V.E.; and the following were the other officers, who were invested at the meeting:—Sir Knights J. Rose, Sen. Gen.; W. S. Barker, Jun. Gen.; Rev. F. W. Richardson, H.P.; W. S. Barker, Treas.; Wm. Quayle, Rec.; C. Mc. Nabb, Prefect; Geo. E. Hammer, S. Bearer; and P. Ball, S. Bearer. The assembled knights subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet in an upper room.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union* (No. 332), met on Monday, September 2nd, at 170, Buchanan-street, Bro. J. B. McNair, R.W.M., presided, assisted by Bro. R. Mitchel, P.M.; D. McThurdy, S.W.; and A. Conichie, J.W. This lodge has, owing to the connection of Bro. Mitchell with the shipping of the port, obtained such a name amongst the master mariners trading to that port, that emergency meetings have been held during the past month to accommodate them. On this occasion the work consisted of the initiation of two candidates, the work being admirably performed by the Right Worshipful Master, who also impressively passed one brother into the Fellow Craft Degree. Bro. Mitchell, P.M., then took the chair, and raised Captain Meriam to the third degree in a painstaking manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony, he brought forward the case of an old Mason for whom, owing to the infirmities of age, they were getting up a

subscription. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. W. Bassett, 27; G. W. Wheeler, 73; and J. Johnston, 619. After labour the lodge proceeded to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk; Bro. Meriam responded to that of "The Initiates."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

On Thursday, Aug. 28, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held in the Town Hall, Dawlish, when there were about two hundred members present. Besides the transaction of the ordinary business of the year, Grand Lodge was held for the consecration of Salem Lodge, No. 1443. There being no Lodge of Freemasons at Dawlish, Bro. J. Stroud Short, the W.M. designate, and his brethren, had made every preparation to give their brethren of the province and the visitors a cordial welcome.

There was a large attendance of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers and brethren from every lodge in the province.

Previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge the Committee of Petitions met at Hatcher's Royal Hotel, and there considered several petitions from the widows of deceased brethren, and transacted other business.

On adjourning to the Town Hall, the Grand Lodge was opened in regular form by the Prov. Grand Master; prayer being offered by the Rev. John Matthews, P.G.C.

Bro. W. G. Rogers, the Provincial Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge during the past twelve months.

Bro. Dennis Moore suggested that the address of condolence to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall on the death of Bro. Augustus Smith should be recorded in the minutes.

Bro. Rogers said he had received a letter in reply from the Province of Cornwall, which he was about to read, and it might be entered, with the address, in the minutes of the lodge. The following is a copy of the reply, together with a note added by the present Prov.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

"To the Right Worshipful the Prov. G. Master of Devon, and the brethren of the Province of Devon.

"We, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, gratefully acknowledge the feeling expression of condolence of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, conveyed to this province, on the death of our late beloved Prov.G. Master, Bro. Augustus Smith, whose merits we so fully appreciate, and whose loss we so deeply regret.

"We cordially thank the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon for the handsome form in which this condolence has been presented, and shall always retain it amongst our archives as a token of the kind sympathy existing between the sister provinces.

"Reginald Rogers, D.P.G.M. of Cornwall.

"E. P. Carlyon, P.G. Secretary.

"Dated Masonic Hall, Truro, 13th March, 1873."

To this reply was appended the following note:—

"Being unable to sign the above letter on behalf of my Prov. G. Lodge (as it was held under the presidency of the Dep. G. Master), I am anxious to express my own share in the general sorrow excited by the death of my lamented friend and predecessor throughout the province over which he ruled so worthily, and my cordial sense of the truly fraternal feeling manifested in the message of sympathy, which has been so warmly appreciated by the brethren of this province.

"Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall."

The Prov. G. Master thanked the members of the Grand Lodge for the support they had given to him while acting as Grand Steward. The province was by far the largest contributor—four times larger, in fact, than any other province in the kingdom. The contribution was very much esteemed by one of the greatest personages in the kingdom.

Bro. Rae suggested that the address to the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall, and the reply, should

be printed and circulated in the next report, which was agreed to.

Bro. Rogers read a statement of receipts from the lodges of the province throughout the year. There was no lodge now which had not made its returns.

Bro. Bird, Prov. G. Treasurer, brought up his statement of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £117 13s. 2d.

Bro. Rogers read the report of Bro. Pope, the Treasurer of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, showing the receipts and expenditure of that fund for the past year. The funds invested amount to £1,729.

Bro. Gover, Secretary of the Committee of Petitions, next read the following report of the Committee:—"The Committee of Petitions have much pleasure in presenting their annual report to the Provincial Grand Lodge, demonstrating as it does most forcibly the great benefits which have been conferred on the aged and distressed members of the Order, their widow and orphans, by its continued exertions. Desultory effort has given way to well organised action, whereby the influence of the province has been brought to bear, as will be seen, with much success, on the individual cases which have on enquiry been found to be the most deserving. But although very much of this is due to the improved organisation of the province, your Committee feel they are bound to record the untiring efforts of their Bro. James Stevens, who, hailing from Devonshire, has undertaken the arduous and delicate task of conducting the elections on their behalf in the various Masonic charities. They do this with the warmest feeling of gratitude, in which they believe the Provincial Grand Lodge will sympathise. The Committee have still to regret that many votes are given to cases out of the province, but, happily, not in sufficient numbers to influence the general result. During the past year they have succeeded in the election of one boy, one aged Freemason, and one widow, and except the October schools, are free to undertake new cases. The Committee have also to report that two brethren and one brother's child have been relieved in the Royal Albert Hospital by means of tickets subscribed for by lodges. During the past few days two children, daughters of a deceased brother, have been admitted into the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, one by election and the other by nomination of the Admiralty. One of the most important questions ever raised in this or any other province was inaugurated at the meeting held at Exeter in January of the present year, and then referred to a meeting held in April. It related to the formation of an Educational Fund for the children of deceased or distressed brethren. It is admitted that this province cannot expect to carry an election of either a boy or girl, except at long intervals, and at a considerable expenditure of votes, which might be advantageously used in other directions, whilst at the same time there are now no less than seven boys and girls, two widows, and four aged brethren, asking for aid. Your committee are confident that the Prov. Grand Lodge will agree with them that it is the sacred duty of every Mason to do what he can to relieve the distressed, and to advance the interests of those who have been reduced to poverty by the death, sickness, or unmerited misfortune of their parents. They believe, too, that relief cannot be given in a better or more substantial form, than that of a good practical education, thereby enabling the recipients to battle with the trials and competitions of life. They therefore most earnestly commend so good a cause to the cordial and liberal support of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and also of all Prov. G. officers, the lodges, and members of the Order. The rules unanimously adopted by the committee at their adjourned meeting have been sent to all the lodges, and will be submitted for the approval of the Prov. Grand Lodge. At the meeting held in Exeter, the Committee granted the sum of £5 to a member of lodge 719, and they recommend that an additional sum of £5, be granted by the Prov. Grand Lodge. This brother had lost a sum of £14,000 in his business as an hotel proprietor, and at the age of 68 is entirely destitute. They also granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 159, Stonehouse, to assist

her in carrying on the business of a lodging-house keeper. At the meeting held this day at Dawlish the committee granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1212, Devonport, recently deceased. The Committee also recommend the Provincial Grand Lodge to grant further sum of £5 to the widow of a deceased brother of Lodge 223."

Bro. Dennis Moore proposed that that part of the report which related to the proposed Educational Scheme should be deferred for twelve months.

Bro. Brizzi seconded the motion. A long discussion took place upon the motion, and it was eventually agreed that time should be given to the lodges in the province to consider the whole question, and that the Grand Master be requested to convene a special Grand Lodge in about six months for the consideration of this subject.

Bro. Metham, D.Prov. G.M., then moved that £5 be given to the sister of a deceased brother—a most excellent Mason, a naval officer, who, in dying, had left her destitute. The case was well known to many of the brethren.

Bro. Dennis Moore moved that the amount should be 10 guineas, which was agreed to.

In this case friends of the lady had already subscribed for her £100.

Bro. Capt. Tanner Davy then proposed, in accordance with notice, a donation of £10 to the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, which was agreed to, having been seconded by Bro. Metham.

The donation is to be conveyed to the infirmary through Bro. Davy.

Bro. Jones proposed a similar gift to the Devon and Exeter Hospital. Seconded by Bro. Gover, and carried unanimously.

Bro. James Stevens, of London, the representative of the charities of the province, spoke in warm terms of the manner in which the province had during the last two or three years, subscribed to the great charities, and of the high position which it now held. His labours would be very much lightened in consequence of their generosity. There would be little chance for any election in October, but he hoped that at the next election he should be able to place a candidate in both the Boys' and Girls' schools.

Brethren then gave notice of their intention next year to apply for donations for the Torbay and Tiverton Infirmarys.

Bro. Latimer, P. Prov. G. Sec., said they had voted their money freely to other charities, and he would now propose that £25 be voted to the Fortescue Annuity Fund.

Bro. Rae seconded, the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Grand Master then proceeded with the ceremony of the constitution and consecration of Salem Lodge, No. 1442. The ceremony was beautifully carried out by the Grand Master, who always performs all his duties in the most effective and eloquent manner.

The Prov. G. Secretary read the warrant of constitution, and after the brethren of the new lodge signified their assent to the officers named in the warrant.

The D.Prov.G.M., Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. of England, then delivered an oration on the subject of Masonry.

The Prov. G. Master added a few words in commendation of the principles so beautifully enunciated by Bro. Metham, after which he pledged the Master and members of the new lodge to obey the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge, and then declared Salem Lodge to be regularly and duly constituted.

The ceremony of consecration was next proceeded with, the Grand Master, his Wardens, and the Chaplain taking their part in the solemn service. Bro. Col. Elliot acted for the Deputy Prov. G. Master, who was suffering from indisposition, and left early.

The installation of the Master Designate was deferred, the Grand Master promising to pay an early and special visit for the purpose.

The following are the officers appointed for Salem Lodge:—J. Stroud Short, W.M.; Samuel Loran, S.W.; William Ball, J.W.; George Bragg Avent, S.D.; Charles W. W. Spencer, J.D.; F. E. Temes, Secretary; F. Haslett, I.G.; P. Haggerty, Tyler.

The consecration having been concluded, the

Provincial Grand Master proceeded with the remainder of the business of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Hooper, of Exeter, proposed Bro. William Thomas Maynard, of 106, as Treasurer; Bro. Jones, of 112, seconded the motion. Bro. Maynard was cordially elected.

The following appointments were also made:

Walter Goddard Rogers	Prov. G.S.W.
W. Elphinstone Stone	Prov. G.J.W.
B. C. Gidley	Prov. G. Reg.
Charles Leigh	Prov. G. Sec.
R. R. G. Thomas	Prov. G.S.D.
Thomas Coffin	Prov. G.J.D.
Rev. T. Lemon	Prov. G. Chaplain.
S. S. Tremayne	Prov. G.S.W.
W. Trevena	Prov. G.D.C.
H. F. Hearle	Prov. A.G.D.C.
James Montgomery	Prov. G. Sword B.
P. B. Clemens	Prov. G. Purst.
W. Cole, P.G.P.	Prov. G. Steward.
Henry Powell Smith	" " "
Henry Welsh	" " "
W. Hugo	" " "
John Gould	" " "
John Chapman Yolland	" " "
George C. Bignell	" " "

In making these appointments, some of the brethren were highly complimented for their past services, especially Bro. Rogers, the mention of whose name was greeted with the warmest cordiality. The Prov. G. Master stated that Bro. Rogers had served them in the most courteous manner as their Secretary for ten years, and he had spared no labour in their service. The Prov. G. Master also stated that in future the excellent plan, which had been started by Bro. Vincent Bird, of printing the accounts and circulating them, should be adopted. Bro. Rae proposed that the accounts so printed should be paid for by Prov. G. Lodge. To this Bro. Bird objected; but it was insisted upon, and unanimously agreed to. A vote of thanks was also especially voted to Bro. Bird for his excellent services.

This closed the business of Prov. G. Lodge.

The brethren then adjourned "from labour to refreshment;" that is, about one hundred of them proceeded to the Royal Hotel, and there, under the presidency of R.W. the Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, with his Wardens, acting as croupiers, partook of a most excellent cold dinner. The supply was abundant, and the quality of the viands all that could be desired. The business here was not protracted, many of the brethren having to travel to different parts of the province by road or rail. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and a most pleasant day most pleasantly concluded.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held on Wednesday, 27th ult., at Blandford, and it was one of the most successful gatherings of the Craft that have ever been held in the province. The lodge was opened at noon in due form, by Bro. J. Gundry, of Bridport, R.W. Prov. G.M.; supported by Bro. J. Montagu, R.W.D. Prov. G.M. There was also a numerous attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, W. Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the various lodges in the province.

An important item in the proceedings was a lecture by the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. P.H. Newnham, formerly of Frome Vauchurch, but now of Stonehouse, Devon, on the true status of Freemasonry, in which he pointed out that our tendency as a body is to take far too low a view of the Craft to which we belong. Historical science enabled them to reconstruct the religion of the past, and see how God as been pleased to educate the minds of men, in a religious point of view, from the lowest beginning of Nature worship to the knowledge of the true Deity; and he asked them to look at Freemasonry as a collection of old symbols, in 3 or 4,000 years before Christ, and adopted by later guilds of operative masons, who admitted others called speculative masons into their body. These symbols were intended to convey the ideas they had concerning the Deity, and through which they were trying to grope their way to a knowledge of the true God.

They were as the chisel employed on the rough ashlar to remove irregularities and make them fit for a higher state of society. God had been working on one plan in the education of the world from the earliest ages to the present time. It was so in the arts and sciences. In both they found foreshadowed the refined appliances of the present time—from the flint implements of the earliest ages to the finished mechanism of modern engines of war; and from the hieroglyphic alphabets to the telegraph printing of to-day. Through all the ages one unceasing purpose runs. It must be remembered that man is a composite animal—of body, soul, and spirit, as St. Paul says, and they had to see to the education of all three. Of the mind by such careful well-regulated habits, corporeally and mentally, as shall conduce to its fullest energy; there was the education of the intellect, and also spiritual education, the latter being of the highest importance in the strange Trinity of which man is made up. The learned Chaplain went on to point out how the several degrees of Masonry symbolised the various steps by which men advanced to the knowledge of God, through Sun worship to apprehension of the Father of Lights, to regeneration and resurrection, the cross and the Trinity, tracing through all the tendency to get nearer and nearer the one great object of our desires. In conclusion he observed that this spiritual education must still be carried on in us individually, and at his church or chapel the truths of religion. Freemasonry would never teach them to him, yet properly used, its practices and spirit were calculated to be of great assistance in that work. It was of serious importance to them all that they so applied Freemasonry.

This is necessarily a brief indication of the spirit of Bro. Newnham's lecture, which was most eloquently and ably worked out by the applied Freemasonry.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, in moving avote of thanks to Bro. Newnham, remarked on the importance and usefulness of the study of the origin of Freemasonry. He observed that lately when in France he found that the Craft held a much lower status in that country than here, through having been abused for sectarian and political purposes, and dwelt on our happy condition in avoiding those dangers. At a subsequent period, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master made some remarks on the state of the province of Dorset. There were now 13 lodges, nearly all of which were in an improving condition. As a whole he was happy to say the lodges of the province were steadily progressing, and every year increased the members of the Craft, while the assembly on that occasion showed the active interest of the members had in no way abated: and for himself he increasingly felt that there was always some new point in the Craft which might exercise their intellects and give them useful occupation. He alluded in eloquent terms to the loss by death of the G.M. of England, the late Earl of Zetland; and he adverted to the death of our late Bro. John Tizard, of Weymouth. All in the province who had the pleasure of the personal acquaintance of our lamented brother felt his death most acutely, for his geniality and kindness of disposition, and his willingness at all times to give substantial proofs of sympathy, endeared him to all; and he was sure they all sympathised deeply with his mourning widow and bereaved children. He remarked that the province appeared to be in a very satisfactory and prosperous condition, and their funds were in an excellent state. Thanks to their good friend the Prov. Secretary, everything was in a gratifying condition. In conclusion he referred to the success of the plan adopted for administering the charities of the province.

On the motion of the R.W.G.M., Bro. Gundry, seconded by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Montagu, it was resolved—"That the following resolution be passed and duly recorded on the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof forwarded to Bro. the present Earl of Zetland. This being the first occasion of it re-assembling since the death of our late R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, which occurred on the sixth day of May last, this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to record its deep feeling of regret at the loss of a brother so esteemed and revered,

under whose efficient and courteous rule for upwards of 25 years Freemasonry so advanced and flourished, and who had taken with him into the retirement necessitated by increasing years the affectionate regard of the whole body of the Craft."

On the motion of the R.W.P.G.M. seconded by the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., it was resolved—"That the following resolution be passed and recorded on the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof forwarded to the widow and family of our late W. Bro. John Tizard. That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to express its condolence with the widow and family of the late W. Bro. John Tizard, on the irreparable loss they had sustained in his untimely death, and to convey to them its regret that a brother so able and willing to aid and promote the best interests of Freemasonry has been removed from a sphere of usefulness to the Craft, and to his fellow creatures generally."

The R.W.P.G.M. also mentioned the death of the Rev. R. J. Thomas, of Yeovil, as an old and honoured Mason.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Coombs, read the Treasurer's account, showing £150 on deposit and £43 2s. 8d. on current account. This was deemed highly satisfactory.

The W. Treas. Bro. Cam Sykes, was re-elected.

The Prov. G. Sec. read the report of the charity committee, which was approved, and the following brethren were appointed for the ensuing year—Bros. Jacob Wyndham, Gutch, and Soppitt,—the latter in the place of Bro. Newnham, removed to Devonshire.

Several donations were voted to charitable objects, and other deserving cases for aid were mentioned to the P.G.L.

The Prov. G. Sec. read the report of the committee appointed to provide new P.G.L. clothing necessitated by the old being both worn out and contrary to regulation.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Arthur Edward Guest, M.P.	Prov. G.S.W.
George Leworthy Thorne, ...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. H. J. Buller	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Henry Tizard George	Prov. G. Reg.
Thomas Coombs	Prov. G. Sec.
Montague John Guest	Prov. G.S.D.
Charles Parsons	Prov. G.J.D.
John W. Luff	Prov. G.S. of W.
William Smith	Prov. G.D. of C.
Henry Wm. Chamen	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
Charles Henry Flower	Prov. G.S.B.
James Whitehead Smith	Prov. G. Organist.
William Osmond	Prov. G. Purst.
Thomas Ings	Prov. G. Stewards.
Thomas Manuel	" " "
Samuel Sams Hunt	" " "
James Pope	" " "
Edward Samuel Harman	" " "
Wm. Trayte	" " "
Robert Case	Prov. G.A. Sec.
John Lovelace	Prov. G. Tyler.

After investing the Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Coombs, of Dorchester, the Provincial Grand Master said the time had now come when he thought it desirable, and to himself it was most pleasant, to refer to a little matter affecting our excellent and able brother Coombs, who, he was happy to say, had once more consented to fill the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, and for which they were all very much indebted to him. It would be in the recollection of most of them that it was proposed to ask W. Bro. Coombs to accept a suit of Grand Lodge clothing; he consented, and the province was most delighted. After that time a feeling pervaded the brethren of the province that they would like to give in a quiet way an independent testimonial of the sense they felt of the great services Bro. Coombs had rendered to this province and to Masonry generally. Under these circumstances it was proposed, and he was happy to say carried out, that a subscription should be quietly raised amongst the brethren of the province to procure a suitable testimonial. With that good feeling, so honourable to himself, which had always been evinced by the Provincial Grand Secretary, as soon as he heard of it, he requested most strongly that the vote previously passed to present him a suit of Grand Lodge clothing should be rescin-

ded, as he would rather have the cost of it abstracted from the sum subscribed by the brethren, and that it be included in the testimonial they proposed to present as a memento of their feelings towards him. Desiring first and foremost to please their excellent Provincial Grand Secretary, he agreed, though he must say rather unwillingly, that his wish should be acceded to. He had now very great pleasure in asking Bro. Coombs, in the presence of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to receive that small and unworthy testimonial, raised by free and voluntary subscriptions, on the part of the members of the province of Dorset. The subscription was advisedly fixed at a small amount, as it was considered it would be pleasant to Bro. Coombs for it to be in the power of every member of the province to subscribe his mite towards the testimonial. He was glad to say that in spite of the smallness of the sum allowed to be subscribed, the fund amounted to more than £100, showing the high estimation in which Bro. Coombs was held by the Craft throughout the province. It was now his pleasure and privilege to ask Bro. Coombs' acceptance of the results of that subscription, and invest him with the suit of Grand Lodge clothing. He was quite sure that Bro. Coombs would wear it worthily, and by it bring honour on the province of Dorset. After investing Bro. Coombs, the Provincial Grand Master added:—Allow me also to present to you the result of the residue of the subscription—which will be much more lasting than the other—as a token of the high appreciation of your long and able services by the brethren of the province.

The testimonials consisted of a handsome suit of Grand Lodge clothing, and a large and elegantly chased silver salver, bearing Bro. Coomb's crest, and the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. Thomas Coombs, of Dorchester, P.M., Lodge No. 417, Grand Secretary for the Province of Dorset, and P.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England, by the Freemasons of Dorset at a Provincial Grand Lodge held at Blandford, on the 20th of August, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1873, as a token of their esteem and affection; as well as a slight recognition of his invaluable services to the Craft during many years. Hearty good wishes."

The inscription was read to the lodge by Bro. Montagu.

W. Bro. Coombs, who was heartily cheered, said for the very handsome appreciation they had shown of his services as Secretary he was unable at present adequately to give them thanks. He only trusted that the experience they had had of his efforts in the past, and that they had had of each other, would enable them to go on in the future in a similarly happy manner to what they had hitherto done—(great applause). He hoped there was a great deal of hard work left in him yet for the benefit of the province of Dorset—(applause). They would excuse him from going more fully at present into the subject of the P.G.M.'s address. It was unexpected—fully unexpected; he had not an idea of it till a little bird peeped out and whistled a little song he could not understand—(laughter). He found a resolution which he thought applied to a subscription for Provincial Grand Lodge clothing; but it seemed very strange; and he then got an inkling of what was intended. He felt that the Provincial Grand Lodge fund was heavily charged with providing new clothing; and that the value of a testimonial to himself would not be in the number of ounces it weighed, but as it was a token of their regard and esteem—(cheers)—and under those circumstances he wished that the Provincial Grand Lodge fund might be relieved of the cost of the Grand Lodge clothing they had so kindly voted to him—(applause). For though it would make the value of the present so much the less, yet it was the feeling evinced that was the testimonial to him and not the weight of the plate—(cheers). He was unable adequately to express to the brethren the thanks he owed for this favour; he only trusted that, as he had said, there were yet some years of hard work left in him, and that by their kind expression of appreciation of his past services he was not to consider it as a hint that they were to be at an end—(cheers)—but that they should still continue on the good terms which had

hitherto subsisted—(hear, hear). He was only too grateful to them for this token of their appreciation, and wished he had been able to express his thanks more perfectly and fully than he had done—(cheers).

On the motion of the Prov. G.M., thanks were accorded to the officers and brethren of lodge No. 1,266, Blandford, for their reception of Provincial Grand Lodge; to W. Bro. Stebbing, (D.P.G.M. of Hampshire) and other visitors for their attendance.

The lodge was closed punctually at 3 p.m., according to the agenda paper, the business being finished precisely at the time indicated.

The banquet took place at the Crown Hotel, at four o'clock, when nearly 200 brethren were present. Bro. J. Gundry presided, with Bro. A. E. Guest, M.P., in the Vice-Chair. Viscount Portman presented a haunch of venison, and Capt. Hanham choice fruit for dessert.

After giving "The Queen and the Craft," the Prov. G.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M. of England, the Marquess of Ripon," saying he was heart and soul in the love of Masonry, and would no doubt be a worthy successor to Earl Zetland.

In giving "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M. and the Royal Family," Bro. Gundry observed we were fortunate in having the Prince of Wales to take care of our material interests in this country. As to the royal family, he said—may God bless them all, and may they ever possess as they do now, the affections of the people of Great Britain.

Bro. Gundry proposed "The R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge." With regard to them he believed he was right in saying they were selected exclusively with a view to efficiency and fitness. As regarded one of them, our experience for many years of the ability of Bro. Coombs proved that to be the case. The toast was associated with the name of our Worshipful brother.

Bro. Coombs, in responding, referred to the fact that there were present two distinguished, and older members of Grand Lodge than himself—Bro. Stebbing and Symonds, though he cordially thanked them for this compliment to himself as one of the Grand Officers native to this province.

Bro. Stebbing, being called upon, also responded in an eloquent speech, remarking that most of the Grand Officers were conspicuous not only for their attention to Masonic duties, but for their devotion to the interests of the charities of the Craft, in which he thought rested in a great degree the excellence and permanence of the Order. He enlarged on the fact that Masonry exists throughout the world, having the same characteristics of large-hearted charity, its members all bound together by the fraternal tie of benevolence. It was the province of the Grand Lodge to guide and foster our noble Order wherever it existed, and if they were faithful to their principles and loved Masonry as it taught them to love it, the Grand Lodge of England would continue to be the most glorious institution in the empire.

Bro. W. J. Montagu proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserved Forces."

Adjutant Barrett responded for the army.

Capt. Hanham, for the navy, said it had been his lot to visit every capital in Europe and almost every state in North and South America, and the pleasure had been greatly enhanced by meeting everywhere brother Masons.

Bro. B. P. Gundry, replied for the reserved forces.

Bro. J. Gundry, gave "The Bishop and Clergy and Ministers of Religion of all Denominations," in cordial terms.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. Newnham, responding, said he trusted he should see the day when a nonconformist minister was selected as the Grand Chaplain of England.

Bro. the Rev. M. Heath, also responded.

Bro. Symons, proposed "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Gundry," remarking on his zeal for Masonry, and the geniality of his manners as a worthy gentleman.

Bro. Gundry thanked them for the compliment paid him, and said it would always be a great pleasure to him to see any efforts for the furtherance of the Craft so long as they bestowed on him

their approval, and with their support he confidently anticipated the continued advancement of the Craft in Dorset.

Bro. J. Gundry gave "The Health of the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Montagu, and the Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. Montagu responded.

Bro. Gundry proposed "The Health of W. Bro. Stebbing, and our other Visitors."

Bro. Stebbing congratulated the brethren on the excellent condition of the Craft in Dorset. He was much pleased with the orderly manner in which the business was conducted, and the peculiar grace and kindly feeling with which the Prov. G.M. presided. He spoke of the advantages and usefulness of visiting other lodges, remarking that he had observed several things here which were an improvement on anything he had seen before. He expatiated at length on the generous feelings which Masonry fosters in the breasts of all its disciples, and was heartily cheered.

Bro. Gundry proposed "The Lodge of Honour and Friendship, No. 1,266, Blandford," and remarked on the value of interchange of ideas with brother Masons.

Bro. Hanham responded, and observed that many foreign lodges were jealously regarded by the sovereigns, and accused of political objects wrongfully, with a view to crush them; especially was this the case in Brazil.

A brother mentioned that there had just been issued in Brazil an edict directing the priests to abandon their opposition to Freemasonry—(applause).

WAR AGAINST MASONRY IN BRAZIL. BY THE ROMISH BISHOPS.

The Voice of Masonry gives the following extract from a letter, from a brother resident in Brazil:—

Just now we are engaged in the most extraordinary discussion throughout the whole empire that I ever witnessed; a veritable religious warfare, that two centuries ago would, I surely believe, result in bloodshed.

It is difficult for me to give you a just idea of it. It began over a year ago with the festival at the Grand Masonic Lodge in Rio, given in honour of Rio Branco, for the passage of the Emancipation Act. A priest of some considerable reputation, himself a Mason I believe, delivered the oration on that occasion. The Bishop thus having the open violation of this Priest, (with the rules of the church,) brought to his notice, admonished him; reminded him of the bulls of excommunication which had been from time to time promulgated against secret societies, and notably against the Order of Freemasonry; and concluded by urging him to abjure his oath of secrecy, and break off such relations. The Priest refusing to do so, he was deprived of certain offices, and rendered incapable by interdiction of confessing and officiating at mass, &c.

The Masons of Rio of course flew to the defence of their brother, and for a time the journals were discussing nothing else, and by many writers the Bishop was handled without gloves.

This incident brought on a most lively discussion of all the disputed ecclesiastical questions which have from time to time convulsed Brazilian society, such questions as whether we have here in Brazil a national church, in any sense independent of Rome, the right of sepulture, separation of the church from the state, liberty of worship, and others of similar character, questions that rarely appear in the United States for the simple reason that the voluntary system prevails.

In December this state of things was aggravated by the announcement that the fiery young prelate of Pernambuco had declared open warfare against the Masons of his Diocese.

But he was going to wait till he found a priest. He took the ground that the religious brotherhoods must either expel those members who were Masons, or suffer the pains and penalties of interdiction. But as several of these Orders were composed almost wholly of members *who were Masons at the same time*, there was no exclusion, and interdiction followed.

It was carrying out, in all its parts, this pastoral

of the Bishop, wherein he executes the papal bull of excommunication against Masonry, that the present great excitement began first to manifest itself. The people *en masse*, with the commencement of the present year, spurred on by the continued warfare of the Bishop against Masonry, at last addressed a vigorous protest to the Government, not forgetting to make a representation to Parliament, then in session at Rio.

Previously the Bishop of Para had forbidden the faithful to read certain Liberal journals, in which certain alleged heresies were defended, under pain of suffering spiritual punishment at his hands.

The Bishop of Rio Grande, with his associate clergy, also manifested a like spirit, and the debate waxed warmer and warmer.

The Bishop of Para decided to furnish his little contribution as well, and began to excommunicate and anathematize the Liberal journals, and recently, in imitation of his Pernambuco brother, "tried his hand" on the religious orders, which in Brazil are a species of benevolent society, participate in the ceremonies of the church, on feast days march in the processions, wearing their albs and carrying torches in the most solemn manner.

This priestly epidemic, or fit of excommunication, ran down the coast, and finally attacked his reverence the Bishop of Rio; and his anathema is the last which has been hurled at us, down to the present writing.

From this rapid view of the case you may imagine into what a "damnable" state we have fallen—spiritually considered. The man who does the funny jokes on the "Reforma," under the heading of "Boatos," kept up very creditably until a few days since, when he broke ground in a most alarming manner, and, in retaliation for the terrible mass of old obsolete canon law, with which Mendes Almeida garnished his discourse the day previous, began to hurl a lot of celestial thunderbolts himself, quoting with perfect recklessness the following bulls:—

Quousque tandem,—Clement XLVIII.

Parturiunt montes nascitur,—Leo XCV.

Sic itur ad,—Pio X.

adding that his stock wasn't exhausted either, and they had better look out, Bishop and all.

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The best of it all is, that the eyes of the public are being opened gradually to the actual state of things, and men who ten months ago would have indignantly scorned such an idea as unworthy a true Catholic, are now asking themselves whether it would not be much better after all to end these questions by one simple act—separation of church from state, and so settle for ever this pretended supremacy of Rome. This idea is fast seizing hold of the public mind, and journals and public men are continually announcing themselves as adherents to it.

But I am running on to unusual length. All this may be without interest to you. Let me hear from you as you find occasion and disposition to write.

Yours most truly,

RICHARD CUTTO SHANNON.

Secretary of Legation of U.S. in Brazil.

DESIGN OF THE DEGREES.—The initiation into the first, or Entered Apprentice's Degree, was made to partake, in a slighter proportion, of those trials of physical and moral courage for which the admission into ancient and chiefly Egyptian mysteries were famous. The second, or Fellow Craft's, was rendered interesting by those scientific instructions and philosophical lectures which characterised later parts of the mysteries; though both degrees were made to tend to the glory of that God who had given such wonderful faculties to them and to the welfare of their fellow creatures. Thus instructed in morals, and science, the third, or Master Mason's Degree, led them to that great truth which the sublimest part even of the heathen mysteries, though it too soon seldom succeeded, was intended to teach, and the faithful believer was assured of a future life and immortality beyond the grave. And, whereas, the heathens had taught this only by the application of a fable to their purpose, the wisdom of

the pious Grand Master of Israelitish Masons took advantage of a real circumstance, which would more forcibly impress the sublime truths he intended to inculcate upon the minds of all brethren. Such is a brief outline, intelligible I trust, to the members of the Order, of the design of that beautiful system which, then established, has long been the admiration of the world, and has stood the test of ages amid every persecution.—*Archdeacon Mant.*

LANGUAGE OF MASONRY.

"As every Masonic idea has its own proper sign that expresses it better than any other can, we should seek to preserve uniformity of language as well as spirit. We are to teach Masonry as we receive it, and not as we have forgotten and substituted some words of our own. An interpolated word here and there, by one and another lecturer, would, in the course of time, entirely destroy the original text of Masonic instruction.

"Masonry is one of the agencies to preserve the purity of the English tongue, and the moment we begin to admit words of modern coinage, or of philological construction from foreign tongues, that moment we weigh anchor and set sail on uncertain seas, where a maelstrom may wait to engulf us.

"The normal language of Masonry is simple and pure. Men of correct tastes will admire the sublime simplicity of our ritual much more than when clothed in the meretricious rhetoric of every lecturer who thinks he can beautify it by his own expurgations and substitutions. No license to change should be allowed any one, or we shall be at last confounded in a Babel of tongues. We heard of an artist who once took a pure white lily and sought to improve it by penciling on its petals the parti-colored fancies he had mixed on his pallet. He committed floral sacrilege, and violated the first principles of art, which is strict conformity to nature. Paint is good in its place, but not to improve flowers. 'Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.' Moral truths are grandest when clothed in severe attire. The adornments of art cannot add to the charms of truth. Let us continue Masonry in that uncorrupted form in which our fathers taught it—free from the garish decorations of the modern drama, and the high-sounding periods of bombastic oratory and poetry. We want no Johnsonianism in Masonry, and naught of the spectacular style."

OPENING AND CLOSING A LODGE.

The old charges say that in a Lodge opened, the brethren are to have no private committees, or separate conversation, without leave of the Master; that they are to utter nothing unseemly; that they are not to interrupt the Master or Warden, or any other while speaking, nor to speak or act ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious or solemn, and that no unbecoming language whatever is to be used.

A lodge room, in all that pertains to respect or reverence for Deity, or to the moral law or social code, should be as sacred as a church. It should be a place in reality dedicated to the service of God, and, while nothing of innocent mirth or playful familiarity is to be excluded, nothing contrary to Divine teachings, violation of the code of morals, or offensive to good breeding, should be admitted upon the floor of a lodge room. By good breeding we do not mean the rule of upper-tendom, or the artificial conduct required in different circles, but that innate sense of propriety which prompts even the uneducated and untaught man to render to others what he desires for himself.

We do not care to say here what we have seen and heard upon the floor of a lodge room, but this we do say emphatically, that any brother who will so far forget his solemn covenants and teachings as to act or appear unbecomingly upon the floor of a lodge room, is very likely to so act and appear everywhere else.

The room itself should be regarded sacred, because a lodge is erected to God, who inhabits the

room. Having been erected to God, He is supposed to reside therein. When the brethren assemble, before a lodge is formed, freedom, politeness and friendly recognition should prevail; but upon the sound of the gavel, every brother, clothed, should decorously repair to his own seat or station. Every brother ought to be able to fill any station, in opening or closing, unless we may except those of Master and Secretary. But especially is it the duty, as it should be the pride, of every officer to know his part, and be able to perform his duty with honour to the Master and creditably to himself. We find lodges very much lacking and lame in this, by which brethren become wearied and impatient, disgusted and ashamed, and cease to attend. Let the opening ceremonies be effectively rendered, the business transacted methodically, and the lodge closed in good time, and there will not only be attendance, but attention and interest.

The lodge-room should be the place, and the lodge itself the school of good manners. No man should be a Mason, unless he is by nature a gentleman, one who respects himself and others; one thoughtful in his acts and expressions and chary in his words. We find, too, that in opening a lodge, one great lesson is disregarded. We are taught that "no man should enter upon any great or important duty, without first invoking the blessing of the Deity." And yet many lodges are pretended to be opened without even the semblance of prayer. In Mackey's 7th point of opening, he lays this duty down as indispensable, and many hold that a lodge is not Masonically opened until the blessing of Deity is invoked.

After the opening ceremonies, the first business is the reading of the record. This should in no wise be omitted at a regular communication, and should be read from the record book itself. Indeed, were we Master of a lodge, we would not open a lodge until the record (not in minutes) was made up, unless it should be impracticable. A lodge should be a lodge in its ceremonies, in its works, in its business, in its manners, and its records.

We shall make this article too tedious if we stop now to comment upon the work. What we have said of opening is true of closing, only the ceremonies may be more brief and rapid, preserving decorum and solemnity.

Unless the hour is late, the brethren should not be in haste to disperse, but should indulge in friendly conversation upon what concerns them, their business, their prospects, their families, the good of Masonry, and the welfare of the lodge. In this way brotherly affection, ties of friendship and personal regard grow strong, and their good influence abide in our homes, go with us through life, modify our acts, and smooth the voyage over the river of death.—*Masonic Trowel.*

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

"Life, to me, is a very great mystery. The question, 'What is your life?' comes very often uncalled for, and, on an occasion like the present the question proves itself through the multitude of thoughts and memories, and clamors for consideration. 'What is your life?' Am I making the best possible use of the opportunities of life as they are presented. Are you meeting the ends of your being, and discharging the high responsibilities resting upon you, in view of the positions you occupy in our Order and in the State. My own mind goes back a quarter of a century, and calls up the lessons and teachings of Masonry, learned and meditated over in the earlier years of Masonic life, and I ask myself the question, Have I, in youth, as an Entered Apprentice, industriously occupied my time in the attainment of useful knowledge; and, in manhood, am I applying that knowledge in a faithful discharge of the duties which I owe to God, my neighbor and myself? Are we all so applying these lessons and duties, that we can look forward to the time of age, in the hope of enjoying the happy reflection consequent upon a well-spent life, and wait our appointed time, when we shall be, like ripe sheaves in the harvest time, gathered into the great garner of eternity."

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DEATH.

DIXON.—On the 24th ult., greatly respected, at Morley, near Leeds, aged 74, Bro. William Dixon, for fifteen years Treasurer to the Prov. G. Lodge. On his retirement from that office in 1864 he was made Prov. S.G. Warden, and his grateful brethren presented him with a handsome testimonial in the form of a piece of silver plate.

Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:— Report of Lodge of Hope, Bradford, No. 302, and Premier Red Cross Conclave. Laying the Foundation of the Dunoon Town Hall.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1873.

THE LAST ROMAN CATHOLIC ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

We do not think, that, the last assault on Freemasonry is likely to be more effective than preceding ones.

Some before this have been serious enough in all conscience, the head of the Romish Catholic Church, speaking "ex Cathedra Petri," and appealing alike to the "Fideles," and fulminating a Bull or Pastoral, against us wicked Freemasons.

So far back indeed as the Council of Rouen, in the 12th century, and at the Council of Avignon in the 14th century, societies, which elected annually a "Majorem," or Master, and were bound together by an inner bond of secret union, seem to have been condemned.

Of later years Pope Clement XII., in his bull, or decree bearing date, April 27, 1738, beginning "In eminenti apostolatus specula," and Benedict XIV., 18 May, 1751, in his bull beginning, "Providas Romanorum Pontificum" condemned altogether the "assemblies and meetings" of the said "Freemasons," and "their advisers, and abettors."

Pope Pius VII., on the 15th August, 1814, in a decree drawn up by Cardinal Consalvi, and countersigned by Cardinal Pacca, renewed such condemnation in even stronger terms.

We believe, that the present occupant of the see of Rome, benevolent as he is, has thought well to give forth a quasi utterance of condemnation on an Order, in which Dame Rumour has always stated, whether truly or falsely, that he was once himself initiated!

Be this as it may, the Roman Catholic may fairly say that the society is under the censure of his church; how far that censure extends is a matter affecting only the consciences of Roman Catholics themselves, and on which we do not profess to pass any opinion whatever. But if these serious condemnations of Freemasonry have not affected its onward course, it is not likely, we think, that this last and intended jocose attack will fare any better, or have any more effect.

Independently of the fact, that such ecclesiastical censure in no way affects those who are not members of the Church of Rome, we doubt very much, whether Freemasonry is a subject with

which the Church spiritually has anything to do, and, above all, has any inherent right to condemn or anathematize.

We are aware that there have been members of the Church of England, and other religious bodies, who have equally disapproved of the Masonic Order, but their views have been treated always as individual views, and of no weight or authority in such a "vexata quæstio."

Well, if all serious objections have failed, based, too, on ecclesiastical authority, is it likely we ask, that attacks, meant to be witty, and intending to be crushing in consequence, are likely, to have even the slightest influence on us as Freemasons?

Despite the attacks and condemnations of the past, Freemasonry still survives and flourishes, and in all probability will continue to do so the more, the longer it is so vehemently arraigned, and so hastily condemned.

Not that in saying this, we at all approve of the attitude Freemasonry has taken in some countries abroad, where it is in constant antagonism, apparently, alike to Church and State.

Probably had those countries, like our own wise land, permitted Freemasonry to endure, as a recognized Institution, it would have become as peaceful, as orderly, and as loyal, as we are all happily as Freemasons, in England.

None of the true principles of Freemasonry are at all inimical either to civil order or loyal citizenship, and we utterly deny, that any true Freemason need be, according to our well known teaching, "a Fautor" of sedition or disorder in the slightest degree.

We in England are and always have been a pre-eminently loyal body, and there is no reason why in all countries, under its peaceful and tolerant banner, Freemasonry might not be, as it is intended to be, both a rallying point of tranquility, order, and harmony to the brethren, its members loyal subjects and good citizens, helpful to the community, and faithful to the State.

In the Westminster Gazette, a Roman Catholic weekly paper and literary journal, of May 17, 1873, appears an article entitled: "The follies of Freemasonry."

It is, as we said, intended to be witty and written to be cutting, but we feel we are not far wrong in stating that it is neither.

Indeed we have never perused an article which convinced us how very little the writer himself knew of the subject on which he so verbosely dilates, and of how little weight such an off-hand and illiberal opinion of our benevolent society really and truly can be.

We might say a good deal about the style of the writer, which is so very peculiar, that, we think we recognize an old familiar friend, and is redolent from first to last, of what the writer seems to favour a good deal, the "bar parlour of the Pig and Whistle."

Some of us may remember how the memorable Mr. Pott, of Batanswill journalistic fame, was roused to the height of indignation, by Mr. Shirk's accusation that he was "an ungrammatical twaddler," and therefore we will not bring on our devoted head the "dira ira" of the Westminster Gazette writer by saying so much now.

But this we feel bound to assert, that we never

have read such an unmeaning collection of misplaced epithets and silly nomenclature, and that we never hardly before realized, how words can be used which are utterly misused, alike, as names, or epithets, or adjectives, or when intended to display the fullest force of withering sarcasm.

The writer, from first to last, is like Don Quixote fighting with the windmills. He is attacking an order of which he knows nothing in reality; the evils he deprecates, and the imputations he casts, are alike imaginary and unfounded; and all that remains of a great deal of "tall talk," is about as childish, unmeaningless, and valueless an attack on Freemasonry, as it has ever been our misfortune to con over or consider.

First of all its "pseudo history," as the writer calls it, is not, as he so boldly avers, "one of the greatest shams and impostures known in this day of Pinchbeck."

Despite his ready asseverations, that "it has not the slightest claim to rank as one of the successors of the old trade guilds of the middle ages, and still less, as is farcically asserted, to be a remnant of the Egyptian and Jewish religious rites," we can only say, after a careful study now of many years, that the historical and archæological evidence is unimpeachable which links on our present speculative and philanthropic Order, to the Craft guilds of mediæval times.

Supposing we have established this fact to our own satisfaction, and that of the outside world, carefully and critically, why need we care because some one has chosen to say, that our only "unvarnished history, is, that, it was established late in the last century, by a few illiterate and petty tradesmen, whose ideas of romance were flattered by the flimsy cloak of affected mystery they contrived to throw around their proceedings, and whose counterskipping vanity was titillated by the grandiose titles freely lavished on each other?" As Paddy said of old, "mighty foine writing, bedad; it only wants a little poethry to make the prose rowl down aisier any how!"

As the writer in the *Westminster Gazette* is evidently so utterly ignorant of our history, and our principles, and our practice, we need not waste time or space, by dilating upon his highly flavoured remarks, for neither in the present typical representatives he has given us of our Order, and shown up as he fancies, in such vivid colours, can we in any degree recognize the slightest likeness to any of our Masonic contemporaries.

"Cheops the butcher," who is happily blessed with an affectionate and adoring wife; "Mr. Touch-and-go Pettit," whatever such a name means, who apparently has no time to enjoy the society of a 'placens uxor'; "Bro. Nobleton Graball, and Bro. Shark, the great Masonic jeweller, and above all the lender of loans to impoverished brother bricklayers, Hebraic in their interest," are, as far as we know and believe, pure creations of this modest writer's imagination—and a wonderful imagination it is.

"Mr. Daniel Clement, the great diamond merchant, of Godiva Street," who is equally a mythic personage, has never, we make bold to say, been so ungentlemanly or ill-bred as to "clap the Heir Apparent on the back," when, as the writer puts it

so elegantly, "he is cheek-by-jowl with half our peerage."

Well if the Heir Apparent, and half our peerage attend our "seances," and honour our "symposia," Freemasonry is doing very well indeed, and will do very well indeed, we make bold to say, despite the opinions of a writer, whose knowledge of our Order and whose acquaintance with the culture of civilized society, are only equalled by his childish anathemas and vulgar diatribes.

We are sorry to see a respectable paper like the *Westminster Gazette*, allowing such intense snobbishness as the last passage but one, of the same article to discredit its pages, and to bring ridicule on its pretensions, as a literary organ of a great religious community.

This last attack on Freemasonry will, we make bold to say, have very little effect on us, as Freemasons, whatever it may have on some of our Roman Catholic brethren who are Freemasons.

Freemasonry is not to be put down, depend upon it, either by the thunders of ecclesiastical anathemas, or the so-called witticisms, of unqualified critics. Wit, no doubt, like water always finds its level here, and genuine wit, even when adverse to us, we can hail and admire for that "Geist" which when really displayed by any one, or anywhere, or anyhow, is the common property, so to say, of our human intellect.

But where writers affect to be well read, and are most superficially informed on the subject they are treating, when they seek to be witty and are only vulgar, when they aim at sarcasm, and only land themselves in childish inanity, we can safely, as the most charitable course, afford to leave their *επευ πτεροεπιτα* to the stern and sober criticism, of advancing time.

And so we hand over the writer of the "last attack on Freemasonry" to the consideration of the tolerant and the criticism of the just!

He may indeed have succeeded in momentarily hurting the feelings of some good and useful brethren of our Order, but as we have never yet known ignorance or vulgarity to gain the upper hand, when opposed to intellectual enlightenment, and happy culture, we will only repeat that, Freemasonry, has nothing to fear from such attacks, or such writers, but can go on its way, breathing out most peacefully its gentle words of good will, peace, harmony, and toleration, for us severed mortals in this antagonistic world. W.

THE GREAT LIGHT IN MASONRY.—"The Bible is the Great Light in Masonry. Every man is responsible, to a greater or less extent, according as his means of knowledge have been greater or less. No one who has had the Bible placed in his hands, and been taught to read it, can be a good man and disbelieve its teachings. And no one can be a good Royal Arch Mason who is not a good man. Therefore, I answer, that no one who does not believe in the writings of Moses and the Prophets, as contained in the Old Testament, if he has been educated in a civilized or enlightened country, can be a good Royal Arch Mason, for Royal Arch Masonry is founded thereon."

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The Grand Master did not attend, but his place was filled by Dr. Hamilton, P. Dist. G.M. of Jamaica. Col. Brownrigg was at his post as G.S.W., and Capt. Platt as G.J.W.

The Temple was but sparsely attended, there being not more than 150 brethren present. This is generally the case at the September meetings; as Masons, like the uninitiated, are out of town at this season of the year.

Amongst the brethren present we noticed the Rev. John Huyshe, Prov. G.M. Devon; Rev. A. B. Fraser, G.C.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G.C.; S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M., China; Sir Albert W. Woods, (Garter), G.D.C.; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; Horace Lloyd, Q.C., President of the Board of General Purposes; Ll. Evans, Dr. Hogg, James Mason, John B. Monckton, Benj. Head, Major Creaton, J. E. Saunders, W. Ough, Joseph Smith, Samuel Tomkins, G.T.; Thomas W. White, E. S. Snell, J. A. Rucker, S. Rosenthal, H. M. Levy, John M. Clabon, Hyde Pullen, Joshua Nunn, N. Bradford, and J. W. Halsey.

After the opening of Grand Lodge, and the reading of the minutes by Bro. Hervey, G.S., Bro. Hervey read an address of condolence from the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the death of the Earl of Zetland.

The Grand Registrar moved and the Rev. J. Huyshe seconded that it be entered in the minutes, the latter brother asking at the same time whether notice of the noble Earl's death had been communicated to Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Bro. Hervey said it had not been.

The motion that the address be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes, was then put and carried.

Bro. Hervey said he had also received an address of condolence on the Earl of Zetland's death from the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Africa, but it arrived the day after the Board of Masters sat, and consequently he had not had the opportunity of placing it before the Board. As some months would elapse before the next meeting of Grand Lodge, he had thought it right to mention it to this meeting in order that it might not be considered by the District Grand Lodge of South Africa that their vote of condolence was shelved on account of the usual routine not having been observed.

Bro. Horace Lloyd moved and Bro. Huyshe seconded "That the standing orders be suspended to enable the vote of condolence from South Africa to be read."

This having been carried, the address was read, and Bro. McIntyre moved, and a brother seconded, that it be received and entered on the minutes, and that replies be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the District Grand Lodge of South Africa.

The motions were then put and carried.

Bro. Hervey read the following:—

"Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.—A brother of the Beaufort Lodge, No. 103, Bristol, £50; the widow of a brother of the Belvidere Lodge, No. 503, Maidstone, £100; the widow of a brother of the Grove Lodge, No. 410, Ewell, £250; a brother of the Lodge of United Strength Lodge, No. 228, London, £100."

On the motions for each of these grants being put,

Bro. Joshua Nunn observed that it would be as well to say something about the Board of Benevolence. Masons were now a much larger body than they were formerly, and the Board had the means of giving larger sums than they used to do in charity. They consequently did so, and where cases came before them of great merit they dealt with them liberally. He was quite sure that Grand Lodge would support them in this course, and that the grants the Board recommended would be carried unanimously.

Bro. J. M. Clabon was of the same opinion. A grant of £250 to one individual was a large sum, and it was the second time such a large grant had been made. It was desirable that the

attention of Grand Lodge should be drawn to the state of the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence. In the year 1872 they received £6050, and they spent £3700; in other words they had £2300 to the good. This state of prosperity had been going on for some time. Some years back he proposed to apply the surplus funds in apprenticing the children of Masons. At that time they had £10,000 in hand; they had now £30,000. What object could they have in accumulating these sums in the Bank of England, when it should go in benefitting Masons? Some said it should go to benefit posterity; but if they wanted to do so, one shilling a year from each Mason would effect that object. He hoped at next Grand Lodge to show how they could employ their surplus. If they could save £2300 in one year, they could afford to give £250 to one poor lady. If they gave her £50 it was but a drop in the ocean, but if they gave her £250 it was something that would give her a start in life. For himself, he would vote her more, and he hoped they would not refuse to vote her that amount.

Bro. James Mason said it had always struck him when attending the Board of Benevolence that there was too much hesitation in giving liberally. When they found from the President of the Board that their funds were so large he thought they should have no hesitation. He believed that the more generous Masons were with their wealth, the more they would get, and be enabled to do an immense amount of good.

All the grants were unanimously carried.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read.

"Report of the Board of General Purposes to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of August, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3,532 14s 5d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75, and for servants' wages £88 19s. od., and avail themselves of the opportunity to congratulate the members of the Craft on the very satisfactory condition of the accounts.

(Signed) HORACE LLOYD,
President."

Bro. Horace Lloyd in moving the adoption of this report, said he did not suppose the most critical brother present, if there was one, could find anything to offend him in its shortness, and he therefore assumed it would not meet with opposition, but as it referred to the satisfactory condition of the funds perhaps he would be pardoned if he detained the brethren for a few moments in shewing them by some very simple figures, how well justified the Board were in saying that the finances were prosperous. The President of the Board of Benevolence had shewed them what was the state of the funds with which he had to deal, and at how great a rate they were being added to and accumulated. On behalf of the Board of General Purposes, he might say that there was not of course the same necessity for accumulating its funds, if it were not that they had a certain debt to pay off, which they incurred at the time of the construction of the new buildings. It was their great desire to pay that off as speedily as possible, and he thought the brethren would see they were in a fair way to do so. The finances of any corporate body or association were to be judged of in three ways: What was the income they were raising? what was their expenditure? and what was their state in respect to debt? In all those aspects the finances of the Board were satisfactory. On the first point, in 1870 their income was £8295; in 1871, £8578; and in 1872, £9642; of that large sum not much more than £1700 was raised by rents of property, and not more than £350 to £400 from all exceptional sources, such as fees paid by Grand Officers when appointed, and the various fees obtained from dispensations. It followed therefore that a sum which must be very close on £8000 a year was raised from the Masonic body by a taxation which he need not say fell as lightly as any taxation imposed on any tax-paying community, from the

quaterages of the lodge. On the second point, the expenditure, in 1870 it was £6382; in 1871 which was a heavy year, £6795—and that included one large grant; and in 1872, £6007 19s. The present year was not yet completed, but he thought its expenditure would be equally satisfactory. The expenditure showed a diminution on the third point, debt; they contracted a loan of £19,000, which represented what he might call our national debt." They had paid off £8300 of this, leaving a balance £10,700. In the last year, out of their savings they had paid off £3,700. If they went on at the same rate, in three years they would have swept off the whole loan. Under these circumstances he thought they were justified in looking at their finances as in a satisfactory condition.

The motion having been seconded was put and carried.

Bro. Hervey, read memorials from the Friendly Lodge, No. 383, Montego Bay, for assistance to build a Masonic Hall.

Bro. Frederick Bigg, W.M. No. 1261, moved "That at least seven days' notice shall be given to the W.M. of a lodge before such lodge is posted as being in arrear of its subscription."

He said that at last quarterly communication he, in obedience to summons, attended, with his Wardens, at some inconvenience, but on his arrival found a notice that his lodge among others had not paid its dues, and that he and his Wardens could not be admitted. He, however, was anxious to comply with the summons, and offered to pay anything that might be due; he was told that if he could name the amount it would be received, but the Secretary of his lodge was not in attendance, and he himself had no knowledge of what the amount was. Consequently he and his Wardens were obliged to retire, and had to pass the rest of their evening as best as they could, in the west-end of London, where plenty places of amusement were open. To obviate such an inconvenience, he thought that if a lodge was in arrear, notice should be given by Grand Secretary, seven days before the meeting of Grand Lodge, of such default. It would sometimes occur that the Secretary of a lodge was not a Past Master, and not a member of Grand Lodge, and consequently he would not be present, and the Master would not know the amount of unpaid dues. He did not ask for an innovation, but for an improvement, and he thought that it would be a graceful act if Grand Secretary seconded his motion.

Bro. Clabon thought the question should be discussed, though he could not quite understand Bro. Bigg's request.

Bro. Horace Lloyd said the difficulty was met by the Book of Constitutions, though not one lodge in twenty carried out the directions of that book, but they could not complain if they suffered any inconvenience when they did not so comply. Certainly the Master of a lodge was not the person to come and complain. At page 66 the Book of Constitution said: "All monies received or paid on account of the lodge shall be entered in proper books; the fees or dues received on account of and payable to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge shall be kept separate and distinct from the money belonging to the lodge, and shall be deposited in the hands of the Master, instead of the Treasurer of the lodge, and shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge at such times as the laws require." He was quite aware that they were all mixed up together, but brethren had no right to complain if any inconvenience arose, which they might avoid by following the strict letter of the law. If Bro. Bigg had followed that out, and had had the dues placed in his hands, he would have made himself responsible for their being paid. The law was quite right, and if a lodge, in defiance of that law, trusted to its Secretary and Treasurer, the Master must take the consequences.

The motion was then rejected.

Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D., moved "That the sum of £80 be given from the fund of General Purposes. That the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

Bro. Joshua Nunn seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. William Smith, P.M. No. 33, moved "That in future the laws and regulations of the Fund of Benevolence governing the Lodge of Benevolence be read once in every year previous to the Lodge entering on business at the meeting in the month of January, and that Article 17 of the laws and regulations of the Fund of Benevolence on the Book of Constitutions be altered accordingly."

Bro. Smith made a very short statement in support of his motion, and informed Grand Lodge that the brethren attending the Lodge of Benevolence were well acquainted with the laws regulating it, and that, as he believed, all who now formed it could read and write, there would be no difficulty in impressing upon them its rules. His motion he thought would save a great deal of time.

Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P. seconded the motion, and would even go further than Bro. W. Smith, and proposed that the rules should not be read to the Lodge of Benevolence at all. It was quite unnecessary for the brethren's time to be taken up every meeting of the Board for a quarter of an hour.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, President of the Board, cordially agreed in the motion, although he knew nothing of it until it was presented to the Board of Masters. Grand Secretary now read the Laws and Regulations four times a year, to brethren who knew them by heart. He (Bro. Clabon), did not go entirely with Bro. Joseph Smith in desiring to dispense altogether with the reading of the laws, but thought they might be usefully read once a year, when the new members of the lodge joined.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. W. Smith, P.M. then moved, "That in future a room be set apart for the reception of Provincial Brethren on Quarterly Communications and other meetings of Grand Lodge."

He made his motion on these grounds, that the attendance of provincial members was very large. There was usually a much larger attendance of them than there was that night, although there was then as large an attendance as there was at all September quarterly communications. He had heard a great many of them complain of want of accommodation—not, of course, the distinguished brethren on the dais—but the provincial brethren generally, to whom it would be a very great convenience to have a suitable room to meet in.

A brother, whose name did not transpire, seconded the motion.

Bro. McIntyre opposed the motion. He thought it would be a great advantage to provincial brethren that they should mix with those in London. A room could be set apart for the London and provincial brethren, but that might be left to the Board of General Purposes. He most strenuously protested against the motion, and against the proposition that the provincial brethren should be sent into a room by themselves. He agreed that every accommodation should be given, even to the throwing open the whole of the rooms that belonged to Grand Lodge; but let them have no segregation of provincial brethren from the London brethren. He was sure that every provincial brother would rather come where his London brethren were, and it might be referred to the Board of General Purposes to provide ample accommodation.

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., would propose an amendment to that effect. It was one of those matters of detail which ought not to be brought before Grand Lodge. Questions of this kind were peculiarly within the province of the Board of General Purposes, and it needed very little consideration from the members then present.

Bro. W. Smith said that, with the consent of Grand Registrar, he would withdraw his motion. The Board would no doubt attend to the matter after he had made the suggestion, but the suggestion ought not to have been rendered necessary. The Board was very jealous of any suggestion being made to it. The subject had been a source of complaint for a considerable time. He would make no charge against the Board about that, but he be-

lieved the time had arrived when it should be attended to, and that he had a right to be heard upon it. He would withdraw his motion.

Bro. Horace Lloyd said it was a matter which wanted no direction at all, as the Board were already directed by their regulations to do all such things. If a memorial had been sent to them about it they would have attended to it. It was one of their duties; but they did not know there was a want of accommodation. Let it be brought before them and they would consider it. The Board of General Purposes was spoken of, he regretted to say, as if it were in the hands more or less, of those who sat on the dais. Now, the Board consisted of members elected yearly by the Craft, and a great number of those changed from year to year. There was no pretence at all for saying that the Board, or any member of it, sought to assume an exclusiveness, or to reject suggestions brought before it from without. It was their strongest wish, on the contrary, to consider everything which might tend to the benefit of the Craft.

The motion was therefore withdrawn, and Grand Lodge having nothing else before it, was closed in due form.

A NEW THEORY.—A new theory of earthquakes and volcanoes, which has found favour with scientific men generally has been given by Maller. It is based upon the conceded fact that the earth is gradually cooling; and as it cools, it contracts, but not uniformly. The interior contracts more rapidly than the crust, and Maller believes that the shrinkage of the crust can explain all volcanic phenomena. As the result of the contraction of the earth, irregularities of level were first produced in the far remote ages; then corrugation of mountain ranges and table lands; and lastly local crushings down and dislocations, a process still going on. Heat being, as is now generally allowed, a form of motion, the work expended in bearing down the crust is transformed into heat. The surface of the earth may be well compared to the shrivelled skin of an apple. Earthquake and volcanic eruptions are the result of the subsidence and shrinkage of the earth's surface. The old theory that mountains are upheaved is not correct. The valleys are sunken down. The volcanic force has passed its maximum, and is now growing less as the earth parts with its internal heat.

IMPROVEMENT AT ST. PAUL'S.—The works now in hand in St. Paul's churchyard for the improvement of the thoroughfare at the top of Ludgate-hill are rapidly approaching completion. The present railings will be thrown back as far as the statue of Queen Anne, and the space thus gained will be added to the roadway. The ground taken from the churchyard is of considerable value, as the Corporation have agreed to give the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral £20,000 for it. In view of the public importance of the improvement, the Corporation has applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for a contribution towards the cost. With reference to the precautions taken to protect the cathedral from lightning, it may be stated that in metallic connexion with the cross, ball, and scrolls, there are eight copper conductors, each being a half-inch strand of copper wire. The octagonal strand has been adopted, as it gives the most metal in the least space. In the opinion of electrical engineers, St. Paul's Cathedral will, if properly fitted with conductor, protect all the surrounding buildings from lightning within an area of 3,000 feet.

The Rev. Dr. Cox, Vicar of St. Helen's, the author of "Musical recollections of the Last Half Century," is engaged upon another work, namely, "Recollections of the Last Half Century of the Tractarian and Ritualistic Controversy."

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots, with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

FREEMASONRY IN TRINIDAD.

On Saturday, the 24th May, the members of Athole Lodge, 438, San Fernando, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, met, by appointment, at the residence of Bro. John Lewis, to bid farewell to their esteemed Past Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. Wm. Cuthbert, who was about to leave the island for Europe. The Right Worshipful Master, Past Master Palmer, and Bro. W. L. Johnston, J. W., accompanied Bro. Cuthbert from his residence to Bro. Lewis's, where he was fraternally received by the brethren, who had been waiting his arrival. Bro. Phillip C. Corrie, W.M. of Lodge Royal Trinity, 372, E. C.; Bro. John McKenzie, Past Master, and other members of that lodge in the Island were present also, for the one common cause of paying "honour to whom honour is due."

The following address, signed by the brethren, was read, and handed to Bro. Cuthbert by the Rev. R. C. Nelson, the R.W.M. of "Athole," the brethren all standing:—

"San Fernando, 24th May 1873.
"To Bro. W. Cuthbert, P.M., A.L. 438. Right Worshipful Sir and Brother. On the eve of your departure from this Island for Europe, we, Members of the Lodge Athole (and other brethren), desire to express the obligation we feel to you for the valuable services you have rendered us during the past year especially.

"We desire to bid you a fraternal farewell, to wish you a happy and safe voyage, and a speedy return among us in good health, and with the heartfelt hope that every blessing may be yours."

To which address Bro. Cuthbert replied as follows:—

"To the Right Worshipful Master, Past Master, and Brethren of Lodge Athole, No. 438.

"Brethren.—I have much pleasure, on the eve of my departure for Europe, to receive this address, and have to express my sincere and fraternal thanks for the very kind and good wishes conveyed therein.

"I am glad and pleased that the little I have done for the Athole has been appreciated. I wish you all for a time farewell, and hope to find on my return that harmony and unanimity which is so characteristic of the brethren of Athole, of which I have the honour to consider myself one of the founders.

"Our many happy meetings shall ever be remembered by me.

"To you, my brethren of Royal Trinity and other lodges, I beg to tender my most sincere thanks for your fraternal kindness in being present on this occasion to join in the address which I have just received, and to extend to me the right hand of friendship, symbolical of those feelings of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," which ought always to reign in our midst.

"I hope soon, brethren, to be with you again. Wishing you all a hearty and fraternal farewell, I remain, my dear Sirs and Brethren, ever yours, fraternally,

"WM. CUTHBERT,
"P.M. Athole, 431."

Bro. Cuthbert spoke with great emotion, which evidently could not be avoided, seeing himself surrounded by men of different countries, colours, and creeds, yet united in brotherly love and harmony, to bid him farewell. Amongst them were some who were initiated into the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry by him, and had reasons to feel deeply the parting. He has served the Craft faithfully, and has entirely won the love and esteem of the brethren—very precious jewels—which cannot be bought, even by monarchs.

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Almighty Father! Architect divine
Of countless worlds diffused through endless space
Each moving in an orbit of its own,
Each amid millions, keeping its own place.
In wisdom hast Thou made thy varied works,
And over all things Beauty's magic thrown,
To charm th' aspiring soul, and warm the heart,
Such wondrous working is of Thee, alone.
When first I knelt within the guarded door,
Thy blessing was invoked, that grace divine
Might raise me from the grovelling things of earth
To better estimate all works of Thine.
May all injunctions then upon me laid,
To influence and guide me never cease,
But cherish'd by me, as a sacred charge.
Direct my footsteps in the way of peace.
With wisdom from above, endow me now,
That I may know, and knowing may pursue
The way that will approve itself to Thee,
That this in all things, I Thy will may do.
Oh! Gracious Lord! my heart incline aright,
For all that's good inspire with a love—
With love of Thee, from Whom all good must come,
And thus prepare me for Grand Lodge above!
[Bro. Carpenter's name was accidentally omitted from "The Divine Omnipresence," in the last *Freemason*.]

Bros. Colonel Campbell of Blythwood, and Colonel Mure of Caldwell, both Provincial Grand Masters, are candidates for the representation of Renfrewshire in Parliament.

DUNOON.—The foundation stone of the New Town Hall was laid with Masonic honours, by Bro. James M'Griere, M.P., on Saturday 30th, ultimo.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 12, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, September 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Lodge 1412, De La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's-wood.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, September 8.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45) Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Finchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottlieb, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, September 9.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Avenley.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
Chap. 857, St. Marks, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (733), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florsence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishops-gate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, September 10.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 7.

Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College St. Lambeth.

" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st. Wapping.

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham Green.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, September 11.

Lodge No. 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West Ham.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern Holloway.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.

Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Arglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188 Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.

Highate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, September 12.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor

Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 617), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggieridge, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Couits Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M. Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (724), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, September 13, 1873.

Monday, September 8.

Lodge 447, Mersey, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkbeck-road

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 7.30.

Tuesday, September 9.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

" 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5

Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

" 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-st. Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, September 10.

Lodge 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, September 11.

Lodge 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston, Hotel, Garston, at 4.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150 Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, September 12.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.

Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
For the week ending Saturday, September 13, 1873.

Monday, September 8.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

" 219, Star, Freemasons' Hall, 12, Trongate.

Chapter 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hotel.

Tuesday, September 9:

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 444, Robert Burns, Bailiston.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, September 10.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 510, Manhell, 167, Main-st. Maryhill.

Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary, Hall, Partick.

Thursday, September 11.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.

Friday, September 12.

Lodge 427, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, Camberwell.

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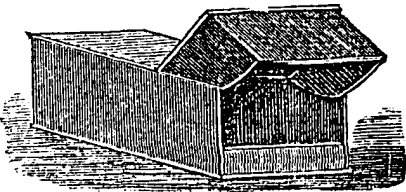
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BRADFORD.—*Lodge of Hope* (No. 302).—On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the brethren of this lodge gave a complimentary dinner to their W.M., Bro. Geo. Richardson, and made him a presentation of a silver salver, value sixty guineas, on the occasion of his marriage. Bro. M. Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. occupied the chair, and was supported on his left by Bros. the Rev. Flynn, P. Prov. G. Chap.; T. Hill, P.M., P. Prov. G.W.; Schaeppi, P.M., Prov. G.S.D.; C. H. Taylor, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. Ibbetson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. Beanland, P.M.; J. R. Armitage, P.M., P. Prov. S. of W.; J. Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.O.; J. Oddy, P. Prov. G.C.; and on his right by Bros. Geo. Richardson, W.M. 302; J. Ambler, W.M. 874; A. Briggs, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Green, P.M.; W. W. Barlow, P.M.; H. Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; H. O. Mawson, P.M.; A. Hunter, P.M.; Thos. Senior, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg.; Rebt. Richardson, P.M.; J. White, P.M. 439; T. W. MacGowen, (Town Clerk). The Chairman read letters of apology for unavoidable absence, from Bro. Bentley Shaw, LL.D., D. Prov. G.M., and several other brethren, and then proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Broughton, who occupied one of the vice-chairs (the other being ably filled by Bro. J. A. Binns, S.W.), was called upon to give a toast, and in doing so, said, the toast I have to propose need only be named to meet with your hearty acceptance, namely, "The Right Worshipful the Prov. G.M., the W.D. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." Our worthy Chairman has spoken in eulogistic terms of our G.M., and as the same brother is also Prov. G.M., I may well say ditto to what he has said with reference to him. Our D.Prov. G.M. is Bro. Bentley Shaw, and when I mention his name I am sure it will be received with the greatest applause, since his name is a household word in Yorkshire, and when I allude to the other Prov. Grand Officers, I am pleased to speak of such men. We, in the Lodge of Hope have been highly honoured by the province, and I trust the province will never have cause to regret the selections. We have present to-night, Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary, who fills the post so admirably and is so much esteemed by all the brethren. We have also a number of other brethren present, both past and present officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. I have much pleasure in giving you the toast entrusted to me. The chairman called upon Bro. H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec., to respond, who said I feel very proud indeed to reply, I feel it is a great honour to the Lodge of Hope to see so many brethren stand up to acknowledge this toast, and for the honour you have done to the Prov. G. Officers, I return you my most hearty thanks, and feel it a privilege to belong to such a lodge, and I feel especially proud to be present on such an interesting occasion as the present. I wish not to detain you from the special business of the evening, and beg heartily to thank you for the compliment paid the Prov. Grand Officers. The Chairman again rising, said I have a very pleasing, at the same time a very difficult duty, to

perform, to do it to the satisfaction of all the brethren. I don't know why I have been selected for this position except that, if not the oldest member of the lodge, the oldest one present. Brethren, it is rather an unusual thing to present a piece of plate as we are doing this evening; it is not often that a W.M. marries during his year of office. We have had W.Ms. do so, but then they have been widowers. I can only tell the W.M. we heartily congratulate him on the auspicious occasion, we did remember him during his absence on his wedding tour, and suggestions were thrown out that something should be done, and I have pleasure in saying that what has been done has been entirely voluntary, and if one thing more than another gives me pleasure it is that the 74 brethren who have made this presentation, do so with the best wishes for yourself and your wife, and I was going to say family, but those in prospect, and should it please the Great Architect that you should be blest with a son, we hope that you will hand down this salver as a heirloom in your family. I wish your good lady could have been with us, as I know she would have been pleased. In making this presentation on the part of the brethren, I trust it will be your lot to pass through life with the greatest happiness and pleasure. The inscription on the salver is as follows—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Hope, 302, of Free and Accepted Masons of England to the Worshipful Master, Bro. George Richardson, on the occasion of his marriage, as a mark of their fraternal regard, and as an expression of their congratulations and best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity, Bradford, 2nd Sept. 1873." Will you accept this, Worshipful Sir, on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge of Hope? Bro. Geo. Richardson, W.M., on rising to respond, was received with the greatest applause, and on its subsiding said, Worthy Chairman, Vice Chairman, and brethren, I have been sitting here for some time thinking how I should address you, not feeling, under the present peculiar and flattering circumstances, quite so much at home as usual, but the kind way in which Bro. P.M. Rhodes has introduced the toast, and presented your splendid gift, has set me in some measure at ease. I knew that on my return home you would be glad to see me again in my old place, but I was not prepared for the magnificent welcome with which you have received me to-night. To most men in their lives there comes a special time for laudable pride and heartfelt gratification, to me this evening is such, and when I look round upon this noble assembly, and reflect that you have each come from your own home circles to make me, as it were, the centre of this inner circle, to entertain me as your guest, and to show your personal regard for me, I am at a loss how to thank you, or where to find words which will fully express to you my deep appreciation of this, your great kindness to me. I have no sympathy with, or respect for those men who are careless of the opinion of their fellows, and profess to consider such carelessness as a mark of independence and manliness, but candidly acknowledge that I have always wished to stand well with my fellow men, and more particularly with my brethren of the Lodge of Hope, and I am glad to find to-night that the kindly regards you have towards me are greater than I expected, and that I have gained a higher place in your estimation than I could have anticipated. As the student gaining knowledge longs for more, so I, with the knowledge of your great good feeling towards me, shall desire to gain your yet further respect, and shall look upon this evening as a stand point from which to build a still closer friendship with you. In thanking you once more, brethren, I feel that I cannot express myself sufficiently for the estimable gift you have made me, and for the feelings which it represents, and if in the vicissitudes of life a dark cloud should ever overhang me I shall think of this evening with the greatest consolation. Bro. A. Briggs, P.M., with the permission of the Chairman, desired to offer a suggestion with reference to the forthcoming meeting of the British Association, stating that in different towns where he had attended its meetings, it had been usual for the Freemasons to fix a meeting of the brethren to which the members of the Association who are Masons could be invited to have a friendly meeting, and he would suggest that the same be done here. The proposition met with the hearty

response of the brethren present. Bro. Briggs said further that he could not sit down without expressing his deep gratification at being present this evening to welcome one Benedict amongst us whom we thought hopeless, and hoped from that stock good Lewises will spring, linking the present with the future. Bro. Broughton, Vice-chairman, called upon Bro. Schaeppi, P.M., for the next toast, who said I do so with pleasure, as it commends itself without any preface from me, and when I tell you it is "The Health of the Chairman," I know that it will be so. I am glad to propose his health to you as one of the best brethren amongst us, and one who has done so much for Freemasonry, striving for the good of every brother. It is rare to find such a one to preside over us; and although he may begin to feel himself advancing in years, he seems ever young among us, and I am sure he will have had much pleasure in presenting this plate to the newly-married couple; and I trust he will be long spared, as also the W.M., to whom the presentation is made, to share a long-lived happiness with us. Bro. W. Rhodes, P.M. (the Chairman), who was received with much applause, said, I rise with great pleasure to respond, and I can assure you the gratification I feel in meeting you grows no less as years roll on. I cannot disguise from myself that I am getting older, and that I cannot expect to meet you so many years longer. It affords me great pleasure to be with you, and to see so many here who have worked so much together for the good of my fellow-men. It is especially gratifying to me to see the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys out of debt, and so placed in a position for a long career of usefulness. Allow me to thank you for the compliment you have paid me. Bro. T. Hill, P.M., rose to propose the next toast, but said previous to doing so, he wished to congratulate the W.M. on his new position, and to express to him the gratification he felt to see the high estimation he is held in by the brethren. The toast I have to propose is the health of the two Vice-Presidents, Bros. Broughton and Binns, and I feel very much pleasure in calling upon you to drink with me heartily to their good health. Bro. Broughton being called upon, said, Mr. Chairman and brethren, in responding to his toast it is not my intention to trespass upon your time more than a few moments. In the first place allow me to thank the Presentation Committee for placing me in this position, and I thank you for the compliment paid me by you and the brethren. Referring to the circumstance calling us together this evening, I wish to express my opinion of our W.M.'s great worth from my acquaintance of many years standing. I know he possesses the qualifications of a good Mason, and therefore of a good man, as I have ever found him influenced by those principles which constitute the spirit and essence of Freemasonry. We cannot all expect to attain the high distinction of W.M., but we may all attain the reputation of good and worthy Masons, by the practice of the Masonic virtues, faith, hope, charity, temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, and thus command the respect and esteem of our fellow-men. Let this be the aim of every one of us, and then we shall have the satisfaction of feeling that in honouring others we honour ourselves. Bro. Ibbetson, P.M. (in the temporary absence of Bro. Binns) also shortly responded to the toast, excusing himself saying much after the admirable expressions which had fallen from Bro. Broughton. Bro. W. T. MacGowen, (Town Clerk) was called upon to give the next toast "The Wife of the W.M., and the Ladies," and said, I consider, Mr. Chairman, that in calling upon me you have displayed your usual good reason—gentlemen laugh but they don't see why—I am the youngest "Mason," present and consider I know the pleasures of matrimony most. There must be something in the the position of W.M. tending in this direction, for no sooner does Bro. Geo. Richardson find himself installed W.M., than he finds out the great mistake he has made and marries. I am asked to propose the health of the wife of the W.M. and the ladies, and have very great pleasure in doing so. I am happy to say that although it is some time since I took to myself a wife, I feel as happy as on the day I was married. As to the testimonial just presented, I think nothing of its intrinsic value, but as show-

ing the feelings of the brethren towards our W.M., and I trust he will long live in their high estimation. Well, brethren, I am asked to propose the ladies, and can there be any more agreeable subject to talk about? Bro. Broughton says "No, No;" well there is no one had more experience than he. You know there is only one handsome child in the world, and every man has that one; and so I believe there is but one handsome woman in the world and every man in his wife believes he has the happiness of possessing her. I recommend you who are not married to make all speed and follow the W.M.'s example. I have much pleasure in calling upon you to drink to "The Health of Mrs. George Richardson and the Ladies." Bro. George Richardson, W.M., in responding, said I have very great pleasure in replying to the last toast, I can tell you that I have got an excellent wife, and can support the recommendation of Bro. McGowan, and wish all who have not entered the blissful state of matrimony to do so. I have travelled through many years with my friends upon the dusty road of life, and from time to time seen first one and then the other turn off to enjoy themselves in their little garden of matrimonial bliss, and now I have got one of my own, and I may tell you my wife is of a real good Masonic stock, her sire being a highly distinguished and respected Mason. I can assure you that both she and I (as Bro. McGowan, said) will value the gift you have made us, not so much for itself as for the spirit in which it is given, and if it should be so that we should have successors it will be handed down to them as a great token of your esteem and regard. Allow me again on the part of my wife and the ladies, to thank you most heartily on their behalf for the compliment you have paid them. After the usual concluding toast this highly interesting and most agreeable evening's entertainment was brought to a close. We feel it due to Bros. J. Rhodes, P.M., R. Richardson, P.M.; A. Hunter P.M.; J. Brigg, W. Bealand, P.M.; and C. Pratt, P.M., to say that their very excellent harmony, contributed greatly to the enjoyments of the evening.

Royal Arch.

IPSWICH.—Chapter of Perfect Friendship (No. 600)—The usual quarterly convocation of the Royal Sussex Chapter of Perfect Friendship was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., present M. E. Comps. Stephen Burdett King, P.Z. as 1st Principal Z; G. S. Findley, P.Z. as 2nd Principal H., and P. Cornell, J.; J. Franks, P.Z., Scribe E.; W. Fraser, Act. N.; N. Tracy, P. Soj.; Dr. Mills, P.Z.; N. A. Smith, J. Plicker, P.Z.; W. Taylor, and others. Visiting companions, Emma Holmes, and Geo. Abbott, St. Lukes Chapter; W. T. Westgate, of the Alexandra Chapter, and W. Spalding. The chapter having been opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Henry George Bishop and Charles Barfoot, of the Faithful Lodge No. 85, Harlestone, Norfolk, and Bro. W. Whitmore of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, Framlingham, who were unanimously elected. Bros. Bishop and Barfoot, and Bro. Scopes, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, who had been previously elected, being in attendance, were severally introduced, obligated, and exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Comps. Franks and King, assisted by Comps. Tracy, Prin. Soj., the beautiful Mystical Lecture being given by Comp. King, with his customary eloquent power, and the Historical by Comp. Mills. The candidates and visitors amongst whom we number ourselves, were greatly struck at the admirable way in which the degree was worked, and at the solemnity and decorum which pervaded the proceedings. The election of officers was then proceeded with, when the following was the result.—Comp. King, Z; P. Cornell, H.; N. Tracy, J.; W. Fraser, Prin. Soj.; W. P. Mills, P. Z., Scribe E.; Scopes, N.; W. Townsend, Treas.; Syer, Janitor; Comp. Franks retired from office as Scribe E. on account of age and infirmity, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him, and ordered to be put upon the minutes, for his great services to

the chapter, coupled with regrets that the companions should lose the benefit of his valuable assistance. A companion having been proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, the chapter was closed and the brethren retired for refreshment.

ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 1194).—This chapter met at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 6th inst., Comp. James Brett, P.Z., P.G.D.C., presided as Z.; Comp. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Middlesex as H.; and Comp. Fred. Smith, P.Z., as J. Two brethren, namely, Bros. M. Solomon, of a Scotch Lodge, and J. Hillhouse, S.W. 228, were exalted, the work of P.S. being well done by Comp. Dodd, the Scribe E. (H. 1194). The mystical, symbolical, and historical lectures were finely delivered by Comps. Brett, Little, and Dodd respectively. A proposition for joining was made and the chapter was closed. At the banquet Comp. Terry, P.Z., presided, as owing to his absence at Comp. Sheen's funeral, he was unable to attend the working in chapter. A very pleasant evening was spent, the usual festive toasts being given with great geniality by the acting Z. Comps. Brett responded for the Grand Officers; Little for the P.Z.'s; Hillhouse for the Exaltees; Terry for the Chair; Lane, King, and others for the Visitors; Buss, Treas., for the Officers. About twenty-five companions were present including, besides those named, Comps. Newton, P.Z.; Jesse Owens, T. H. P. Hartley, G. C. Banks, Martin, Hicks, Everett, and others. Comp. Fred. Smith, P.Z., agreed to accept the position of Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday the 2nd inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue. Bro. the Rev. W. B. Church, M.A., P.M., P.G.C., presided, supported by Bros. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; R. W. Little, H. C. Levander, T. Cubitt, and J. G. Marsh, P.M.'s, T. W. White, of No. 104, and about a dozen other brethren. Bro. H. A. Dubois, S.W. 1326 and 1415, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, was duly advanced. Bro. G. Kenning, S.W., was then installed as W.M., and the officers were invested as follows:—Bros. S. C. Davison, S.W.; T. B. Yeoman, J.W.; T. H. Edmands, M.O.; Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., S.O.; J. W. Barrett, J.O.; Rev. W. B. Church, M.A., P.M., Chaplain; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Little, P.M., Sec.; John Boyd, R. of M.; C. Horsley, S.D.; E. H. Thiellay, J.D.; H. A. Dubois, I.G.; H. Parker, Organist; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The name of a brother was erased for non-payment of dues, and P.M. jewels were voted to Bros. Marsh and Cubitt, P.M.'s. The lodge was then closed, and a capital supper was served, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily accepted. The new Master, Bro. George Kenning, stated that he intended to represent the lodge as a Steward, at all the Festivals of the Masonic Institutions in 1874. Bros. Binckes and Little, in responding, trusted that the Members of the lodge would give the W.M. their best support in such a good cause. After a very pleasant evening the brethren separated.

Red Cross of Constantine.

An adjourned special meeting of the Grand Council was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 1st instant, under the presidency of the High Chancellor, Sir Knt. W. E. Gumbleton, J.P., for the consideration of important business. A letter from Sir Knt. S. K. Herrick, Intendant General for Massachusetts, U.S.A., was read, in which he conveyed the views of the Conclaves in his Division,—their desire being to remain under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of England, and to conform to the Statutes which declare that Master Masons are eligible for admission into the Order, as in some of the American States Knights Templar only are admitted as candidates.

Sir Knt. Herrick's action was approved, and a

copy of the resolution thereon was ordered to be sent to Sir Knt. Creigh, LL.D., Chief Intendant General in America, for his guidance in future.

The following Knights were elected members of the Executive Committee:—Colonel Burdett, W. E. Gumbleton, R. W. Little, W. R. Woodman, M.D.; and H. C. Levander, M.A.; and the meetings of the Committee were fixed to be held on the Monday preceding the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of England.

It was resolved that the Grand Sovereign be recommended to appoint Chief Intendants General for groups of divisions in England, and it was announced that the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale, Int. Gen. unattached, had accepted the post of Chief Intendant General for Lancashire.

It was ordered that all fees payable from officers or conclaves now due be at once required, and the result communicated to the Executive Committee, who were further deputed to act as a Board for revising the ritual and statutes.

A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. It contained an intimation from the Earl Percy, M.P., M.W.G.M.M.M., to the Earl of Bective, M.P., M.I.G.S. that the representatives of the Mark Grand Lodge would use their best endeavours to secure the admission of the Red Cross Order into the treaty of alliance now existing between the Mark, the Knights Templar, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

It was reported that the Grand Recorder, Dr. Woodman, had obtained an office at No. 23A, Great Queen-street, exactly opposite Freemasons' Hall, where the business of the Order would be carried on from the 8th inst.

The sanction of the Grand Council was given to a ball being held under its auspices early in the coming year, the Knights to appear in full Red Cross regalia, with the jewels of any Masonic degree, except the Craft and Royal Arch.

A vote of ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was agreed to, subject to confirmation. The council was then closed.

K.H.S.

A meeting of the Patriarchal Council, K.H.S., was then held, when it was moved by the Treasurer General, seconded by Bro. Knight Levander, First Lieut., and carried unanimously, that the registry fee for Knights of the Order be five shillings, instead of ten shillings and sixpence, as previously resolved. The regalia of the Order is to consist of a black silk sash, with the emblem of rank embroidered thereon in front; a black sheathed sword, and the usual jewel. It was recommended that the Red Cross sash be lined with black silk, and worn so reversed in the K.H.S.

Bro. Knight T. Cubitt, T.B., proposed, and Bro. Knight S. Rosenthal seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Knight Gumbleton, Captain of the Guard in this Order, briefly acknowledged the compliment.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.

This Conclave met when the previous business was over, and Sir Knight Charles F. Hogard, of the Plantagenet Conclave, No. 2, was advanced to the grades of Viceroy and Sovereign. The Rev. Dr. Smyth was approved as a candidate, and several brethren were proposed for the next meeting. The Conclave was then closed, and the Knights dined together under the sceptre of Sir Knight Little, who presided for Sir Knight Moss, M.P.S., who is out of town. A very pleasant evening was spent, agreeably diversified by the speeches of Sir Knights John Hervey, P. G. Chancellor, E. Sillifant, Rev. Ernest Brette, D.D., T. B. Yeoman, J. G. Marsh, and H. A. Dubois, and the musical talents of Sir Knight H. Parker, the Grand Organist of the Order.

WIRE-QUILTED SOLED BOOTS, which save 50 per cent. in wear, may be had from Burgess, 29A, Oxford-street, W; Speak, 13, Broadway, Ludgate-hill; Blundell, 66, Fore-street, City; Lewis, 209, Liverpool-road, N.; and elsewhere. N.B.—Your regular bootmaker can procure soles ready quilted in every size from the Wire Quilted Company, Limited; or have his own leather quilted by forwarding same to the Company's works, Leicester.—ADV'T.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Clyde Lodge* (No. 408) held its usual monthly meeting on Friday, Sept. 5th, Bro. D. Downie, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. W. Clinton, S.W.; J. Stewart, J.W. There were a number of visiting brethren present. After the lodge had been opened in the first degree, petitions were read from three candidates for initiation. The R.W.M. requested Bro. G. W. Wheeler, of No. 73, to perform the ceremonies for him, which he did. It was then stated that as Bro. Christian Crause, and W. Welman, both master mariners, were about to proceed to sea, it would be necessary for them to take the second and third degrees and at the request of the R.W.M., Bro. G. W. Wheeler, proceeded to pass these two brethren to the Fellow Craft Degree, and thereafter raised them to the sublime degree of Master Masons. At the conclusion of labour the lodge adjourned for refreshment. After the usual loyal toasts the R.W.M. proposed that of "The Initiates, which was responded to by Bro. Wellman, in a neat speech. "On the "Health of Bro. Wheeler," who had done the work, being proposed, he replied, by wishing prosperity to Lodge Clyde and its Right Worshipful Master. Bro. Downie, acknowledged the compliment to the lodge and himself, and gave "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Worthness, in suitable terms. The last toast was "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

GLASGOW.—*Kilwinning Lodge* (No. 4).—This old lodge, in accordance with ancient custom, held an harmonic meeting on Wednesday, September the 3rd, Bro. A Thorburn, R.W.M., presiding; J. Jamison, S.W.; J. Johnson, acting J.W. On the dais were:—Bros. Steet, S. Prov. G.M., I.P.M.; N. J. Sage, P.M. No. 4; J. Bain, P.M. 103, Prov. G.B.B.; J. B. McNair, R.W.M. 332; J. Miller, R.W.M. 413; and William Cammeron, of Kilwinning 97, Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S. The musical part of the programme was under the direction of Bro. Robert Fraser, who is a host in himself, and who by the unanimous wish of the lodge, was affiliated as an honorary member of Kilwinning No. 4. Bro. J. Thompson presided at the harmonium. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the R.W.M. gave that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge." He considered it an honour to the lodge that Bro. Steet, his predecessor in that chair, now occupied the very distinguished post of Substitute Provincial Grand Master, and he should call on him to reply. Bro. Steet said he was rejoiced to meet so many of his old friends again to night. It reminded him of the time, now about 20 years since, when in their old hall in Union-street, they used to hold their harmonic meetings, in accordance with a time-immemorial custom, and as an ancient lodge. He was glad to see they were reviving an ancient usage; he told them when he left the chair that they wanted younger men with more blood to land them on, and Bro. Thorburn was just the right man. They must pardon him if he spoke more of the lodge than of the province, he knew they were all loyal to that, and to the Neilson Government, so he would speak more of home, and he had come there to night not as a member of the province, but as an old member of Kilwinning No. 4, and he had come there to tell them that they might now congratulate themselves on the fact that they had recovered their old minute books that had been so long lost. These books contained minutes that went back for about one hundred years, extending beyond the formation of the Grand Lodge itself, and containing records of the many good men who had belonged to the lodge, men who had been illustrious outside of the lodge for their literary and scientific knowledge and ability. This subject was most on his heart to-night, yet in behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge he thanked them. Bro. Sage said, as the oldest member of the lodge, and one who had been much abroad, he had been requested to give "Freemasonry all over the Globe," and more especially American Freemasons. He had spent many years in America, and could therefore testify to the vitality of American Masonry, and he was happy to say, that to-night they had with them an Ameri-

can Mason, who was also a son of Kilwinning. Bro. Wm. Cammeron, of Chap. 97, Kilwinning, Ohio, U.S., briefly replied; speaking, he said, was not his forte, but he could assure them that in the United States, while they respected Masons from all parts of the world, they always looked with especial favour on Scotch Masons, and regarded Mother Kilwinning as the parent stock. As a member of Kilwinning 97, he was glad to meet with Kilwinning, No. 4. The R.W.M. then gave "The Visiting Brethren." He would couple this toast with Bro. McNair the R.W.M. of 332, for although there were members present from 3½ and other older lodges, yet as they had been contributing so much to the harmony of the meeting in the singing department, he thought they might be glad to get Bro. McNair to speak for them. Bro. McNair replied on behalf of about 30 visiting brethren, thanking the lodge for their hospitable entertainment, and congratulating them on the recovery of their old minute books, as any lodge might well be proud to show their continuous records for a century and a half. The final toast was soon after given. Some excellent glees were sung by Bro. Miller, R.W.M., 413, and his friends. Bros. Fraser, Dinachie, Porter, Johnson, Thomas, Thorburn, McCullough, Mullings, and others also contributed to render this a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge*—This lodge met on Tuesday, September the 4th, Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M., in the chair; G. W. Wheeler, acting S.W.; A. McLeod, J.W. Two candidates were proposed for initiation. The R.W.M. requested the S.W. to perform the ceremony, which he did in a very creditable manner. The grant of a small sum of money to the late Tyler was then, on the motion of J. Hanbridge, Secretary, confirmed, and arrangements were made for the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. J. Wallace.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE NO 1445, KINGSLAND.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., the important ceremony of consecrating a new lodge in the populous district of Kingsland, was most successfully performed. It appears that the large suburbs of Kingsland, Dalston and Stoke Newington have hitherto been destitute of local lodges, and the opening of the Prince Leopold Lodge is therefore felt to be a great boon in the neighbourhood.

Soon after 4 p.m., the brethren assembled at the "Lord Stanley" Tavern, Sandringham-road, where the lodge is to be held, and a procession having been formed under the direction of Bro. R. Wentworth Little, as Director of Ceremonies, the brethren entered the lodge-room, and the chair was taken by V. W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, the Consecrating officer, who appointed Bro. J. Emmens, P.G.P., and H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas. Middlesex, Wardens, pro tem., and Bro. Hoare I.G. The lodge was then opened in the three degrees, after which Bro. Hervey addressed the brethren upon the nature of the meeting, especially counselling them to observe the greatest caution in the selection of initiates, so as to maintain the character and prestige of the Craft. The Acting Chaplain, Bro. Jas. Brett, P.G.P., gave the opening prayer, the D.C. arranged the brethren in order, and requested the presiding officer to constitute the lodge. The petition and warrant were read, and the founders signified their continued approval of the officers designated therein. Bro. Brett then delivered an oration upon the principles of the Order, dwelling briefly, but emphatically, upon the advantages of fraternal love, discriminative benevolence, and the diffusion of light and truth; indicating Freemasonry as the guide to intellectual wisdom, moral strength, and spiritual beauty, and concluding with a hope that centuries hence, the true principles of the Craft might be preserved and disseminated in the Prince Leopold Lodge. The Anthem "Behold how pleasant it is. &c." was then magnificently rendered by the choir, which comprised Bro. Limpus, Prov. G. Organist, Middlesex, Bruce, McDavitt, and Hubbard. The Dedication Prayer, a "Sanctus" and the "Invocation" by the Con-

secrating Officer, followed. The lodge board was then uncovered, and the consecrating elements were carried round three times by the W.M. and Wardens.

The lodge was dedicated and the anthem, "Praise ye the Lord," succeeded.

The Chaplain took the censer round three times, and gave the final dedication prayer, upon which the presiding officer constituted the lodge, under the style and title of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. Boyce's Anthem, "We have built Thee an house" terminated the ceremony of consecration.

Bro. Hervey then proceeded to install the W.M. Designate, Bro. W. T. Howe, with the usual solemnities—the Board of Installed Masters comprising a goodly array of qualified brethren. The following is a complete list of the first officers of the lodge:—Bros. W. T. Howe, 212, W.M.; Frank Green, 212, S.W.; W. H. Myers, 820, J.W.; T. Austin, 933, P.M.; J. Pinder, 15, Sec.; F. W. Wilkins, 86, S.D.; W. F. Stevenson, 754, J.D.; F. Trebeck, 1365, I.G.; J. E. Simms, 1365, D.C.; J. Clark, 174, W.S.; and G. Bruce, 1365, W.S. In addition to the consecrating officers, we noticed the following brethren amongst those present:—Bros. T. A. Hoare, Prov. G.S.; Richd. Limpus, Prov. G.O.; T. Hammond, 212, W.M.; W. Stephens, 1365, W.M.; T. Austin, 933, W.M.; C. Lacey, 1421, W.M., 174, P.M.; W. Jones, 445, P.M.; W. F. Wheeler, 865, P.M.; J. Constable, 185, S.W.; E. B. Graham, 19, I.G.; and several others. The addresses to the W.M., &c., were delivered by Bros. Hervey and Brett,—the former of whom was elected an honorary member—votes of thanks being passed to his assistants.

Ten gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed.

At the banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Townsend, P.M., 820, the host, a number of brethren sat down, under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. Howe, who proved as efficient as a speaker, as he is well known to be an excellent worker in the lodge. Bro. John Hervey, G. Secretary responded for "The D.G.M. and rest of the Grand Officers," and also to the toast of the "Consecrating Master." He then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Howe, and Prosperity to the Prince Leopold Lodge," a toast which was most heartily received, and for which the worthy W.M. expressed his grateful acknowledgments. "The Assistant Consecrating Officers Health" elicited a cordial demonstration, and Bro. Buss responded on their behalf. The W.M. then introduced the toast of the "Masonic Benevolent Institutions," with which he coupled the name of Bro. Wentworth Little, Secretary of the Girls' School, who, in returning thanks, gave a brief account of the origin and progress of the Institutions, and expressed a hope that the new lodge would, under their esteemed Master, support the Schools and the Amnity Fund.

"The Health of the Officers," was proposed in eulogistic terms by the W.M., who enlarged upon the Masonic worth and acquirements of the Wardens, Bros. Green and Myers, also Bro. Pinder, the Secretary, and in fact of all who had accepted office.

The toast was cordially greeted, and the several officers expressed their thanks for the compliment, and their determination to assist the Master in the accomplishment of his desire to make the lodge a great success.

Bro. Pinder especially commended to the brethren the observations of Bro. Little respecting the Masonic Charities, and said he was sure the Prince Leopold Lodge would not ignore one of the primary obligations of the Order—Charity.

We omitted to state that for the "Visitors," Bro. Hammond, W.M., 212 made a most effective response. During the evening the musical brethren, under Bro. Limpus, delighted the company with songs and glees, and everything contributed to make the gathering one thoroughly enjoyable and most pleasant to all.

Alderman and Sheriff Sir Thomas White and Sheriff Sir Frederick Perkins have been honoured by the Shah with the Persian order of the Lion and the Sun.

CONSECRATION OF YARBOROUGH CHAPTER, No. 811, AT BRIGHTON.

In the suite of rooms at the Royal Pavilion, set aside chiefly for Masonic purposes, the unusual and interesting ceremony of consecrating a new chapter, and dedicating it to the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry, took place on Saturday, August 30th, 1873, in the presence of between 40 and 50 Royal Arch Masons from various parts of the county, London, and elsewhere. At half-past three o'clock Companion John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., accompanied by Comp. R. W. Little, Grand Scribe E., Middlesex, and attended by Comp. Thos. Trollope, P.Z. 40, as acting H.; V. Freeman, P.Z., 732, as acting Director of Ceremonies; John Read, P.Z. 720, as Org.; T. J. Sabine, P.Z. 73, as acting Scribe E.; J. M. Cunningham, P.Z. 916, 311, M.E.Z. designate; W. R. Wood, P.Z. No. 2 as H. designate; C. Horsley, Provincial Grand Reg., Middlesex, as J. designate, entered the chapter-room, which was appropriately fitted in a manner peculiar to the teachings of this degree in Freemasonry.

The chapter was then opened in ancient form, and the companions admitted, Comp. Read, P.Z. 720, playing a solemn march on the harmonium.

Comp. John Hervey, G. Scribe E., [who had been specially invited to perform the ceremony of consecration, then addressed the assembled companions on the nature of the meeting, taking especial care to point out in plain and unmistakable language the duties which Royal Arch Freemasons take upon themselves, and referring to the care which should be exercised in the admission of those who from previous experience would prove worthy and devoted members of the Order, and likely by their position and prospects to maintain with honourable pride those noblest of all Masonic characteristics, benevolence and charity, by ever thinking of the young needing a helping hand, and by readily succouring the wants of the aged and distressed. Comp. Hervey closed his address amid applause.

The Consecrating Officer then called on Comp. Sabine (Acting Scribe E.) to read the petition and charter, which having been done,

The D. of Ceremonies, Comp. V. Freeman, assembled all those present who had signed the petition, to whom were addressed the question "Do you approve of the Principals named in the charter," when their approval was signified in form. "The oration" suitable to the occasion was most effectively and impressively given by Comp. R. W. Little, Provincial Grand Scribe E. of Middlesex, in the course of which, he traced Royal Arch Freemasonry from its earliest days to the present, commented upon the useful teachings of its symbolism, and proved to the assembled companions how necessary it was that all Masons should qualify themselves for this further and most necessary degree, without which the mere shell or outline of Freemasonry is only attained. He likewise directed the attention of all Masonic students to the recognition and practice of those responsibilities which every Mason takes upon himself by passing through the degree.

On Comp. Little resuming his seat he was much applauded.

The collars and jewels of the various officers were handed to the consecrating Principal. Upon this being done, the D. of Ceremonies presented to the Consecrating Officer the three Principals appointed by the charter, and the members of the new chapter were placed in two columns immediately in front of the dais. The anthem, "Behold, how pleasant and how good," was effectively given, and the pedestal unveiled, the corn was strewn as an emblem of plenty, the wine poured out as an emblem of joy, and the oil dropped as an emblem of peace. Haydn's Anthem "The spacious Firmament on High," was beautifully rendered, all present joining in, after which the consecrating Principal dedicated and constituted the members into a regularly registered Royal Arch Chapter, named the Yarborough Chapter, No. 811. The acting J. gave the patriarchal benediction and the companions sang a Masonic hymn.

The three Principals, Comp. J. M. Cunningham, P.M. 811, 315, 916, P.Z. 916, P. Prov. S., G.W. Sussex; Comp. W. R. Wood, P.M. 63,

315, 811, P.Z. No. 2, P. Prov. G. J. W. Sussex; and Comp. C. Horsley, P.M. 811, &c., Grand Registrar Provincial Grand Chapter, Middlesex, were placed in their respective chairs. The officers were nominated and invested as follows:—Comp. Thos. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, Scribe N.; Comp. T. Cook, 2nd A.S.; Comp. W. H. German was unanimously elected Treasurer. The remaining offices were left open until next meeting of the Chapter.

Two brethren were proposed for exaltation.

The business of the day having terminated, and the chapter closed, the companions sat down to a banquet provided by Messrs. Mutton Bros. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. The toast of the evening was that of the health of the Consecrating Officer, Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., of whom the M.E.Z. spoke in the highest possible praise, as a genuine working Mason, ready at all times to promote the welfare of his companions, and to render assistance, advice, or guidance to the young Mason.

Companion Hervey replied, and in doing so took occasion to refer to the pleasure he experienced in once more having had the opportunity of visiting Brighton. He said it was many years ago since he consecrated a chapter in this beautiful town, which he had found so much improved since his last visit. He fully believed the Yarborough Chapter would be a prosperous and carefully managed branch of the royal degree. It augured well for its future that at its head were three Companions of the Order so experienced, but he must add a word or two of his satisfaction at the manner in which Companion Sabine had managed the whole affair, which up to this latest moment left nothing wanting. He regarded the completeness of every detail with much satisfaction, and he had to thank Comp. Sabine for taking off his hands the very large amount of troublesome work. He must also allude before he sat down to the assistance rendered him that day by Comps. Trollope, Little, Read, and, not least, to the very valuable services of Comp. V. Freeman, who, as Director of the Ceremonies, had performed the delicate and difficult work of the office with most commendable skill and ability. He concluded by expressing a hope that on some future occasion he should be able to pay the Yarborough Chapter a visit, when he had no doubt to find everything in good working order.

The remaining toasts, including "Success to the Masonic Institutions," were then given, and the companions separated at an early hour, all well pleased with a happy, instructive, and delightful day.

Amongst those present during the day, in addition to those already referred to, we noticed from the South Saxon Chapter, No. 211, Comps. W. W. Turner and H. Freeman; the Lennox Chapter, 271, Comps. Gill, R. J. Rogers, and R. B. P. Taaffe; the Hartington Chapter, 916, Comps. C. H. Matthews, W. Kirkland, Thos. Lane, M.E.Z., and G. Flint; Royal Sussex Chapter, 732, Comps. G. Smith, P.Z., W. Smith, W. Hudson, M.E.Z., W. Challen, P.Z., Jas. W. Stride, and J. S. Houghton; the Emulation Chapter, 40, Comps. James Dorman, A. R. Croucher, and others.

The following companions were, from various circumstances, unable to attend:—Comps. Lord Pelham, 171, G. E. Pocock, P.Z., 271; G. Tatham, P.Z. 271; E. J. Furner, P.Z. 271; W. H. Hallett, M.E.Z., 271; W. Pulteney Scott, P.G.S.N., P.Z., No. 2; Capt. Braithwaite; W. B. Tanner, M.E.Z., 40; A. Elmsley, P.Z., 311; James Terry, P.Z.; E. Bostock, 732; Joseph Spencer, 73; C. G. Reed, P.Z., 732; W. J. Smith, 73, Capt. Molineux, M.E.Z., No. 2, F. Walters, P.Z., 73, J. S. Gowen, P.Z., Henry Dabose, P.Z.; Major Shadwell H. Clerke, P.Z.; William Hyde Pallen, P.Z.; Capt. H. Stratford; and George Kenning, P.Z.

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ἸΝΘΩΙ ΣΕ ΑΥΤΩΝ.

(By the Author of "ALPHA AND OMEGA")
Dedicated to the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Ave Rosa Crucis! When through the dark valley
The shadows of Death mock the pilgrims of
Woe,
When Error and Fraud their grim satellites
rally,
Unflinching under thy banner we go.

Thy vision of Truth to the Soldier believing
Gleams bright on the Altar, fulfils the desire,
And sheds o'er the veil of Mortality's weaving
A purer aura of spiritual fire.

There thrills through our ranks, from thy sweet
inspiration,

A mystic spell like to the sound of the sea.
The charmed hymn wakes, to eternal vibration
The echoes of Nature in full melody;
It whispers the roll of the infinite muster
Of worlds which revolve in their orbital race.
Illumed by a keen inconceivable lustre;
And held by immutable Laws in the space;
Upspreading, it kisses the seal of Creation
And worships afar at the signet of God,
Till melting in glow of divine exhalation
It pours down the path which Emanuel trod;
Returning it unlocks the mazes of Seven,
The spheres through which we to Perfection
press on.

'Ere steeped in the splendour of Three times
Eleven

We gaze through the Light which the perfect
have won;

It ends in announcing the Message of Heaven
Over which radiates the face of the One,
Proclaiming the Crown of the Sacrifice given,
The anguish endured and the Victory done.

We hear it, the mystical ladder ascending,
Which yields, at each step, the initial of flame
Whose ascents caught up by Archangel, come
blending

And breathe out, in awe, the ineffable Name.

The Eagle exultant, ascends to the morning,
With wing golden tipp'd by the Lord of the East.
From ashes, the Phoenix, the fire-circle scorning,
Soars in renewed youth and with beauty
increased;

Its innocent brood see the Pelican nourish,
In shedding its lifeblood, with pinion unfurled;
And long in our midst may their attributes
flourish

For these are the Types we disclose to the world.
The bold gaze of Hate and the sad sigh of Sorrow
We quench in a Charity deeper than they,
The Faith of the Present, the Hope of the Morrow
Transmit through the Ages our roseate ray.

The Past may mistake or the Future condemn us,
Our Love is link'd firm to the Ancient of Days;
Opponents may harass and ambushes hem us,
But none from our ranks our great Captain
betrays.

With Him when the eyelash grown wet at our
story

Is dried with the solace 'tis His to bestow,
Shall Princes and Sages assemble in Glory
Who fought the good fight in the valley below.

A MASONIC PARTING.

By Bro. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., and P.Z.

In friendship we meet, and in friendship we part,
With brotherly love inspiring each heart:
Remembering, ever, if tempted to roam,
That affection and duty alike call us home.

Our duties are pleasures, our mission's to sow
The seed of good feeling, wherever we go;
But nothing we do will suffice to atone
For lack of the duty we all owe at home.

Our wives are our helpmates, and often they show
For us what is best they assuredly know;
Then, let us remember, if tempted to roam,
That affection and interest both call us home.

ERRATA.—In "An Entered Apprentice's Prayer," in the last *Freemason*, in stanza 5, last line, for *this* read *thus*. In last stanza, line 2, insert *me*, after *inspires*.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.—No. 2.

A curious book was published in the year 1765, entitled "a defence of Masonry as practised in the regular Lodges" (London). It is especially valuable because of a reference to Dr. Dassigny, and also to Bro. Laurence Dermott.

It is the only printed notice of Dr. Dassigny we have been able to trace within a few years of the publication of "Ahiman Rezon," A.D. 1756, (which is the first work that is known to allude to that author) and yet we cannot but think there must be other allusions to his "Impartial Enquiry," published in 1744.

We shall be glad to correspond with any brother who has discovered a reference to Dr. Dassigny, or his works between the years 1740 and 1780, as the value of his books are not easily over-estimated, seeing they contain the earliest printed references to Royal Arch Masonry known. We have a copy of the "Impartial Enquiry," of 1744, believed to be unique, but there is still another work of his to be traced.

W. J. HUGHAN.

CLAPTON LODGE, No. 1365.—The installation meeting of this lodge will take place at the White Hart Hotel, Clapton, on Wednesday next, September 17th.

RENFREWSHIRE ELECTION took place on Wednesday. Polling-booths were opened at 8 o'clock, their localities being Paisley, Neilston, Pollokshaws, Crosshill, Kinning Park, and Greenock. The result of the election was as follows:—Bro. Col. Campbell (Conservative), 1,855; Bro. Col. Moore (Liberal), 1,677. Majority for Bro. Campbell, 178.

Bro. Montague will re-open the Globe Theatre for the winter season with a play entitled "Chivalry," by Mr. Richard Lee, whose "Ordeal by Touch" obtained a marked success at the Queen's last year.

MEMORIAL WINDOW IN ST. PAUL'S.—One of the five light clerestory windows on the north side of St. Paul's Cathedral has been filled with stained glass. The five openings are filled with a subject taken from the life of King Solomon in the Temple. Under the window is a brass, placed upon one of the piers, with the following inscription:—"The above window was erected by Susannah Woodcock, in loving memory of her husband, William Henry Woodcock, who died November 2nd, 1870, in the 73rd year of his age."

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Francis Tussaud, son of the late Madam Tussaud. The event took place on Sunday, Aug. 31st. The Exhibition in Baker-street was closed on the 5th inst., the date fixed for the funeral.

NEXT YEAR'S EISTEDDVOD.—The success of the Mold Eisteddvod has given an impetus to the committee of next year's Bangor Eisteddvod, and at the meeting last week a satisfactory amount of progress was reported. In addition to the list of subjects drawn out by the committee, and published a short time ago, a number of handsome prizes have been offered by several ladies and gentlemen, who take a warm and patriotic interest in the success of the great national gathering. Foremost among the number are Miss Edith Wynne and Mr. Brinley Richards, whose sacrifices in the cause of Welsh nationality are already well known. Mr. Brinley Richards announced at Mold, that a triple harp would be offered as a prize at Bangor, and Miss Wynne offers a handsome prize for the best collection of Welsh proverbs.—*Llandudno Directory*.

"NEVER OVER-ESTIMATE YOUR STRENGTH!"—Pain, though hard to bear, is evidently necessary for our safety, wanting it disorder would become disease without our knowledge; death would end the scene ere danger was discovered. Suffering is the indication of some disorder or disease, and should never be neglected, for the pain of today may prove the agony of to-morrow. Holloway's remedies stand pre-eminently forward, and are everywhere commended for quickly removing all maladies when the least uneasiness has discovered their seat and kind. These remedies so purify the blood and regulate its circulation, that every organ acts perfectly and every secretion is natural, which is health; and may be secured by every individual at a trifling outlay.—*ADVT.*

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES RICHMOND SHEEN.

Freemasonry both in her theoretical teachings and practical operations of charity, has lost a steady supporter in the demise of Bro. Sheen.

A long life time of manly exertion and uniform devotions to her best interests cannot but be admired by those good masons who had not the pleasure and privilege of his acquaintance, but a deep heart-felt grief must we all experience who have had the delights of his friendship, the aid of his Masonic teachings, and the intercourse of his cultivated intellect. If his universal charity can be said to have developed itself in one position more than another, it was in the direction of the Orphan Institution for the daughters of Freemasons, and, singular to say, it was in that very asylum of usefulness that he met with the accident by a fall which proved the exciting cause of his death, at the age of 65 years. For the greater part of the current year, Bro. Sheen had exhibited signs of gradually declining health, and proffered his resignation of several of the important posts of trust and honour which he held in the Craft, all of which, however, were thrust back upon him, and he was in complete Masonic harness to the time of his death, on the 1st instant. He was a member of the House Committee of the Girls' School, a permanent member of the Board of Benevolence, Scribe E. of the Jerusalem Chapter, and had only one member standing before him as Father of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201.—Bro. Patten, the late Secretary of the Girls' School.

Bro. Sheen, in his long career of usefulness, has had many honours thrust upon him; but, although not altogether despising the glitter of outward show, always felt a greater delight in quietly doing good: hence he not only never put himself forward for Grand Lodge honours, but persistently refused to be put forward by others who sought to vary the even path of deserving merit by some of those marks of distinction which only real worth will dispense with. One of his last acts of benevolence, apparently only to add to the amount on the list of the Steward who represented his mother lodge at the Festival of the Girl's School, was to make a nephew a Life Governor of that institution. He always asserted that whatever honour might be paid to deserving merit, none could reach the satisfaction of that which would accrue from a consistent and uniform support of the charities. Thus, on one occasion, when a Master of the lodge of which Bro. Sheen had already been a P.M. for years, receiving at the end of his year of office the award of a Past Master's jewel, preferred to present the five guineas to the funds of the Boys' Institution, making thereby his "Lewis" a life subscriber of that charity, Bro. Sheen stepped forward and said, that choice, my brethren, I consider is fraught with more honour than the display of a score of jewels. At the next meeting, however, he himself presented a Past Master's jewel to the brother, with the following inscription thereon:—"A jewel was voted to Bro. — P.M., by the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, for his efficient services as W.M. in 18—. He preferred giving the amount to the Masonic Boys' School, in token of which this jewel is presented to him by his sincere friend, J. R. Sheen, P.M. 201."

His remains were placed in the family grave at Woking, on Saturday, September the 6th, a large number of relations, brethren, and friends attending to pay a last meed of respect to his worth.

The Rev. Reginald Hay Hills, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the parish in which the departed had resided for upwards of 30 years, read the service in the sad ceremony, the chapel being full of mourners, among whom we noticed Messrs. W. M. Kedge, H. Kedge, H. Coombes, J. Blake, W. S. Young, H. Hopkins, J. Wilson, and others, the executors, Bros. Dyer, Moorman, and Mr. J. Saunders.

Among the brotherhood present representing a large number of lodges were:—Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P. Prov. D.C.M. Middlesex; R. Watts, Holbrook, Harris, T. White, Sheppard, W. Hammond, Davage, Stevens, Terry, Genese, Terry, Lane, and others. Many letters of con-

dolence have been received from members of the chapters and lodges connected therewith, all manifesting the depth of grief which their loss had occasioned. Thus writes one, all re-echoing similar sentiments:—"In the death of our dear friend, I feel that the course of charity, more particularly that important branch connected with the education of orphans, has sustained the loss of one of its most generous, liberal, and judicious advocates and supporters. Personally I grieve for the loss of a genuine kind-hearted friend."

Bro. Sheen was the author of a very interesting and valuable book on "Wines and other Fermented Liquors from the Earliest Ages to the Present Time," a work exhibiting much careful research and literary taste and ability. "A Four Days' Ramble," too, from his pen, is a most readable production, exhibiting much keen thought and close observation in a tour through Surrey and West Sussex. He also wrote at an earlier date, "A Treatise on Chemical Experiments," a subject to which his early life was devoted. "First Impressions," "Jottings by the Way," &c. There are few lives of such usefulness as that of Bro. Sheen's, between the time that he left Chislehurst, as an educated young man, starting in life, and that at which he returned to the spot to breathe his last.

A PRESENTATION GOLD MEDAL FROM HIS HOLINESS PIUS IX.

Bro. John Tweed, Glasgow, has been favoured with a presentation from Pio Nono, which, independent of its intrinsic value, is no ordinary compliment to a Scottish publisher.

Bro. Tweed is the publisher of a curious volume, entitled "The Catholic History of Scotland," compiled with great care, at a very great expense, and interesting to every class of Scotchmen.

Bro. Tweed forwarded a volume of this work to his Holiness Pio Nono, and in return, has been presented with a solid gold medal, of very considerable value, having a medallion portrait of the Pope upon it, being executed with great artistic beauty, and adorned with appropriate insignia. The presentation has been accompanied with the following gracious letter, and which Bro. Tweed, is bound to treasure as a curious and precious relic. Upon the envelope in which the medal was enclosed, Pio Nono writes, in his own hand,—"To the Rector of the Scottish College, for the Publisher, Pius IX."

"Dear Sir,—At the request of His Grace Archbishop Eyre, I beg to inform you that the volume of "The Catholic History of Scotland," some time since received from you for presentation to His Holiness the Pope, was duly forwarded to Rome, and presented to the Holy Father by the Most Rev. Monsignor Simeoni, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide. His Holiness admired exceedingly the elegant appearance of the volume. On turning over the leaves he recognised, in the steel engravings of the Scottish Bishops, old and familiar faces. The Italian Address accompanying the volume was also read to His Holiness, who was very much pleased with it, and as a substantial proof of his paternal feeling, and an encouragement to the publisher, he immediately brought forth a beautiful Gold Medal enclosed in a crimson velvet case, adorned with the Pontifical Arms, and desired that it should be presented to you. The medal has just arrived, and you can receive it on calling at the residence of His Grace the Archbishop. It is a magnificent work of art, in massive and pure gold, in size larger than a crown piece, having on the obverse a beautiful profile figure of the Holy Father in very high relief; on the reverse side is a highly finished view of the Loggia Di Raffaele, or Hall of Raphael, of the Vatican Palace in Rome.

"I have the honour to remain, Dear Sir, Your most obedient servant,

"H. W. HOWLEY,
"Secy. to the Archbishop."

The following stand over:—"Harmony between the Bible and Freemasonry;" Reports of District Grand Lodge of Bengal; Lodges 754; 871; Chapter 348.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1873.

AN ORATION.

By BRO. L. P. METHAM, D.P.G.M.

The following is the oration of Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. of England, and D.Prov. G.M., which was delivered on Thursday, Aug. 28th, at the Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Town

Hall at Dawlish, on the occasion of the consecration of Lodge Salem No. 1443:—

"Right Worshipful Sir.—The commands you have laid upon me to perform to-day the customary duty of addressing the brethren present, and more particularly the brethren of the lodge we are about to consecrate, will be obeyed with great willingness, but I fear, owing to illness with even less force than on former occasions. I, however, feel the importance of this portion of the ceremony, on each recurring occasion for its exercise, to be of a very increasing and grave character, especially in all that relates to the conduct of the brethren without, as well as within, the lodge. I therefore propose to-day, to confine myself to urging upon all who hear me, the necessity of guarding more carefully than ever the portals of our Order, that none unworthy shall be permitted to enter. Never in the history of the Craft was Masonry so flourishing, if numbers are to be accepted as the proof of success. In our own province a member has been added to the body for nearly every day of the past year. If each of those initiates is really what his proposer and seconder, and the Lodge which has accepted him, are bound by their obligations to scrupulously enquire and satisfy themselves that he is, namely, a 'good man and true,' then have we reason to rejoice that our principles have gained so many volunteers for their support and dissemination. Indeed it would, in such a case, be a subject of deep regret that the number has not been multiplied by thousands for every unit, so as to hasten the coming of that millennium when the great Brotherhood of Nations shall learn, in the practice of universal Masonry to forget that war, bloodshed, discord, and misery polluted the world which the great God has given us for our use and enjoyment, so full of beauty, peace, and harmony. But if, on the other hand, sufficient care has not been taken by the lodges, for on them, as the ultimate court of appeal, must rest the responsibility of every initiation, to test the moral qualities as well as the social position of each candidate proposed for admission into their number, it is impossible but that some have gained admission who are unworthy of the honour, and who will do discredit to the Order. If there be twenty such, or ten such, or even five such, amongst the 350 candidates admitted into the Devonshire lodges, better would it have been for the province and for the Order that not a single candidate should have been initiated during the whole year. The strength of every noble edifice or stately structure is to be estimated, not by the altitude of its towers, by the number of its arches, or by the size of its buttresses, but by the strength of its weakest part. A deficient key-stone, a rotten stone in the foundation, or a loose screw, may, in a moment reduce to absolute ruin the proudest monument of the builder's art. And in the present day, when the spirit of the age is one of enquiry, when every pretension to superior consideration is immediately challenged, when all who claim skill or knowledge which are not possessed by others, must be prepared to show that their skill is real and their knowledge is true, Masonry more than any other human institution will, whether its members like it or

not, be subject to the same spirit of enquiry; it will have to pass, as it were, through an ordeal of fire, to run the gauntlet of the severest criticism, and to encounter the sharpest ridicule. The fire will not scathe us, the criticism will not wound us, neither will the ridicule give us any concern, if we are, as a body, true to our principles, if in our daily lives we practice what we have learned in our lodges. But if the dissolute claim admission for the sake of conviviality, and have his claim allowed, if the bankrupt thinks Masonry will rebuild the fortune which neglect and improvidence have ruined, or if those whose private lives will not bear examination as to their morality, honesty, or religious sentiments, are permitted to parade themselves in our ranks, the world will judge the Order, not by the thousands of just and upright men who range under its banners, having the tongue of good repute heard ever in their favour, but by the tens, or the units, by whose admission our own carelessness has given the outer world the power to judge and to condemn us. I use the word carelessness advisedly, for I cannot believe that any man who had pondered for a single moment on the solemn obligations he had taken as a Master, or even as a simple member of a lodge, would deliberately recommend any to a participation of our secrets, or permit them to share our privileges, unless he had a well founded confidence that the candidate so proposed would reflect credit on our choice. But the fact remains and cannot be contradicted, that many unworthy and unfitting men have of late years been admitted into the Order. Now each of these men holds the honour and the good name of the Craft in his keeping as much as the most worthy and upright brethren do. An offence committed by an individual who is not a Mason affects but a limited circle, but when committed by a Mason it tarnishes the pure metal of our whole Order. It is not sufficient for us to point to the thousands of our brethren who lead blameless and useful lives, which show forth, as a shining light, the teaching of Masonry carried into daily practice. It is not sufficient for us to contend that bad members are to be found in every sect, even among professing Christians; the world is only too eager to seize every opportunity of condemning what it does not understand, and by that opinion and judgment we must, as all other human institutions must, stand or fall. When, therefore, we see, my brethren, that one hour of a bad man's life will weigh more against the body to which we are so proud to belong, than the whole of a good man's history, let us exercise the greatest care that none are admitted who can bring us, individually and collectively, into contempt. I speak to the whole of the brethren who are present, and more emphatically to you, W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Salem. I entreat you to be able to tell us in future years that you have made the internal and moral qualities of each candidate the subject of most searching enquiry and the test of admission, rather than his external position and advantages. Your duty, Worshipful Sir, is plain, to you is confided the honour of the whole body throughout the world; see that you perform your duty firmly; your duty, officers of the lodge, is equally plain; and so is yours, members of the

lodge ; see that you each, in your turn, are prepared to justify your acceptance into your ranks of every candidate, tested as it ought to be by the principles of the Order. At all cost, my brethren, refuse admission to the unworthy and the unfitting. Let no ambition to enlarge your numbers, no eagerness to increase your funds, ever divert you from following the straight and undeviating line which should ever mark the footsteps of the true Mason. I trust I have dealt with this subject so as to give pain to none, I have specified no individual case, but there must be many here who know well that I have reason for what I have said. My own experience and the experience of my Masonic friends throughout the kingdom guide me to the clear conclusion that I ought to address you on the subject. I should be unworthy of the confidence placed in me by him by whose grace I fill the proud office I do, and of the confidence you have always extended to me in the discharge of my responsible duties, if cowardice or indifference led me to be silent in the presence of an evil which is sapping the pure fame of our Institution. If you would save that pure fame, let every Mason strike at the very root of the evil, let each satisfy himself of the good moral qualities of the candidates offered for their acceptance. Do not be satisfied with the negative fact that you know no evil of them, but assure yourselves that their minds and their dispositions are attuned to Masonry. Make each candidate understand that ours is no benefit society, from which he may expect to receive more than he brings, but on the contrary, let him be told that he will be expected to give rather than to receive, to do good to his fellow creatures rather than to be pensioners upon them. Let him, if possible, be taught more clearly still that while we enjoy each other's society round the festive board, temperance chastens our enjoyment, and that there is no room there for the drunkard and the dissolute. Tell every candidate that before he can become one of us he must, in the words of our antient charge, 'Let prudence direct him, temperance chasten him, and justice be the guide of all his actions.' And then, in the words of a distinguished brother—'The rigid observance of these rules for a series of years, and not many years will be required, will restore the goodly condition of former years, when the moral force of the Masonic obligation was alone sufficient to secure obedience to all requirements, and enable us to feel that it is a great honour and distinction in society to be hailed and recognised as Freemasons. With these views it has been my constant effort, in visiting lodges, to impress upon my brethren a higher standard of Masonic excellence, more exacting tests of fitness in candidates, a more rigid observance of our solemn personal obligations to each other in all our intercourse, and more readiness to punish every departure from those obligations. I have urged upon them everywhere, that the so-called lesser evils of society, of which the law of the land takes no cognizance—intemperance, profanity evil speaking, hypocrisy and deception—are all Masonic offences; and, as we would preserve the ancient lustre and hallowed charm which has so long encircled the Fraternity, we cannot be too zealous in their condemnation and punishment.' I

fervently pray that with me you will strain every nerve to remove the spots which disfigure our glorious luminary, and then, brethren, to quote from another distinguished brother, a P.G. Chaplain of England—"If thus, brethren, we hold to the great principles of our Order, 'adding to our faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance, to temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity;' then we shall hand down something in our generation to bless and enrich our Craft, our country, and our kind. Systems may change; customs may vary; nay, empires may rise or fall, we shall still, keeping in view the ancient landmarks and 'the bright and morning star' go on our way rejoicing—rejoicing in the spread of truth, of virtue of charity—rejoicing in the diffusion of that peace and good will which shall really conduce to the brotherhood of nations—rejoicing in the mitigation of human suffering, in the alleviation of human sorrow, and in the elevation of human thought. Then, having passed through the apprenticeship of human discipline, having had fellowship in the work of restoration—having mastered the lower passions and affections of human nature, having, in fact, finished the work given us to do, we shall exchange these lodges or tents we now inhabit for eternal mansions not made with hands, which the Great Architect has prepared—and we shall enter on the possession of that promised land where the good and faithful workman shall rejoin the companions of his former toils, shall rest from his labours, and shall receive his 'great reward.' "

The delivery of the foregoing address was concluded amidst the heartiest applause.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW TOWN HALL AT DUNOON.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., an imposing demonstration took place at Dunoon, on the occasion of the laying the foundation-stone of the New Burgh Buildings and Town Hall for that beautiful watering place. The weather during the entire day was delightfully fine, and from an early hour in the forenoon the prepossessing village was quite astir and wore more than a holiday aspect. The streets were crowded with people—fine and gaily-dressed ladies and gentlemen—the quiet inhabitant and summer resident alike entering into the spirit of the occasion; flags waving in every direction, music striking the ear wherever one went, the pageant of a public procession—all went to make up a scene of peculiar loveliness, a scene to be remembered.

Dunoon has long felt the want of a proper public hall, and unavailing efforts were frequently made to have that want supplied. Some months ago, however, the Police Commissioners were successful in carrying out measures for the erection of a suitable place, and that, commenced as it was in June last, is expected to be completed early in the forthcoming year. The edifice, which faces Argyll Street, is in the old Scottish style of architecture, and is fitted up with burgh offices and the concomitant platform and rooms of a convenient public meeting-place. The hall is on the second storey, will accommodate 500 people, and has its entrance from Hanover-street. The burgh offices are on the ground floor, and are to have their entrance from Argyll-street. The entire building will cost about £3500.

The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, as has been stated, was performed on Saturday, the 30th ult., with full Masonic honours, by Bro. J. J. Grieve, M.P., for Greenock, and Right Worshipful Grand Deputy Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of West Renfrewshire Masons. Previous to the ceremony, however, a grand procession, composed chiefly of Masons, took place,

the processionists, to the music of five instrumental bands, marching through the principal streets. This was a very imposing part of the proceedings, and attracted a great deal of attention. About half-past two the procession arrived at the new building, and the various companies of demonstrators—a body of the county constabulary, the magistrates and police commissioners, the Provincial Grand Lodge and other Masonic lodges, the Good Templars, &c.,—were soon in their proper places. The gathering of people here was very large, and every piece of vantage ground, including the spacious platform erected on the partly-completed building, was crowded with ladies and gentlemen, among whom we observed General Anderson, C.B., and party from Edinburgh. The ceremony was commenced by Bro. the Rev. Arch. Fullarton, Greenock, engaging in prayer. Provost Smith then presented Bro. Grieve with a handsome silver trowel, for which, as well as for the honour accorded him, the Right Worshipful Deputy Master thanked the promoters of the demonstration. The various formalities, including the placing of a bottle containing the coins of the realm, and a copy of each the Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Greenock newspapers in the cavity of the stone, having been completed and the stone declared properly laid.

Bro. Grieve addressed the gathering. He said that by the favour of Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Grand Master of West Renfrewshire, he had been deputed to perform the ceremony which had been completed, and although not performed in the efficient way it would have been by the Right Worshipful G. Master, yet, it had been done with a sincere heart and a good will. It afforded him great pleasure to come and witness this flourishing place, which might now be ranked as a town. By the enterprise of the inhabitants and the worthy magistrates, they had raised a hall which would be worthy the place, and he could not more suitably impress upon them, than in the fine language of their (the officiating) clergyman, the duties that devolved upon them in the maintenance of the hall. He trusted the enterprise of Dunoon would be an example to many other places, for it was of the utmost importance to have a proper place for the great bulk of the people to assemble and deliberate, and express themselves on all matters affecting the community and the nation at large. He had therefore to congratulate them that that edifice had been erected under the Provostship of his respected friend Mr. Smith. He trusted it would be the precursor of many blessings to the burgh.

Provost Smith said he had to thank Mr. Grieve for his kindness in coming to Dunoon and so efficiently laying the foundation stone of that building. The operations connected with it had hitherto been carried on without accident, and he trusted the auspicious commencement might be followed up to an equalley prosperous and happy termination. The want of a public hall had long been felt in Dunoon, but up to the present any effort in the direction of having the want supplied always fell through. Last year the Commissioners adopted steps to bring into requisition the clauses of the Police and Public Improvement Acts, whereby an assessment was leviable for public buildings, and through this and the good offices of the late Bro. John M'Arthur Moir, who generously granted a free site on which to erect the hall, the long-desired object was attained, and the hall, as they saw, was now far advanced towards completion. He could not but embrace the opportunity of bearing testimony of the enlightened interest that Bro. Moir manifested in that place during all their negotiations and intercourse with him in reference to the affairs of the town, during the very short time he enjoyed the estate. The Commissioners, as well as the general community, had great reason to mourn his early death.

In the course of the afternoon a public dinner took place in the Free Church Academy, when a large number of gentleman sat down. Provost Smith occupied the chair, and the croupiers were Bailies Melville and Lyall and Captain R. W. Young.

Dinner over, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts.

Dr. Thomson gave "Both Houses of Parlia-

ment," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Grieve, M.P., who replied.

The toasts which followed included:—"Success to the New Town Hall," "The Police Commissioners of Dunoon," "The Provincial Grand Master," "The Provincial Grand Secretary," "The Architects," "The Contractors," "The Masonic Deputations," "The Strangers," "The Joint Committees," "The Press," "The Croupiers," "The Ladies," "The Chairman."

The architect for the hall is Mr. R. A. Bryden, of Clarke & Bell, Glasgow; contractor for mason work, Andrew Dixon; joiner work, Thos. Young; plumber work, James Kelly; slater work, Moses Neilson; plaster work, Robert Stirling—all of Dunoon; and the whole is under the superintendence of Mr. James Tannock, Clerk of Works.

About 280 Masons were present at the demonstration, and the lodges represented, so far as reported, were.—3½, St. John, Glasgow; 12, Greenock Kilwinning; 68, Doric Kilwinning, Port-Glasgow; 103, Union and Crown, Glasgow; 116, Royal Arch, Ruthlerglen; 129, St. Mirren, Paisley; 179, St. John, Greenock; 219, Star, Glasgow; 275, Shamrock and Thistle, Glasgow; 292, St. John, Rothesay; 335, Dunoon, Argyle; 413, Athole, Glasgow; 419, Neptune, Glasgow; 437, Govandale, Glasgow; 496, St. Mark, Ardnadam; 412, Thorntree, Thorliebank; and Provincial Grand Lodge West Renfrewshire, which consisted of J. J. Grieve, M.P., P. Prov. G. Master, who had been deputed to act by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart; D. Anderson, Prov. G. Depute-Master; H. J. Anderson, Prov. G. Substitute-Master; J. G. Shanks, Prov. G. Senior Warden; J. Wilson, Prov. G. Junior Warden; A. Boag, Prov. G. Secretary; J. R. Allison, Prov. G. Treasurer; J. D. Macdonald, Prov. G. Clerk; Rev. A. Fullarton, Prov. G. Chaplain; and Bros. D. Leslie, R. Parker, J. M'Gregor, Capt. Young, H. Blair, T. Greir, J. P. Fyfe, J. Russell, R. D. Oliphant, R. Allan, G. Hamilton, J. F. Muir, and N. Tasker.

Original Correspondence.

SPIRITUALISTS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the few remarks I offered on this subject, in *The Freemason* of August, 16th, I did not base my belief in spiritualism, or correctly speaking, my firm conviction of its truth—meaning by "Spiritualism," the occasional and frequent manifestation of the presence amongst us of disembodied spirits, who make their presence known in various ways; sometimes by moving or otherwise acting upon material objects, sometimes by audible voices, sometimes by making one part of themselves visible, and almost always by giving intelligent answers, sometimes correct and sometimes otherwise, to questions asked, or communicating facts, sometimes already known, and sometimes unknown to the person communicated with—I did not, I say, place my belief in these phenomena upon the "performances," as they are sometimes called, of the Davenport Brothers, or other public "mediums," but upon what has spontaneously occurred in my own residence, no one being present but my wife and myself. I feel bound, nevertheless, to say a word on the statement made by Mr. Maskelyne, in *The Freemason*, of the 30th ult., as to my having been "in error," when I stated that the "£1000 challenge dodge" of a spiritualist "had not been accepted," he having, as he alleges, accepted both this and another, of £250, offered by the same person. I certainly was under the impression that neither of these offers—not wagers—had been accepted, but were still open, and the enquiries I have subsequently made confirm that impression. I have carefully read the correspondence that took place between the gentleman who offers the money and Mr. Maskelyne himself; and I think it shows, beyond all doubt, that Mr. Maskelyne has never accepted the challenge. He advertised that he could and would do all that has been done by the Davenport Brothers, that he could and would do any thing that Mr. Home, or other mediums can do, and thus show that Spiritualism

is "all humbug," and that the success of mediums depends upon "the gullibility of their audience." If you will do that "under the same conditions," replies the challenger, "I will forfeit £1000. He says, "You profess to expose the Davenports. To do so you must do what they have done, hundreds, if not thousands, of times, as a matter of common notoriety, established by the united testimony of innumerable non-spiritual press reporters, in various parts of the world, and which there will be no difficulty in finding any number of witnesses 'of integrity' to testify to. Nothing short of this was implied in my challenge from the very first. If you have ever followed up the career of the Devonports at all, as I am sure you have, you must know that your account falls ludicrously short of what they are asserted, by overwhelming testimony, to have done in public (and often in private) séances, under much more severe tests than they were ever subjected to in public."

The "conditions" are the matter of contention, and certainly Mr. Maskelyne has never agreed to these, and hence the thing remains as it was.

I do not desire to interfere between these two gentlemen, but merely to state my own judgment upon the question. I may, however, be permitted to remark, that it is to be regretted that Mr. Maskelyne should have made any attack upon those who, like myself, have good evidence for their belief in the spiritual phenomena, by representing them as knaves or fools, alleging that the knaves humbug the fools; and alleging, also, that he is a perfect master of "the trickery" by which what they deem spiritual manifestations are produced. I am not aware of any Spiritualist having attempted to deprecate the wonderful cleverness of Mr. Maskelyne's performances, which will, I hope, continue to draw large and gratified audiences, notwithstanding the hard words and vituperation which he hurls at the "gullible" spiritualists.

WILLIAM CARPENTER.

LANGUAGE OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having read the article under the above heading, permit me to make a few observations upon the principles sought to be inculcated. I fully appreciate the genuine tenets of Freemasonry and am satisfied that the Craft has no desire to alter our ritual in any way tending to a deviation from the established landmarks of the Order.

There are many very enthusiastic and highly intelligent brethren, whom others have been good enough to designate "innovators," from having rendered our ceremonies and lectures in grammatical phraseology, adding such beauties of rhetoric (maintaining their original essence) as to captivate the hearers and induce many to pursue their researches with greater self-denial and love, and thus secure an indissoluble adherence to our noble Institution and its valuable precepts.

Freemasonry should be ("not is") one of the agencies to preserve the purity of the English tongue, but such a consummation, although, "devoutly to be wished," cannot be under our present regime. Many honorable members aspire to, and obtain the position of Master, and I can testify in many instances, that their want of education has brought strong censure upon us. Allow me to state one fact in proof of my assertion. A short time since a gentleman was introduced to lodge and regularly initiated—subsequently he was heard to remark, "that a copy of the English grammar should be presented to the W.M., for the ceremony which he had just witnessed deserved a better exponent." It must be stated that the Master referred to was well skilled in the noble science, but had obtained his knowledge from those indefatigable preceptors who exult in promulgating undeviatingly the time-honoured, but rather faulty exposition of the ritual, transmitted by our respected forefathers, and who fail to acknowledge that we are progressive beings, endowed with reason by an Almighty Architect, which noble gift they also fail to apply and appreciate."

I beg to assert that men of "correct tastes," while profoundly conscious of the sublime sim-

plicity of our ritual, are nevertheless anxious to promote a correct rendering of Masonic language, which, should bear the impress of enlightenment and education.

The simile of the artist who endeavoured to improve a lily of nature with daubs of paint, is a poor attempt at comparison, for it bears no analogy to the Craft; the principles of Freemasonry, which every right-minded brother will revere, are eternal and unalterable, but being transmitted orally, the original wording cannot be supposed to exist in its purity, hence many errors have naturally crept in, therefore, it is absurd to complain of those who have endeavoured to rectify such anomalies as appear to them contrary to an enlightened mode of thought and the requirements of the present universal spread of education.

Do not let us continue the "forms of our fathers," whilst human genius buds, and whose leaves are producing from day to day the fairest and choicest fruits and exalting mankind.

There is to my mind one course open, which would settle a difficulty we experience in uniformity of working. It is this:—That a duly and legally constituted committee be appointed by Grand Lodge, to consist of the most noteworthy and educated of the Order, who shall be empowered to frame a ritual for the government of our entire body; that no brother be permitted to take the chair of Master, Principal of a Chapter, or the appointment of Preceptor, until he has undergone an examination, and fully proved to the satisfaction of the committee that his education and knowledge warrant him a creditable and worthy exponent; and any deviation from the established ritual should be followed with suspension, until the committee have investigated the matter, and their decision obtained. Such a course would materially add to the dignity and stability of our Order, and save the necessity of the remarks I have felt it my duty to address you under this heading.

In conclusion I may add, that I have yet to learn that moral truths would be less forcible if enunciated in grammatical sentences.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and Fraternaly yours,

JOHN CONSTABLE, S.W. 185.

BRO. HOLMES AND THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have perused in your issue of the 30th ult., an article by Bro. Holmes, on the article published in the *Spectator*, some six months since, criticising the installation proceedings of Convent-General on the 7th of last April.

If Bro. Holmes has occupied the somewhat long interval in composing the article in question your readers may have fairly expected him to season it with a little more pepper, and, indeed, some may even think he should have done battle in the *Spectator's* own columns.

I should, however, not have troubled you with this communication, save that Bro. Holmes takes the opportunity again to make voluntary and disparaging observations respecting the institution of the true Order of St. John in this country. Your readers will probably consider that after the manner in which the arguments and mendacious statements of Bro. Holmes, and his distinguished and trenchant friends, were sometime since knocked on the head and respectably buried, that worthy brother would have been content to exercise himself in the business of the new united, and let his neighbours alone; but no, the brother is gifted with such wise discretion, and eagerly seizes upon the observation contained in the *Spectator* to make another gratuitous and unworthy attempt to disparage the genuine Order in England, at the same time omitting (conveniently as before) to tell your readers that the Secretary of the English Langue at once addressed letters to the *Spectator* correcting the observation made in its columns. Why did not Bro. Holmes favour the *Spectator* with one of his thunderbolts when it criticised the doings of the new united, instead of cudgelling his brains for six months and then infusing the

result with statements, unnecessary and untrue, respecting an Order with which he has nothing to do?

The Protestant Langue of England of the Order of St. John is a legitimate branch of the grand old Fraternity of the Baptist; a fact which all the wailings of Bro. Holmes, and all the eager anxieties of his friends, will not alter. It is not in alliance with the so-called, "Sacred Council" at Rome, on the sole ground of religious difference. That council, which had no existence until after 1805, is representative of only certain sections of the Order, and it is to be regretted that all are not allied for the beneficent purposes which called the Order into existence.

Bro. Holmes is in no manner warranted in his statement that the Roman Council "repudiates the claim of the so-called Anglican Langue;" seeing that in May, 1870, the Secretary of that Council gave no other reason for declining an alliance, then offered, than the difference in religious faith. Such an alliance is not necessary to the validity of the English Order, or of any other lawful branch. In a document published by Bro. Holmes some time since, it was officially stated on behalf of the Roman Council, that the Order in Prussia was "perfectly legal;" yet the secretary of the same council said in 1870, "We have no connexion with these knights;" it is thus clear that an alliance is no essential to legitimacy. Much the same position was assumed at the time this was said, the secretary of the same council qualifying his negotiations with the English secretary by saying "in our relative positions, that is in those of *our Orders*."

The Masonic Templars of Canada do not seem to agree with Bro. Holmes, for I find the following passage, in an official circular published on the 25th of April, last.

"The Order of the Temple originally had no connection with that of Malta, or the Order of St. John; but the combined title appears to have been adopted in commemoration of the union which took place in Scotland, with the Temple and the Hospital of St. John, when their lands were in common at the time of the Reformation, but our Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, has no connection with the present Knights of Malta in the Papal States, or the Protestant branches of the Order, the lineal successors of the ancient Knights of St. John, the sixth or English Langue of which is still in existence, and presided over in London, by His Grace the Duke of Manchester. The Order when it occupied the Island of Malta as a sovereign body was totally unconnected with Freemasonry." This circular is signed by that very eminent and accomplished brother Colonel McLeod Moore, who introduced the Masonic Templars into Malta, whence Bro. Holmes would have us believe came the very ancient and absurd ritual, which I believe was never yet used in the Island, and was manufactured in the manner made known to your readers some time since.

I am happy to be aware of the fact that one of the English Chevaliers has become the owner of the fine old gateway at Clerkenwell. The English Langue is true and legitimate without possession of the gate of St. John, but it is gratifying and appropriate that its offices of business should find place in part of this very interesting old building, to which I hope they will shortly be removed from St. Martin's Place.

LUPUS.

FINE ART GIFT TO LIVERPOOL.—Messrs. Agnew and Sons of Manchester and Liverpool, have written to his Worshipful the Mayor (Bro. Samuelson) offering to present to the town of Liverpool a set of the Turner proof engravings, recently purchased by them from the representatives of the Turner estate. The gift has been accepted, and will form a very valuable addition to the art treasures of the "good old town."

The *Glasgow Herald* says:—A rumour is circulated, and is generally credited, that negotiations are in progress with a view to purchase the Inverloch estate for his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

FREEMASONRY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The brethren of the Fremantle Lodge (No. 1033), celebrated their anniversary, on St. John the Baptist's Day, 24th June, 1873, by attending Divine Service, at St. John's Church, in the afternoon, and a banquet at Maloney's Hotel, in the evening.

The brethren assembled at the lodge in William Street, at 3 p.m., when, after the business of the lodge had been disposed of, and due preparation made, they proceeded, accompanied by the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Perth (No. 485), his Wardens, and other visitors, to St. John's Church, in Masonic form and clothing. As this was the first time the brethren had attended Divine Service in Masonic form; and as a few regarded the ceremony somewhat in the light of an innovation, some only reluctantly "consented to appear;" but none came away without feelings of satisfaction and pleasure at their attendance. The minister, the Rev. G. J. Bostock, preached an excellent and very appropriate sermon from Mal. c. 1. v. 2.—"But unto you that fear My name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings, &c.," which proved a very agreeable surprise and delight to the brethren. The service ended, the brethren returned in order to their lodge-room, and adjourned.

At 6.30, there was a good muster of the members and visitors at the lodge room for the purpose of installing the W.M. Elect, Bro. G. B. Humble, as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present the W.M., Bro. G. B. Humble, Bro. G. Pearce, S.W.; Bro. E. F. Duffield, J.W.; Bro. J. De M. Absolon, Treas.; Bro. J. McCleery, Act. Sec.; Bro. Jose, Act. S.D.; Bro. L. Henderson, J.D.; Bro. G. A. Forsyth, I.G.; Bro. H. Jarvis, Tyler; and about 25 members. The visitors present from Perth were, Bro. R. Pether, W.M. 485; Bro. Tymperly, S.W. 485; Bro. E. C. Dears, J.W. 485; Bros. Snook, P.M.; B. Mason, J. King, P.M., and others, whom the brethren of the lodge were very pleased to welcome amongst them on this occasion. The brethren had hoped to have had with them the Hon. the Col. Secretary, Bro. Barlee, P.M.; and Bro. Lochee, P.M., who were both unable to attend, and letters of apology from them were read to the lodge. After the various ceremonies and business of the lodge had been disposed of, Bro. Geo. Bland Humble, P.M., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, according to the ancient rites and established customs of the Order; Bro. Jno. F. Stone, P.M., fulfilling the duties of Installing Master in his usual happy and very efficient manner.

The W.M. having been conducted to the chair of K.S. thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in re-electing him to fill the office of W.M. another year. He could not regard their vote otherwise than a mark of their approval of his conduct and services during the past year. When he first took upon himself the duties of the office, he did so with a full sense of the arduous duties and responsibilities connected with it; but he felt very pleased indeed, that with the assistance of the junior officers, he had been enabled to perform the work of the year in a manner that had proved so satisfactory to the brethren. He assured them that it would be his earnest effort to continue to work, if possible with more zeal and assiduity in the future; feeling stimulated thereto by their expressions of kindness and forbearance, and he hoped he would be as well supported by those whom he should select as his officers for the present year, as he had been during the past year. The W.M. was then pleased to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, giving to each the ancient charges, viz., Bro. E. T. Duffield, S.W.; L. Henderson, J.W.; I. DeM. Absolon, Treas. (re-elected); J. McCleery, Sec.; Bro. Wardle, S.D., re-appointed; W. Johnston, J.D.; G. A. Forsyth, I.G. (re-invested); and Harrington, Tyler, (unanimously elected).

At the close of the ceremonial of installation, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and repaired to Bro. Maloney's Hotel, where the host had provided a most sumptuous repast. The W.M., Bro. G. B. Humble, occupied the chair, and was supported by P.M.'s Pether and Snook,

and Bros. Tymperly, Dean, Francisco, Absolon, and G. Pearce. The vice-chairs were filled by the S.W., Bro. E. F. Duffield, and the J.W., Bro. H. Henderson. Grace having been said by the W.M., ample justice was done to the good things provided, all being highly gratified with the excellent dinner mine host of the "Emerald Isle" had provided.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drank, the W.M. giving "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family," "His Excellency Governor Wild," and "The M.W.G.M. Mason of England, the Marquess of Ripon," all of which were duly honoured; the brethren singing "God Save the Queen," and the now very popular air "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Croke, P.M. in a very flattering and highly eulogistic speech, gave the toast of the evening "The Health of our Worshipful Master." He referred to the faithful manner in which Bro. Humble had discharged his duties in the past year, and his willingness to render what service he could to meet the brethren for the good of the lodge. For some months in the year he had not only performed the duties of his office as W.M., but had also done the duties of Secretary in addition. He also gave some practical hints to the junior members of the lodge, and concluded by again asking the brethren to join him most heartily in the toast he had given. The toast was drank with lodge honours.

The W.M. in reply, said, that he thanked Bro. Croke for so cordially proposing his health, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. He was afraid that Bro. Croke had over-rated his merits; but what he had done, he did willingly, and with this one great object, the good and benefit of the lodge. It was true, that owing to the absence of the Secretary, Bro. S. J. Solomon, he had been obliged to do the duties of that office, but that he scarcely expected to hear it alluded to so prominently, on this occasion. He attributed, as he had said before, his success in lodge, in a great measure, to the efficiency of his officers, and he felt proud to say that on several occasions, when visitors from the other colonies had attended the lodge, they had been highly complimented on their mode of working. The lodge too, he was pleased to say, was in a flourishing condition, and he hoped that during the year on which they had just entered, he would be enabled, by the assistance of his officers, to keep up the credit of the lodge. He knew that they did not expect from him perfection, but he trusted to their kind forbearance, and he hoped with the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., to perform the duties to the satisfaction of his own conscience, and next to that, the satisfaction and approbation of the brethren.

Bro. J. Manning next gave the "Past Officers of the Lodge," which was duly responded to by Bro. Geo. Pearce. Bro. Croke then proposed "The Officers for the ensuing Year," which was acknowledged, in a neat speech, by the Senior Warden, Bro. E. F. Duffield.

Bro. Francisco then asked the brethren to drink the health of "The W.M., Officers, and brethren of the Perth Lodge, No. 485," acknowledging the debt of gratitude the Fremantle Lodge owed to the Perth Lodge, for services rendered in years gone by. Bro. Pether, P.M., replied on behalf of the Perth Lodge, and after expressing his pleasure at being present on this occasion, proposed "Prosperity to the Fremantle Lodge." Bro. Champneys gave the health of "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bro. Snook. The W.M. then proposed the healths of the two oldest members of the lodge, Bros. P.M.'s King and Jose, referring at the same time to the efforts they made at the formation of the Fremantle Lodge, and also made reference to some of the brethren who had passed away, during the few years the lodge had been in existence. The toast was very warmly received, and Bro. King gave quite a history of the Fremantle Lodge, which was exceedingly interesting to the brethren. Bro. Jose also responded, referring to the progress the lodge had made, and to the unspeakable pleasure it had given him, to see the brethren attend Divine Service, in Masonic form, as they had done that day. He

hoped that the brethren, would still persevere, and that soon a Provincial Lodge may be formed, or a chapter to work the Arch degree. Bro. Absolon then proposed "The Stewards" which was acknowledged by Bro. L. Henderson. Bro. Broomhall then, in a very facetious and humorous speech, proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. McCleery modestly responded on their behalf.

A very agreeable and social evening was then brought to a close by Bro. Henderson, J.W., proposing the health of "The Host," to whom the brethren accorded three hearty good cheers, and retired, all highly gratified with their evening's enjoyment.

MASONIC MUSICAL SERVICE.—Dr. J. C. Baker, of the Merchants' Lodge No. 24, Liverpool, has recently altered his "Masonic Musical Service" to a different key from that in which it originally appeared, and Bro. G. Kenning, of London and Liverpool, has published it in a form which is at once handy and complete. The whole service, intended for the various ceremonies connected with both Craft and chapter, is of the highest musical order, and as the alteration in the key has greatly simplified it to the uninitiated, the service is sure to become more popular than ever.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 19, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, September 13.

- Lodge 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.
 Monday, September 15.
 Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, September 16.

- Board of General Purposes at 3.
 Lodge 704, Camden, York and Albany, Gloucester-gate, Regents-park.
 " 857, St. Marks, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Mount Carmel Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, September 17.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6, precisely.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1365, Clapton (Installation), White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, September 18.

- House Committee, Girl's School, at 4.
 Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
 " 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188 Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, September 19.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
 St. George's K.T. Encampment, Albion Tavern, Alders-gate-street.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 20, 1873.

Monday, September 15.

- Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, September 16.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, September 17.

- Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 537, Zetland, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk, at 4.

Thursday, September 18.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby at 5.

Friday, September 19.

- Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Encampment, Jacques de Molay, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, September 20, 1873.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, September 15.

- Lodge 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.
 St. Mungo Encampment (Installation), Knights Templar, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, September 16.

- Lodge 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, September 17.

- Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 Chap. 79, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

Thursday, September 18.

- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

Friday, September 19.

- Lodge 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 109, Sir William Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

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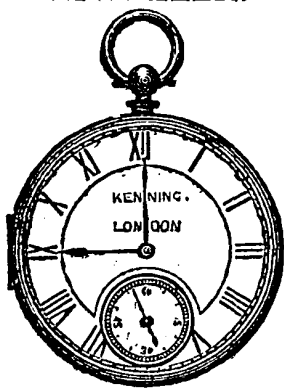
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

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LIVERPOOL.—*Mariners' Lodge* (No. 259).—In accordance with resolution passed at last general meeting, the brethren of this, one of the oldest and most prosperous lodges in the province, met on Thursday, 11th inst., at the Temple, for the purpose of forming a Lodge of Instruction. After some time had been occupied in passing bye laws, and transacting other business of importance, the brethren proceeded to the election of Preceptor, when Bro. Dr. J. Kellets Smith, was unanimously elected, many of the brethren expressing the very great pleasure they felt in having secured the services of so able and distinguished a brother to fill the important office. Bro. Smith, in returning thanks for the confidence reposed in him, pointed out some of the important advantages to be derived from Lodges of Instruction, and expressed his determination, as far as it lay in his power, to make this one of the most successful lodges in town. The brethren then unanimously chose Bro. Crosby Leighton, Treasurer, and Bro. William Hamilton, Secretary, for the ensuing year. The regular meetings of the lodge were fixed for the second and last Thursdays in each month, at 8 p.m. Bro. Hayes, J.W., in the absence of Bro. Lloyd, S.W. was chosen W.M. for the first regular meeting, which was announced to be held on Thursday evening, September 25th, at 8 o'clock.

SOUTH MOLTON.—*Loyal Lodge of Industry* (No. 421).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, South Molton, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. W. Cole, P. Prov. G.P. and I.P.M., acting as W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Thomas Sanders; Bros. James Stevens, as S.W.; J. A. Kingdon, J.W. and Treas.; J. Wood, P. Prov. G.D.C., P.M., S.D. and Sec.; T. Chapple J.D.; F. Day I.G.; R. Kingdon Tyler; and Bro. J. T. Shapland, P.M.; W. Oram, P. Prov. G.D.C. and P.M.; Widgey, P.M.; Manning, P.M.; Hitchcock, J. Kingdon, J. Paige, R. Paige, R. Cowdery, J. Bickell, &c. The lodge having been duly opened, the W.M. delivered the lecture on the first tracing board, and subsequently Bro. Bickell, having proved his proficiency, was passed to the degree of F.C., Bro. Stevens delivering the second section of the degree and the lecture on the second tracing board. The lodge was then closed down, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. On the previous evening a Lodge of Instruction had been held, which was well attended; and on the previous Saturday the members of the lodge had been called together to welcome as a visitor to the town, and an honorary member of the lodge, Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1216, and W.M. of the Great City Lodge, London; on which occasion a banquet was provided by Bro. Coles, P.M., and landlord of the Unicorn Hotel. A very agreeable evening was spent in the entertainment of the guest in whose honour the dinner was given, and an interchange of information as to Masonic working in the provinces and in London was made, of great profit to the numerous brethren who were present, amongst whom were Bros. Major Tanner Davey, Dr. Furze, Dr. Sanders, S. Cocks, J. Huxtable, T. Huxtable, and several others, in addition to those who were present in the lodge on the subsequent Tuesday.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 15th inst., Bro. Thomas Poore, W.M., presiding. The officers and members present were:—Bros. Henry Payne, S.W.; C. Pulman, J.W.; W. Withall, S.D.; D. Trusler, J.D.; T. Sane, I.G.; Henry F. Huntley, P.M. and Sec.; James Stevens, P.M.; B. Richardson, J. Broadbridge, Dr. W. Weir, E. C. Cuming, George Silley, W. Smith, and others. Among the visitors were:—Bros. Dr. Joseph Moore, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Canada; Hoppner Meyer, of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, Canada West; Frank McAlpin, P.M. of No. 229, Calcutta. The lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Richardson proved his proficiency as E.A., and was passed to the second degree. Bro. Stevens then delivered the lecture on the tracing board, including therewith the beautiful second section of the F.C. degree. The working of the ceremony and the subsequent lecture gave great satisfaction to the foreign brethren present, and they were very earnest in their expressions of gratification. On the lodge being closed down to the first degree, the W.M. requested the brethren to rise, and then in feeling terms announced to them the great loss which had been sustained by the lodge, in consequence of the death of the late respected P.M. and Treasurer, Bro. John Thomas. After narrating certain details connected with Bro. Thomas's long illness, and directing that the lodge be placed in mourning for a period of six months, the W.M. called upon Bro. Stevens, as the oldest Past Master, to address the brethren on the melancholy subject, and this was done with all the force and eloquence which a long and close acquaintance with the deceased friend and Brother would naturally inspire. The large portrait of Bro. Thomas suspended in the lodge room, and now deeply craped, was often looked upon by tearful eyes, and the close of Bro. Stevens's address was succeeded by a solemn pause before the business of the meeting was resumed. On the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, and after a short interval, during which the usual toasts were honoured, but without the usual hilarious accompaniments, the brethren separated at an early hour, proposing to meet again at the grave of the deceased brother, to pay to his remains the sad tribute of respect and reverence.

HIGH CROSS LODGE, (No. 754).—The brethren of this highly prosperous and flourishing lodge, met in strong force at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Wednesday, Sept. 10th, at one o'clock. Bro. Jas. Linzell, W.M., was surrounded by the following members, viz., Bros. David Roberts, Treas.; D. S. Potts, P.M.; Thos. Jones, P.M.; Jas. Wells, P.M.; Wm. Steedman, P.M.; Geo. Townsend, P.M.; T. E. Cunningham, S.W.; J. Maller, J.W.; W. F. Copland, Sec.; J. Green, C. Hughes, E. L. Cross, W. Peckham, G. Townsend, H. Stephens, G. C. Hindley, H. Sturt, H. Waud, C. H. Witt, E. Sayer, W. H. Wharton, J. H. Buck. Among the visitors we noticed:—Bros. Dr. J. M. Cunningham, P.M., Prov. G.S.W., Sussex; Jos. Driscoll, P.M.; J. C. Bull, P.M.; Chas. Tye, P.M., P. Prov. G.P.; R. T. Andrews, P.M.; R. Mathison, T. Fisher, John Hill, W. R. Crowe, C. L. Brown. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. G. C. Hindley was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. the impressive ceremony being ably rendered by the W.M. Mr. J. Hobbs and Mr. J. Edwards then presented themselves for initiation, after which ceremony came the installation of the W.M. elect. Bro. J. E. Cunningham, S.W., having been unanimously chosen by the brethren to fill that proud position. The beautiful and impressive ceremony was rendered in an effective manner by the W.M., Bro. Lingell. The newly installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Maller, S.W.; H. Ward, J.W.; David Roberts, P.M., (who had been unanimously elected at the last lodge meeting) Treas.; W. F. Copland, Sec.; E. Cross, S.D.; T. Wilson, J.D.; J. Barnham, I.G. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to a temporary room, where a choice dinner awaited

them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. The "Health of the I.P.M." Bro. Lingell, having been duly proposed and honoured, the W.M. presented him with a P.M. jewel, and in a few well chosen words expressed the satisfaction of all the brethren of the lodge for the able and efficient manner he had conducted the business. The I.P.M. feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid him, and promised to continue actively to do his utmost to promote its interests. The W.M. next presented Bro. Thos. Jones, P.M., with a charity jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge to mark its appreciation of the energy and exertions made by him in the cause of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Jones in returning thanks expressed himself very pleased that the lodge had thought proper to acknowledge in that handsome manner his humble exertions which had been to him a great pleasure. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the I.P.M., and the W.M., Bro. Cunningham, in returning thanks, heartily thanked the brethren for the proud position they had placed him in, and hoped he would receive, should he not come up to the standard of their expectations, kind and generous forbearance from all the brethren, and that they might rest assured he would always do his utmost to promote the interests of the High Cross Lodge. "The health of the Visitors," was responded to by Bro. Dr. Cunningham who happily alluded to the pleasure it afforded him to find his nephew the W.M. of that lodge, and that he had travelled many miles to be present on that interesting occasion. The toast was also responded by various other visitors. The toasts of the Past Masters, Initiates, and Officers, having been duly proposed and responded to, the W.M. paid a special compliment to Bro. Oddy for the successful exertions he had made that day to promote their comfort. Bro. Oddy, in reply, expressed himself proud of the opportunities the lodge afforded him of showing his attachment to the Craft, and that his work in contributing to their comfort was always to him one of his greatest pleasures. The Tyler's toast having been duly given by Bro. Steedman, the brethren separated after spending a very happy evening.

ROYAL OAK LODGE, (No. 871).—Another emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High Street, Deptford. The W.M., Bro. W. Myatt, presided, supported by Bros. G. Andrews, S.W.; S. O. Lewin, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, Prov. G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; H. J. Tuson, S.D.; J. J. Pakes, J.D.; J. Baxter Langley, D.C., and many other brethren, together with Bros. F.W. Ward, P.M., and H. R. Harker, 79; E. Sisson, P.M. 901; J. Hayward, J.W. 946; H. Keeble, W.M. 1275; H. G. Green, A. C. Woodward, 1276; R. W. Williams, Organist, 1326; C. Seasel, D.C. 1382; and J. S. Sweasey, J.D. 1423. The work done was the conferring of the third degree upon Bro. A. C. Woodward, of the Star Lodge, 1275, now in recess, and the initiation of Messrs. J. W. Haddingham, J. Allen, J. J. Muris and A. Gordon. The working of the W.M. and his subordinate officers was highly creditable to all. Twenty pounds were voted from the lodge funds towards the purchase of a harmonium, and ten pounds to enable the wife of a former member to join her husband in America. Bro. L. Lemon was appointed to represent the lodge as Steward at the Royal Benevolent Festival in January next. We ought to have observed in proper place that Bro. G. Andrews, S.W., at the close of the initiations, delivered the ancient charge, so often spoken of and so very rarely given, in a superior efficient and impressive manner. No banquet or any refreshment followed the labour.

LIVERPOOL.—*Temple Lodge* (No. 1094).—The brethren of this most excellent lodge assembled for the due fulfilment of their Masonic duties at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst. The lodge was opened shortly after six o'clock by Bro. Richard R. Martin, W.M., who was assisted by the following officers.—Bros. R. Dawson, P.M.; J. K. Smith, P.M.; Rev. T. Cranmer Ewbank, Chap.; T. Gibson,

S.W.; R. Washington, J.W.; J. Wood, Treas.; T. Marsh, P. Prov. G. A.D.C., P.M., Sec.; R. Yelland, S.D.; W. Healing, J.G.; J. Skeat, Prov. G. Org., P.M., Org.; A. Jarvis and A. C. Doe, Stewards; and P. Ball, Tyler. The members present were:—Bros. T. Williams, T. Sleator, Prov. G. Sec. of the S.E. division of Ireland; J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; T. E. Mason, J. C. Parkinson, Dr. A. Bernard, R. Bennett, and H. Jones. The visitors were:—Bros. H. Pearson, P.M. 249; Dr. A. Samuels, W.M. 1350; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724 and 1276; W. Hamilton, J.D. 249; H. W. Nicholas, I.G. 249; J. Winsor, I.G. 241; D. Critchley, 673; J. C. Robinson, 249; C. McNab, 1035; and J. North, 216. After the minutes had been read and passed in Masonic form, Mr. Harrison Barclay Jones was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Fraternity; and Bro. Parkinson was passed, according to ancient form, to the degree of F.C. The whole of the ceremonial in the two degrees was very effectively performed by Bro. Martin, W.M., who received valuable and most efficient help from his competent officers. After the lodge had been closed the brethren sat down to an excellent repast.

STAR LODGE.—(No. 1275).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, 5th ult., it being the fifth installation anniversary. Bro. H. Keeble, W.M. opened the lodge and there were present during the afternoon.—Bros. J. R. Darke, S.W. and W.M. elect; G. Pymm, P.M., J.W.; J. Smith, P.G.P. P.M. Treas.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Guest, S.D.; J. Limebeer, J.D.; W. Kipps, I.G. and Organist; S. Homewood, W.M. 749, D.C.; W. Ough, P.G.P., P.M.; C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; E. W. Mackney, W.M. 134; and some forty other members. The visitors who honoured the lodge with their presence were—Bros. F. Frampton, P.M. 87; J. T. Johnson, 72; H. Youle, P.M. 101; A. Thomas, 134; F. Turner, W.M. 146; G. Jardine, J.W. 140; J. Smith, P.M. 157; J. J. Pope, P.M. 389, 946; G. A. Garrett, P.M. 704; W. Hule, P.M. 780; W. Hilton, J.W. 780; H. E. Francis, P.M. 867; A. Adams, I.G. 857; E. C. Massey, Sec. 1297; G. F. Poupard, S.D. 1441; and others. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read, received, adopted, and ordered to be placed in the lodge minute book. It showed after every liability had been met that there was a good round sum in the Treasurer's hands. The ballot for Mr. John Ellis, H.M. Civil Service, proved unanimous in favour of his admission. He being in attendance was in an impressive manner initiated into Ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being considerably improved by the admirable manner in which was added to its charms the splendid music supplied by the Organist, who, in his usual able style, performed on the harmonium. The event of the meeting was the installation of Bro. R. Darke, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the Solomonic chair. In the hands of veteran Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer (the father of the lodge), that all impressive and important ceremony lost none of its lustre, for it was correctly done. The officers appointed for the ensuing year, were—Bros. G. Pymm, P.M., S.W.; G. F. Guest, J.D.; J. Smith, P.G.P. P.M., Treas. (reinvested fourth time); F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Sec. (reinvested for fifth time); J. J. Limebeer, J.D.; S. Homewood, W.M. 749, I.G.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Middlesex, Tyler, (reinvested for fifth time); A. Stevens, D.C., was appointed Steward for Royal Benevolent Institution, to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival, to be held on Wednesday, January 28th, 1874. As a reward of merit, and for distinguished services rendered to the Lodge, in the course of the evening, the Immediate Past Master, Bro. H. Keeble, had a valuable Past Masters' Jewel, presented to him; it had been unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds, and bears a suitable inscription on it. Some important notices of motion were given, one in particular being likely to prove popular, as it is for altering the day of meeting from Friday to Saturday. The usual number of propositions

for joining and initiates were given to the Secretary. A superior banquet, worthy of the reputation of the host, was then served, and gave satisfaction. The regular toasts followed. Bro. E. W. Mackney, gave some of his best songs, which were well received.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—*Mariners' Chapter* (No. 249).—The usual periodical gathering of this chapter was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool. There was a large and highly influential gathering of companions. The "Mariners" was perhaps the largest chapter in the province at one time, and although it has been outstripped by one or two younger chapters, it has recently gained numerical and social ground so rapidly, that there is every probability of its again coming to the front. The chapter was opened by Comp. J. F. Jones, M.E.Z., and amongst the assembled officers were:—Comps. W. Jones, P.Z.; W. J. Lunt, P.Z.; J. Hamer, P.Z.; W. Doyle, H.; H. Pearson, J.; J. Wood, Treas.; J. E. Dixon, S.E.; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; and P. Ball, Janitor; with the following members:—Comps. W. Ellis, J. Marshall, H. Firth, P. B. Gee, J. K. Smith, P.Z.; W. Laidlaw, P.Z.; J. J. Rose, J. Clusnall, W. Roberts, W. Nash, W. Marshall, R. Carter, H. S. Griffiths, J. E. Skillicorn, P. Robbie, A. Bucknall, and W. Shakespeare. The list of visitors comprised, among others, the names of Comps. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E.; A. C. Mott, P.P.G.S.N.; T. H. Jackson, 673; T. Jones, 241; and others. During the evening Bro. J. Capell, Hall, and Barry were exalted in a striking and effective manner by the M.E.Z., assisted by the different officers of the chapter. The assembled companions subsequently sat down to a capital banquet, and a most pleasant evening was enjoyed.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Chapter* (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Rising Sun Inn, Churchgate, Bolton, on Tuesday, September 9th, when there were present:—Comps. James Young, Z.; Thomas Wilson, H.; James Horrocks, J.; Thomas Chambers, P.Z., E.; Robert Harwood, P.Z., Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Treas.; James Newton, P.Z., Prov. G. Standard Bearer, and several others. The chapter being opened, the ballot was taken for a candidate for exaltation, who was unanimously elected. Pursuant to notice, Comp. Newton proposed that in consequence of the removal of the St. John's Lodge, No. 348, from the Three Tuns Inn, Moor-lane, Bolton, to the Rising Sun Inn, Churchgate, Bolton, the future meetings of this chapter be also held at the said Rising Sun Inn. The proposition was duly seconded and carried unanimously. A candidate was proposed for exaltation in the chapter, and the chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 50)—held its monthly meeting on Thursday, 11th inst., which was well attended. J. Crabb, Z.; J. Frazer, H.; G. B. Adams, J.; J. Soutall, Scribe, E. Amongst the visitors were:—Comps. Duthie, Z. 67; G. Wheeler, H. 73; J. Dolman, J. 87; Wm. Dabbe, P.Z. 119; and J. Kelly, 272, Belfast, (I.C.). A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened, Comp. Crabb, Z., M.M.; J. Miller, S.W.; G. W. Wheeler, acting J.W.; when three candidates were proposed for advancement. Comp. Humphries, Z. 69, then requested them to advance a gentleman on behalf of that Chapter, this request having been unanimously acceded to, the four brethren were then duly instructed in that degree. A Lodge of Excellent Masters was then opened, when Comp. Wheeler, as Master of the Tabernacle, conducted Bros. McGusken, Cadwallar, Gladstone, and Cheeseman, through the veils. A Holy Royal Arch Chapter having been opened with J. Crabb, 1st P.Z.; T. Humphries, Z. 69, as H.; J. Duthie, Z. 67, as J.; and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, as Principal

Sojourner. The same four gentlemen were exalted into the Royal Arch Degree with all that attention to details that distinguishes Comp. Crabb's working. Comp. Kelly as the P.Z. of two Chapters in Belfast, expressed the pleasure he had experienced in seeing such correct and impressive working; it had quite exceeded his ideas of Scottish Masonry, and he had no hesitation in saying, that neither in Ireland or in England, had he seen every portion of the ceremony conducted with so much efficiency. The companions worked most admirably. Comp. Miller at the harmonium, and the choir in singing the Sanctus, had added much to the impressiveness of the ceremony, rendering it in fact perfect. The M.E.Z. was highly pleased to hear this testimony from so competent a judge as Comp. Kelly, who had written a work on Arch Masonry; but for the completeness of the ceremony he was beholden to the aid of some companions of other chapters; the aid of Comp. Wheeler of 73, had been invaluable, as in consequence of the absence of his own officers this last year, he should have been unable to work the chapter without his assistance, he therefore proposed that he receive affiliation as an honorary member, and also Comps. Duthie, Z. 67; Dolman, J. 87; Wm. Dolbie, P.Z. 119; and Kelly, P.Z., of Belfast; A. A. Smith, T., having seconded the motion, it was carried by acclamation, and the five companions were obligated as honorary members. The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned for refreshment. After this protracted labour, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair by the Z. In replying to that of the three Grand Chapters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, Comp. Shelly said, that hitherto he had thought that they had the perfection of Royal Arch Masonry in Belfast; in his opinion it was better worked than in England, but he must say he had never seen it worked so well as he had to-night by Comps. Crabb and Wheeler, as King and Sojourner. It would give him great pleasure to see all the chapters under the three constitutions, working in the same way. The toast of the "Newly Exalted Companions" was responded to by Comps. Cadwallar and Gladstone, who expressed themselves delighted with their reception. Comps. Dolbie and Wheeler replied on behalf of those who had been affiliated. Companion Shelly in highly eulogistic terms gave "Prosperity to Chapter 50, and her Z." Comp. Crabb, in reply, said he was proud to work for No. 50, but prouder still to say that when he was deserted by his own officers he had been able to secure co-operation of the best workers in the province. G. W. Wheeler responded to the sentiment of the Masonic Press, and Comps. Crabb, Duthie, and Dolbie; as Zs. of their respective chapters, urged all present to support *The Freemason* and *The Masonic Magazine*. The Janitor's toast concluded this truly social meeting.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69).—The usual monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, 9th inst., Comp., T. D. Humphries, D.P., First Principal, in the chair. The principal business was the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. The companions were unanimous in their desire that the Z. should continue to occupy that chair for the ensuing year. E. Comp. D. Campbell, was appointed as H., and G. Herne, as J.; the late J., Comp. W. Thomas, as Treasurer, and D. B. Fleming, as First Sojourner, W. Cruzin, Second S. and W. Middleship, as Third Sojourner. Amongst the visitors we noticed G. W. Wheeler, H., and J. Balfour, Scribe E. of 73; and J. O. Park, Z. of 119.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144).—This young chapter met on Friday, the 12th inst., D. Bell, Z., presiding. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, J. McLeish, J., as S.W.; G. McCallum, as J.W.; and G. W. Wheeler, acting as S.D., or Conductor. Bros. Auld, James McCullough, and J. Christy were then advanced to that degree. It being the first time the Z. had performed the ceremony, all were surprised at the accuracy with which it was done. At the conclusion Bro. McLeish said he had been deputed by two companions, who were too modest to speak [themselves, to present two valuable

gifts for the use of the chapter; one was, a pair of stones from Comp. Haliday, and the other was a splendid copy of the Book of the Law. That book contained the inspired songs of David, and it was a present from their own David, their worthy young friend, and Scribe E. Comp. Wheeler moved the thanks of the chapter to those two worthy companions for their valuable presents. The bible was a very handsome one, and if they only paid attention to the precepts it contained, the gift might be said to be invaluable. The other present was of great importance to a young Mark lodge, as without those stones the lodge could not work, and he trusted that the candidates to be obligated on the one would mark well the lessons it contained, and also leave their mark, not only on those stones, but on the living stones of the True Temple. The motion was carried unanimously. In conformity with the laws of the Supreme Chapter of Scotland, though the chapter has been so recently consecrated, they had to elect fresh officers. The following were unanimously nominated to fill the respective chairs:—Comps. David Bell, 1st Principal Z.; James McLeish, H.; George McCullum, J.; David Reid, Scribe E.; G. Hern, N.; G. Charlton, T.; F. Halliday, 1st Soj.; J. Anand, 2nd Soj.; J. Appleyard, 3rd Soj.; and John Hughes, Janitor. Comps. G. W. Wheeler and J. Rotherham were appointed as Auditors. The 23rd was named for the installation of the officers, and from the enthusiastic way in which each of them have worked in the Craft lodge, there is every prospect of this, the youngest chapter in the province, soon showing good work.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment.*—The annual meeting of this body was held on Monday, the 15th inst., Sir Knt. R. Bell, M.N.C., presiding. The election was proceeded with, but as all the nominations had been unanimous, it was merely formal. Captain Shanks, P.E.C. of the Royal Veteran Encampment (E.C.), now a member of this encampment, then assumed the chair, and in a very impressive manner installed Sir Knt. R. Bell as Commander for the ensuing year. A special vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded for the excellent manner in which the ceremonies were conducted, as Captain Shanks had to leave by train. The newly-reinstalled Commander installed and invested as his officers:—Sir Knts. J. Tweed as his Deputy; J. G. Speirs as G.C.; Rev. J. C. Steward, Prelate; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder; F. Bates, Treas.; M. Clanachin and G. McAlister, Captains; F. Barclay, Seneschal; S. Scott, Marshal; J. Barclay, Hospitaller; J. McLeish, Warder; W. J. Shee, Sword Bearer; J. Biddall, 1st Aide-de-Camp; and J. McDade, Sentinel. The committee on the new place of meeting reported, and obtained leave to sit again.

THE ROYAL LIBRARY AT WINDSOR CASTLE.—The Royal Library and Print Room at Windsor Castle are being made fireproof, as an additional safeguard against casualties; the collections of books, manuscripts, and engravings in these departments of the Castle being almost priceless.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of New York, has intimated his willingness to give the handsome sum of five thousand pounds for the erection of public baths in Dumfermline, of which city he is a native.

The *Globe* is informed that Mr. Gladstone intends to bring in a budget early next session, abolishing the Income Tax, and then to appeal to the country.

The study of literature nourishes youth, entertains old age, adorns prosperity, solaces adversity, is delightful at home, unobtrusive abroad, deserts us not by day nor by night, in journeying nor retirement.—*Cicero.*

WIRE-QUILTED SOLED BOOTS, which save 50 per cent. in wear, may be had from Burgess, 29A, Oxford-street, W.; Speak, 13, Broadway, Ludgate-hill; Blundell, 66, Fleet-street, City; Lewis, 209, Liverpool-road, N.; and elsewhere. N.B.—Your regular bootmaker can procure soles readily quilted in every size from the Wire Quilted Company, Limited; or have his own leather quilted by forwarding same to the Company's works, Leicester.—ADVT.

Original Correspondence.

THE UNITED ORDERS AND THE ANGLICAN LANGUE OF ST. JOHN.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When Bro. Lupus talks about my mendacious statements, we may conclude that he and his genuine Order have been hardly hit. Bro. Lupus is very indignant because I, and others, are incredulous as to the legitimacy of his true Order of St. John, but I am very sorry I cannot withdraw those statements, simply because what I said in *The Freemason* was perfectly true, however unpalatable to the reprobable champion of the English Protestants, who call themselves Knights of St. John.

When Bro. Lupus talks of mendacious statements, and yet asserts that the titular Anglican Langue "is not in alliance with the so-called Sacred Council in Rome, on the sole ground of religious difference," and further that I am "in no manner warranted in making the statement that the Roman Council repudiates the claim of the so-called Anglican Langue," I can only say, *tu quoque* to his polite insinuation, and point to the proofs I have already given in your columns as to the grounds upon which I based my assertions.

Bro. Lupus may elect to ignore the so-called—as he is pleased to term—the Sacred Council; but it won't do.

He cannot get over the fact that the Masonic Knights of Malta have been in existence for over 100 years, at all events; that they have worn the black mantle for that period; and that whilst the Sacred Council, the sole legitimate head of the Order, refuses to recognise them, we, the Masonic Knights, have quite as good a claim to the title of Knights of St. John as they.

When Bro. Lupus, in speaking of Malta, says, "whence Bro. Holmes would have us believe came the very ancient and absurd ritual which I believe was never yet used in the Island, and was manufactured in the manner made known to you readers some time since," I should be sorry to throw doubts on his statements, as he does upon mine, without very good reason, but if he desire it I will undertake to give him privately the name of the brother—a Provincial Grand Commander—who brought the Malta degree from Malta, and of another brother who received the degree under the same ritual in Malta which my sapient Bro. Lupus affects to believe was never used there. My learned brother make the bold assertion "that the Protestant Langue of England, of the Order of St. John, is a legitimate branch of the grand old Fraternity of the Baptist;" (in my innocence I had imagined that St. John the Almshouse and not St. John the Baptist, was the patron of the Order, and Porter, Mackey, Taaffe and others share my opinion, but no doubt they are all wrong, and Lupus right;) "a fact," he adds "which all the wailings of Bro. Holmes and all the eager anxieties of his friends will not alter."

This is all very well in its way, but assertion is not proof.

As to the anxieties of my friends about the existence or non-existence of the Anglican Langue, I need only remark that they and I are alike profoundly indifferent as to the matter. An inconsiderable and unimportant body like the band of English gentlemen, who flatter themselves that they are *preux chevaliers sans peur et sans reproche*, are quite welcome to dub themselves any name they please, but no act of Parliament, nor even the startling assertions of Lupus, will make us believe in them.

Bro. Lupus by his gratuitous attack on the Masonic Knights of Malta, justly provoked the retort as to his own pet order, and he and his friends are alone to blame for a discussion which however much they may flatter themselves has told in their favour, will in the opinion of most sensible and independent readers, have assumed quite a different complexion.

Of course it must be very galling to ambitious *et disert* knights, after being solemnly put to the proof as to their noble descent, (one would like to know where some of them get it,) and after paying, we fear, rather considerable fees for the honour, such as it is, to find out that after

all they are, in the eyes of a good many people, only sham knights after all. I say it must be very galling, very galling indeed, but what then? We are not to blame in the matter. If these gentlemen keep their knighthood to themselves, and do deeds of charity and all that sort of thing, we can sympathise with them and admire their beneficent services, but when they allow neat little paragraphs (shall we say puffs?) to be inserted in the daily papers, announcing their proceedings, and get some of their number to attack the Masonic Knights of Malta, who were in existence in England 50 years before they were, it behoves all good men and true, who have the honour to belong to the United Orders, to repudiate their claims and ridicule their pretensions. When the Sacred Council and the Catholic Knights of St. John recognise the Protestant Cavaliers, we are ready to do so too, and not before. By the way what do the Duke of Norfolk, and Lord Beaumont, think of these claims.

Can it be possible that some of the Masonic Knights were received into the Anglican Langue on the understanding that they should do their best to crush out the Masonic Order of St. John? I should be sorry to suggest such a thing, but really, recent events would make us fear so, and if this be the case, would one wrongfully accuse the knights of perfidious conduct?

My Masonic friends should look to it.

But no!

"Brutus and Cassius are honourable men,

So are they all—all honourable men."

I have the greatest possible respect for Col. M'Leod Moore, and his opinion as to the Order of St. John is valuable, but still it is his opinion, and is not binding upon others who have probably gone into the question as deeply as he. From Mackey's *Lexicon*, I gather that according to a tradition of the *Rosa Croix* 27,000 of the descendants of the Masons, who, at the destruction of Jerusalem, by Titus, had fled to Scotland, being desirous of uniting in the wars of the Crusades, obtained permission of the Scottish Monarch, and, on their arrival in Palestine, performed so many deeds of valour as to attract the admiration of Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, who, as a token of their esteem, requested to be initiated into the Masonic Order, whence arose the connexion of that body with the Freemasons. I merely give this tradition for what it is worth, but it is certain that some of the Knights of Malta did become Freemasons about the middle of last century, and Findel, as I have said elsewhere, admits the fact, and writes thus:—* "In 1743, Thory tells us the Masons in Lyons, under the name of "Pelit Elu," invented the degree *Kadosch*, which represents the revenge of the Templars. The Order of Knights Templar had been abolished in 1311, and to that epoch, they were obliged to have recourse, when, after the banishment of several Knights from Malta in 1740, because they were Freemasons, it was not longer possible to keep up a connection with the Order of St. John, or Knights of Malta, then in the plenitude of their power, under the sovereignty of the Pope."

It would thus appear that, prior to 1740, many of the Knights of St. John were Freemasons and that at that period the Masonic body had some connection with the Sovereign Order. I hope Lupus is satisfied.

EMMA HOLMES.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The clear and candid definition of Spiritualism given by Bro. Carpenter at page 609 (as it is: "The occasional and frequent manifestation of the presence amongst us of disembodied spirits, who make their presence known in various ways, sometimes by moving or otherwise acting upon material objects, sometimes by audible voices, sometimes by making one part of themelves visible, and almost always by giving intelligent answers, sometimes correct and sometimes otherwise, to questions asked, or communicating facts, sometimes already known and sometimes unknown to the person communicated with),"

*History of Freemasonry, Page 211.

is one which entirely dispenses with aught of quibbling. The question left for the seeker after truth to decide therefore: Is the explanation that these spiritualistic phenomena are the work of "disembodied spirits" really correct? On account of his experiences thus far in the matter, Bro. Carpenter answers, yes, while so far as I have been able to investigate the subject, I feel bound to say no. And to the question—To whom are these manifestations due? I must answer, that allowing them to be the work of spirits, they were the work of embodied "spirits;" and in no case was it either necessary for, or did any "disembodied spirit" take the slightest action in the matter. It will be time enough to attribute these "manifestations" to "disembodied spirits" when all the various faculties and powers connected with the living human frame, or with the "embodied spirits" present, have been taken into account and proved to be unable to solve the problem. Being somehow asked by various parties who were either spiritualists or in doubt about the matter to help them in their difficulties, I found that, so far as I could observe any so called spiritualistic phenomena to which I was either witness or became acquainted with, were produced by one or more of the living parties present, and produced without the aid of any disembodied spirit, there being about as much need for the aid of a disembodied spirit in any of these "spiritualistic" phenomena, as there is for its services in sending a telegraphic message from here to London, or in keeping a piece of iron from falling to the ground that is suspended by a magnet. And to imagine that a disembodied spirit can either use its lungs (?) or speak or move material objects, is equivalent to expecting your watch to be able to go on ticking away and telling the time of day after its works have been taken out.

I had a friend who was brought into contact with the spiritualists, and not only did he become one himself, but he turned out a capital medium. In the first flush of the excitement produced by his sudden introduction to a new world he was fairly carried away by it, and not a single word would he listen to in opposition to the idea that all the manifestations, in which he played such an important part, were the result of something else than the work of a "disembodied spirit." However, time wore on and he began to feel that this close acquaintance with "disembodied spirits" was anything but favourable to either his health or nerves. He could not sleep at night, (others have told me that their nerves got so unstrung, and the manifestations took such a ghostly turn in the dark that they had to keep the gas burning full blaze all night), and by and by he began to think and also to examine into the cause of the manifestations, and the result now is that he considers that the idea of "disembodied spirits" having anything to do with the matter, was simply a delusion—the feelings swaying the judgment. There are many, I have reason to assert, who have gone through the same experience as my friend, only in order to prevent ill-feeling they do not care to say much about it.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

The St. James's Lodge of Instruction, No. 765, has been removed to, and is now held at the New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, and meets every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. On Friday, the 26th inst., the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Montagu Scott, P.M. 765, Z. 176.

A Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was held on Wednesday, at 2, Red Lion-square, the M.P.G.M. on the throne, when the constitutions were considered and approved.

The M.W.G.M.M.M. the Earl Percy, M.P., has appointed Friday, Oct. 26th, for the installation of the M.W. Bro. P. G. P. Perceval, Prov. G.M.M. for Ham's and the Isle of Wight. The installation will take place at Bournemouth, and will be performed by the M.W.G.M.M. the Earl Percy, M.P.

Obituary.

BRO. W. F. JOHNSON.

On the 11th inst., Bro. Wm. Francis Johnson, member of Everton Lodge, No. 823, and Junior Deacon of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, and connected with H.M.'s Customs as tide surveyor, departed this life, after a painful and lingering illness, at his residence in Newlands-street, Liverpool. On Saturday last, in conformity with the wish of the deceased, his remains were interred with Masonic ceremonial, at Anfield Cemetery; and the respect for the deceased was clearly shown by the attendance of a large number of the brethren connected with the two local lodges of which he had been a member for a considerable time.

The Hamer Lodge, situated in Windermere-street, was opened shortly after 9 o'clock by Bro. J. Jones, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and other members:—Bros. W. T. May, I.P.M.; Capt. T. Berry, S.W.; R. H. Evans, J.W.; E. Wilson, Sec.; C. Tyrer, Treas.; A. Jackson, S.D.; E. Dutch, S.S.; R. Price, J.S.; M. Williamson, Tyler; T. Larce, N. Thornthwaite, C. A. Cooper, G. Lunt, G. Chapman, R. Parry, T. Roberts, G. Graham, T. Sammons, T. Durrans, W. Malpass, T. Leadley, J. Cearney, R. W. Rowlands.

The Everton Lodge was represented by the following:—Bros. W. Boalton, W.M.; Jesse Banning, P.M.; W. Cottrell, S.W.; T. Shaw, J.W.; J. Houlding, S.D.; H. Ashmore, J.D.; J. Goodman, I.G.; J. S. Cutlibert, J.S.; E. G. Benedict, T. Bloomfield, J. Mannay, E. H. Bryson, C. Morgan, W. Atherton, and J. W. Coates. There were also present Bros. T. G. Wilkins, 1264, W. Brewers, 1264; W. Jones, Sec. 864, and R. Lloyd, 1356.

After the lodge had been opened in the three degrees, the brethren proceeded to the late residence of the deceased, where a procession was formed. By a special dispensation, the brethren wore their Masonic clothing. The route taken was by Breck-road, Oakfield-road, Walton Breck-road, Spellow-lane, &c., and on the arrival of the *cortège* at the cemetery, the funeral service of the church to which deceased belonged, was impressively read by the clergyman. The brethren then gathered round the grave, and the usual Masonic funeral oration was very impressively delivered by Bro. J. Jones, W.M. 1393. The Secretaries advanced and deposited their rolls in the grave, and the brethren threw in sprigs of acacia. The procession was then reversed, and the brethren returned to Windermere-street, where the lodge was closed in solemn form.

BRO. THE REV. JOHN BANNISTER, L.L.D. (T.C.D.)

Our lamented friend and Bro. the Rev. John Bannister, L.L.D., was removed from the scene of his earthly labours, on Saturday, the 30th August, having only been ill for a few days. His decease will leave a void in the Province not easily supplied, for the reverend brother was a man of considerable ability, and as well known for his Masonic zeal and information, as for his literary acquirements and general intelligence, added to which he was ever ready to lend a helping hand to every good cause, and the poor especially found in him a constant friend.

We do not intend in this short sketch to say aught of the worthy Doctor's labours in philology, or in fact to mention the various scientific works with which his name has been so honourably allied, and for which the county of Cornwall is much indebted; but our desire is simply to present a few particulars as to his Masonic career for the benefit of those of the Craft interested therein.

The Rev. Dr. John Bannister, was initiated in the Tregulow Lodge, No. 1006, St. Day (the Masonic rooms being in a vicarage occupied by our brother) in June 1864, and from that date passed to be one of the most prominent additions to Freemasonry in Cornwall, during the present century, the Lodge of Tregulow particularly has had every reason to be proud of their member, and the Province, through its representatives, has on many occasions testified

to their appreciation of his worth. In 1865, and 1866, he was Chaplain of the lodge 1006, in 1867 Senior Warden, in 1868 W. Master, in 1869 and 1871 Treasurer, and re-appointed Chaplain from 1869 to the last festival.

The late Bro. Augustus Smith, Prov. G. Master, appointed him Junior Prov. Grand Chaplain, in 1866, at the Prov. G. Lodge held at Bodmin, and Senior Prov. G. Chap. at Redruth in 1867.

In the Mark Degree, our brother was, we believe, advanced in the Meridian Lodge, No. 73, Redruth, was Master Overseer in 1872, and Junior Warden in 1873. The Prov. G. Master Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., invested him as Prov. G. Chaplain, at Hayle, in 1869.

Mark Masonry was a favourite with Dr. Bannister, because of its being preservative of the ancient custom, of "choosing the mark," and few were better acquainted with its early history.

Royal Arch Masonry had special charms for him, and being a good Hebrew scholar, he was particularly well qualified to be the first Principal of a chapter, he was at his decease.

He was exalted in the Cornubian Chapter, No. 331, Truro, on the 25th of January, 1867, and was Chaplain therein during 1868, as also of the Tregulow Chapter, St. Day, No. 1006. Of the latter chapter he was elected Prin. Soj., 1870, Third Principal, 1871, Second Principal, 1872, and Z. in 1873.

He joined the Knights Templars in the Cornubian Preceptory, Truro; was Prelate in 1870 and 1872, and appointed Prov. Grand Prelate by the Prov. Grand Prior, the Rt. Hon. Lord Eliot, in 1872.

He was connected with the Ancient and Accepted Rite through joining the St. Aubyn Rose Croix Chapter, at Devonport, of which he was Chaplain in 1868, and occupied the chair of Perfect Master for one year; the degrees from the fifth to the 18°, being worked in this chapter.

It will be seen that Dr. Bannister's Masonic career has been a brilliant and eventful one; he was a most constant attendant at his mother lodge, the "Tregulow," St. Day, never missing a meeting, unless wholly unable to be present, and he was always anxious, at the festivals of the lodge, (as also at those he visited,) to impress on the brethren the necessity of practising in their daily lives, the principles of Freemasonry which they professed to admire, and while he was a most social and agreeable visitor, he was a faithful friend and adviser, ever solicitous to warn the members against intemperance and excess, to impress on the newly-initiated candidates the value of the symbols and illustrations of the Craft, and to remind the brethren generally that they were only true Freemasons as they obeyed its sublime precepts.

His Masonic studies were diligently pursued, and his views as to the origin of the Order are best explained by mentioning that he was an adherent of the "Guild Theory," believing that the present society was not only a "Revival" of 1717, but a continuation of the operative lodges of former centuries.

On Thursday, the 14th inst., the mortal remains of our Brother were committed to their last resting place, in the church-yard of St. Day, in the presence of a vast concourse of people.

The Members of the Tregulow Lodge of Freemasons (1006), and many other brethren, met at 11 a.m. at the Lodge Rooms, St. Day, and were addressed in a few suitable words by Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., Past Grand Warden of England, &c., who (expressing the unanimous feeling of all present) stated that their late excellent brother would be deeply lamented, not only by his lodge (which he had served so faithfully), but also by the Craft throughout the county.

Bro. Dr. Geo. Michell, P.M. 1006, then read several letters apologising for absence, including one from the Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. E. T. Carlyon, who was prevented from attending, as was also Bro. John Hocking, Junr., P.M. 589, and others who had been Masonically connected with the learned doctor for many years.

Bro. John Ninnes, P.M. 600, P. Prov. G. Reg., acted as Master of the Ceremonies, and the procession being formed, the brethren, in Masonic mourning, proceeded two and two to the

Vicarage, and on the funeral cortège leaving about "high noon," they preceded the corpse, followed by a large number of friends, "rich and poor," who had assembled to pay the last sad office of respect to departed merit. It was in fact a funeral in which the whole town and neighbourhood took part, all business being suspended, and the inhabitants generally being solicitous, outwardly, as well as privately, to testify to the general respect and esteem felt by them for their beloved vicar.

On the conclusion of the usual service, which was most impressively rendered, and in which the choir took a prominent part, Bro. the Rev. G. L. Church, P.M. 699, P. Prov. G. Chap., read one of the Masonic funeral charges in a most solemn manner, and delivered, as it was, over the grave of the departed, could not fail to prove salutary to the living, and suggestive of the noble principles of Freemasonry.

The brethren then walked in procession to the lodge, when Bro. William Pascoe, P.M. 1006, took the chair, and having thanked the members and friends for their attendance, stated he would be pleased to hear any remarks suitable to the occasion.

Bro. the Rev. G. L. Church then read another "charge," after which Bro. W. H. Jenkins, P.M. 331, P. Prov. S.G.W. spoke for a few minutes on the life of the deceased, and how he had been so universally respected and beloved by all who knew him.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.P.G.S., followed by expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the brethren in Truro, for the great loss the lodge had sustained in the removal of Dr. Bannister from their midst, and stated that he hoped all present would endeavour to live according to the example which their beloved brother had so uniformly set them, both *in* and *out* of the lodge.

Bro. T. Solomon, *J.P.*, P.M. 331, P. Prov. S.G.W., also desired to unite with the brethren from Truro, in sincerely sympathising with the Members of Tregullov Lodge; and also with the bereaved widow and family.

A general wish was expressed that a short sketch of Dr. Bannister's Masonic career should be prepared by Bro. Hughan, and before the brethren separated a vote of condolence was passed and forwarded by letter to Mrs. Bannister, which, we hear, that lady received with marked appreciation.

In addition to the foregoing brethren who attended, we noticed Bros. F. W. Dabb, P.M., 589, P. Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. F. H. A. Wright, M.A., P.M. 331, P. Prov. Chap.; John Hall, P.M. 699, Prov. G.J.D.; Dr. Hugoe, P.M. 699; J. Burgess, P.M. 1006; E. Mitchell, junr., P.M. 1006; W. Middleton, W.M. 131, Prov. G. Std.; S. Serpell, W.M. 331; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, W.M. 318, Prov. G. Chaplain; Bro. Holman, W.M. 699; James Pool, W.M. 450; E. Penman, P.M. 589, P. Prov. G.D., and others.

Everything was done by the members of the lodge to express their respect and esteem for their late Chaplain, and we never before attended a Masonic funeral at which sorrow was so universally depicted on every face.

LORD DERBY.—In April last, Lord Derby accepted an invitation from Bro. E. Samuelson, Mayor of Liverpool, to dine at the Town Hall. His lordship's family were thrown into mourning on the eve of the banquet, which was, of course, postponed. Thursday, the 16th of October, has now been named as the day on which his worship hopes to have the honour of entertaining the noble lord; and the Mayor has privately intimated that it will give him much pleasure to see as many of the gentlemen who had accepted invitations to meet his lordship on the 25th April last, as can conveniently be present.

The lifeboat contributed to the National Lifeboat Institution by the Independent Order of Good Templars, is to be placed at Sunderland. Mr. R. P. J. Simpson, of Liverpool, was the first who suggested that the Order might present this boat to the Institution, and the Rev. James Yeames, of Kirkstall, who was appointed honorary secretary of the lifeboat fund, has been indefatigable in his exertions to promote its success.

PROPOSED FINE ART GALLERY IN LIVERPOOL.

Much talk has taken place of late in Liverpool about a fine art gallery, worthy of the town, which is far behind Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other places in this respect, and there is now every probability that the scheme will be carried out. This will not be done by taxing the rate-payers, about which there has been no small outcry, but by the voluntary and noble liberality of several citizens of Liverpool.

A few days ago, Mr. Picton, the Chairman of the Art Committee offered, to contribute £1000 towards the funds, if other gentlemen could be found to give the same amount, or if the requisite sum was raised by general subscription. It was felt that such a challenge should not be allowed to pass by unaccepted, and that the appeal thus made to the liberality of the merchant princes of Liverpool would receive a hearty response; nor has the reply been long delayed. Bro. Andrew George Kurtz, a large manufacturing chemist, residing at Grove House, Wavertree, has intimated his intention to give £1000; and scarcely was this second liberal donation made known, when Bro. Samuelson, the Mayor announced to the Town Council that Mr. John Parrington, of the firm of Harding and Parrington, brewers, of St. James's-street—had followed the example of Messrs. Picton and Kurtz, and promised £1000. To this list of contributions are now added the names of Mr. James G. Houghton, merchant, of Sandheys, Waterloo, and Mr. Thomas Harding (partner with Mr. Parrington). Great George-square, each of whom gives £1000, thus swelling the contributions to £5000. There is a rumour that several other well known public men are about to contribute with equal liberality, so that in a very short time, it may confidently be affirmed, the necessary amount of £20,000 will be raised.

The announcement made at the Council meeting on Wednesday week that valuable collection of paintings will be presented to the town immediately a place has been prepared for their reception, should stimulate the zeal and liberality of those who can afford to help on this work, and meanwhile contributions of pictures might be made, which could be treasured at the Town Hall till the gallery is completed. The public will no doubt duly appreciate the efforts thus being made to add a fine-art gallery to the other institutions of Liverpool; and when they are admitted within its walls, and scan the works of art with which the building will be adorned, their pleasure will be enhanced by the recollection that the institution has been raised without taking one farthing in the shape of increased taxes from the pockets of the ratepayers.

GOOD TEMPLAR DEMONSTRATION.—The quarterly convention of the Good Templar body for the south-western division of Lancashire was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at St. Helens. The delegates, nearly 300 in number, assembled in the Independent Schoolroom, under the presidency of Mr. G. Whitehead, D.D.G.W.C.T. Afterwards a grand procession and demonstration of the local lodges was held in honour of the event. Although the institution has been established in the district only two years, it has 146 lodges and about 12,500 members, and continues to make considerable progress.

GENTLENESS AND VIOLENCE.—The gentle mind is like a smooth stream, which reflects every object in its just proportion and in its fairest colours. The violent spirit, like troubled waters, renders back the images of things distorted and broken, and communicates to them all that disordered motion which arises solely from its own agitation.—*Blair*.

The editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and foreign booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Antiquari, Florence, Italy.

Masonic Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M., was held at Altrincham on Thursday, the 18th inst., but in consequence of the late period of the week at which it was held, we are compelled to defer the full report until next week.

We are requested to state that the late Bro. John Thomas, of Denmark Street, Camberwell, will be interred this day (Saturday), at Norwood Cemetery. Brethren desirous of paying the last sad tribute of respect, are requested to be there at half past one o'clock, as the funeral will take place at two. Private carriages to be at 20, Denmark Street, Camberwell, at 12 noon.

A meeting of the Masonic friends and pupils of Bro. John Thomas, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 27th inst., Bro. Edward Worthington in the chair, to determine upon some means of perpetuating his memory.

The inauguration and dedication of St. Mark's Conclave of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, (No. 96), will take place at the Masonic Hall, Newport, Monmouthshire, on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 1.30 p.m. precisely. The Illustrious Sir Knt. William Williams, Int. G., is the M.P.S. designate. The ceremony will be performed by Illustrious Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, Grand Treasurer, the officer appointed by Earl Bective, Most Illustrious P.G.S.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, held at Bro. T. Lloyd's, the Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, on Friday, the 26th inst., at 7 p.m.

The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. Crawley, at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Gabb's, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on Wednesday, the 1st proximo, commence at eight o'clock.

Bro. Boord, *M.P.*, has acceded to the request of a deputation to preside at the anniversary dinner of the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society.

The Panmure Mark Lodge No. 139, will meet at the Balham Hotel, Balham, for the installation of the W.M., on Monday next, September the 22nd, at 6 o'clock.

NEW WORK ON FREEMASONRY.

We understand that the well-known Masonic Historiographer, Bro. Hughan, of Truro, is engaged in writing a History of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, warranted A.D. 1772, by the "Ancients." A valuable appendix is to be inserted, containing a list of all the lodges on the roll of the "Ancients" and "Moderns," immediately before the "Union of 1813" and the one published immediately after, also a copy of the "Articles of Union." The "Modern" and "Ancient" list of A.D. 1815, of the United Grand Lodge being the first issued after the Union, is very scarce indeed, and hence a reprint will prove a great boon for Masonic students.

Bro. Hughan, we hear, is about to write a History of all the M.S. Masonic Constitutions from the fourteenth century, in which he will be assisted by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., one of the best authorities on the subject known, and the work is likely to be ready early in the ensuing year. The volume is to be the finest of its kind ever issued, and will contain copies of the Halliwell MSS. with page for page translation, and other old MS., some of which have been lately discovered by our indefatigable brother.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Clan Campbell, House of Argyle.
The Secreta Monita of the Jesuits.
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

HISTORICAL NOTES ON SCOTCH LODGES BY D. MURRAY LYON.—The first paper will appear in *The Freemason*, Sept. 27th. The first two papers will be on Glasgow Kilwinning No. 4

SPECIAL NOTICE.

COSMOPOLITAN CALENDAR, DIARY AND
POCKET BOOK FOR 1874.

We have forwarded, addressed to the Secretaries of every Lodge, a form that requires to be filled in, to show any alterations and additions that may be needed for the *Cosmopolitan Calendar, Diary and Pocket Book for 1874*. As the Calendar will be published early next month, it is respectfully requested that the form may be filled in at once, and returned to the Publisher, George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

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Answers to Correspondents.

M.B.—We do not wish to continue the subject. The following stand over:—Report of Lodge 1327, Communications from H. M. G., G. M. T., D. W. L., F.F., a subscriber (Leicester), and S.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

WEAVER.—On September the 9th at 45, Howland-street, Fitzroy-square, W., the wife of Bro. James Weaver, P.M. 862, M.E.Z. 862, &c., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

WOODMAN.—ROWORTH.—On the 11th inst., at St. John's Parish Church, Hackney, Bro. Walter J. Woodman, Surgeon Dentist, Marquess-road, Canonbury, (W.M. Royal Standard Lodge, 1298) to Jessie, only daughter of H. J. Roworth, Esq., of Hackney. (No cards.)

DEATHS.

BALLANTINE.—On Sunday last, the 14th inst., to the great grief of her sorrowing family and friends, Elizabeth Anne Ballantine, aged 61 years, the affectionate wife of Bro. James Ballantine, P.M. of the Strong Man Lodge, and P.Z. of the Mount Lebanon Lodge. She died in peace with all.

JOHNSON.—Sept. 11, at 3, Newlands-street, Liverpool, aged 42, Bro. W. F. Johnson, tide surveyor of H.M.'s Customs, of Lodge 823, and J.D. 1593.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending September 27.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Craven Robertson's Company in "Caste."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. "The Wandering Heir."

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Setton Parry. Byron's Burlesque, "Kiss Kiss."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frezee. "Grand Duchess."

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artists and Programme.

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NEWSOME'S CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circle and other Entertainments.

QUEEN'S HALL.—Emerald Minstrels, Humorists, and Dancers.

CONCERT HALL.—Mr. F. Maccabe.

ST. JAMES'S MINOR HALL.—Madame Card and M. Abney's Entertainment.

NOTICE.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1873.

THE HARMONY BETWEEN THE BIBLE
AND FREEMASONRY.

As we incidentally stated in *The Freemason* of the 6th inst., the Rev. Philip Hains, Rector of St. George's Church, Wigan, and Chaplain of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool, gave an excellent address on the harmony existing between the principles and teachings of the Book of the Sacred Law and Freemasonry, at the annual festival of the Mariners' Lodge, held on the 27th ult. The address was given on a special occasion, and was listened to with special attention. As it possesses many features of interest, we have much pleasure in now furnishing the text of the address to our readers.

The Rev. Bro. Hains, said,

Freemasonry has been defined as a system of pure morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Taking the volume of the Sacred Law as its standard of right and wrong, it is founded on the Divine precepts contained in the Holy Scriptures. Did time permit, I might point out many similitudes between the teachings of the Bible and the usages of Freemasonry, but this morning, I will content myself with just alluding to three resemblances. Both teach moral truths, by means of symbols or emblems; secondly, both speak of mysteries, *i.e.*, have a moral meaning hidden, or secret, beneath the outward substance; and thirdly, both inculcate the necessity of brotherly love, relief, and charity. Hence the Bible has been called a "Book for mankind." Of no other book can this be said. Neither Homer, nor Dante, Milton, nor even Shakespeare, the most universal of all writers, can be said to be adapted to all time, all countries, and all peoples, but this is true of one Book, the Volume of the Sacred Law. So the universality of Freemasonry is one of its proudest boasts, and is its distinguishing characteristic. The distant Chinese, the wild Arab, the American savage, the volatile Gaul, the phlegmatic German; all nations, whatsoever may be their particular distinctions, are here asked to forget their differences, and to unite as brethren and children of our one Common Father in Heaven.

Masonry teaches us that the visible operations of nature contain a hidden moral meaning; so the Bible inculcates that the voices of nature are only dull and inarticulate to those that have no eyes to see, nor ears to hear, that when we behold the sun in the Heavens, that great luminary which our science calls "The Glory of the Lord," we might be reminded of One who is the Father of Lights, and that the Lord God is a Sun, and a shield, and that when we hear the sound of the wind around us, and cannot tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth, but only know its direction by the way in which we behold different objects impelled, so we are taught is every

one that is born of the Spirit." And when we hear the thunders roll, and see the lightnings flash, we should be conscious of the presence of Him who "maketh the winds his messengers and His ministers a flame of fire." Thus Scripture and Masonry coincide in teaching by allegory, that, by a holy chemistry, we may extract Heaven out of Earth, and by contemplation and meditation, transform the inanimate things of nature into a line of union, which, like Jacob's ladder, may reach from Earth to Heaven. Masonry teaches us that if we study but one single fragment of the Universe aright, we have grasped, at least, the first link of a chain that will lead us up to God, and every book of the Bible insists on the same divine lesson.

To teach us a useful lesson of humility, we are bidden to lift our eyes to the firmament above us:—"When I consider the Heavens, the works of Thine hand, the moon and the stars that thou hast made. What is man That thou art mindful of him and the Son of Man, that Thou so regardest him."

To teach us industry and ordinary prudence in the pursuits of life, we are bidden to contemplate God's marvellous workmanship in the organisation of the little insect we heedlessly tread under foot:—"Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise, who without guide, overseer, and ruler, provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvest."

To teach us faith and reliance in the goodness of our Universal Parent we are bidden to go and learn from the flowers of the forest:—"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If God so clothed the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you."

To give us a hope full of immortality, to show us that we shall not wholly die, and that the best part of us shall escape death, we are bidden to gaze at a handful of grain cast into the furrows of the ground. That which thou sowest is not quickened except it die. "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Thus the invisible things of Him, from the beginning of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made.

Masonry at all times teaches this truth, that if we have senses to comprehend, we may find God everywhere, and moral lessons in everything, whether in the bowels of the earth, the rude fragment of a stone, or in a sunbeam; whether in the structure of a wild flower, the organization of an insect, or in the mechanism of the Heavens.

But the secrecy of Freemasons has been, and still is a constant charge against us. In this too we have the sanction of the Book of Revelation. We read of mysteries there, and who was that Divine Master, who said, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to those who are without in parables?"

The great truths of His kingdom came, incorporated in symbols, to the eyes of some, whilst others had no spiritual eyes to see nor ears to hear. We read of the mystery of God's will, and again "Great is the mystery of Godliness,"

and then "The mystery which from the beginning of the world had been hid with God," then again "Behold I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." the same word is used respecting the state of marriage. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." This is a great mystery. Then in regard to the Sacraments of the Church; We, the Ministers constantly say, "We that have only received these mysteries." The mysteries being the bread and wine, regarded, however, as symbols or emblems, having a moral and spiritual meaning hidden beneath the material substance. To the very name by which we are known in one of the church's prayers, is that of "Ministers and Stewards of the Mysteries of God." So Moses says "Secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things that are revealed belong to us and to our children for ever," and Job asks, "Hast thou heard the secret of God?" It was this, according to many Jewish interpreters, that Moses craved when he said "I beseech Thee show me Thy glory," which was denied him, as being impossible for man in this present life, and which can only be communicated in the Grand Lodge above, when we shall see Him as He is. Now secrecy in some cases, or silence, has been pronounced by some of the wisest of mankind as a virtue of the most important and golden kind, and the most celebrated of ancient teachers recommended it to their disciples as a most necessary probation. Indeed, some societies and councils could not possibly exist, if their transactions were indiscriminately disclosed, but that there is nothing dangerous in our secrets we may gather from the fact that monarchs and rulers are themselves members of the Institution.

The third resemblance between the teachings of Scripture and Freemasonry consists in the brotherly love towards all mankind, relief and charity, which are the marks of both.

There is only one kind of person which we refuse to participate in our mysteries and privileges, that is the stupid atheist, who believes in an effect without a cause; but with this exception we are taught to call nothing common or unclean, and the animosities and differences which divide those that call on the name of their common Maker are not recognised amongst Masons. We say, in the language of the inspired law, "of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him." Does this argue any indifference for Religion? By no means, whatever be our religious convictions, those, I maintain, we ought strenuously to uphold, live for, strive for, and like the fortitude of him, whose example our traditions have brought down to us, if necessity arises, be willing to die for—but it does not follow that we should be harsh and uncharitable, repelling and intolerant towards the equally conscientious belief of others, how much soever it may differ from our own. How can we feel angry at human error, when we consider that the Great Architect of the Universe, who formed man, has so constituted him that no two countenances are precisely alike, and still more various are human

characters, minds, and dispositions. How can we be surprised at the errors of others, when we know not the circumstances that have attended their birth and infant nurture, on which perhaps a great deal of the character of religious belief is dependent. "To feel angry at human error," says an ancient writer "is the same thing as to be angry with the blind for stumbling in the dark, with the deaf for not obeying your command, with the aged, with the sick, with the weary. That very dullness of comprehension which excites at once your wonder and your wrath, is but a parcel of our common frailty. And the love of error, is as inherent in our Natures, as the existence of error itself." Dark ages, my Brothers, there have been in this world, ages as black as midnight with folly, ignorance, and crime, ages when the children of our common Father in Heaven, doomed other children of the same father to the tortures of the stake, or the flames, and in those times none suffered more unheard-of torments than our own ancient brethren; and the reason was, that man did not understand the nature of man, or the foundation on which a religious belief depends, for when anything which was part of the common, or established belief of those times, was doubted of, it seemed to the majority to be so clearly, so unquestionably true, that it was impossible to doubt it. Thus they judged from their own zeal, their own convictions, their own persuasion, let it have been true or otherwise; the unbelief of others, therefore, was not regarded as so many conscientious scruples, but as arising from wilful obstinacy, and the road from this supposed wilfulness to the infliction of punishment on its behalf was a very short one. But the spirit of the Bible and the spirit of Masonry are alike opposed to all this. Both breathe a spirit of kindness and toleration which incite us to exclaim—

"How shall this weak unknowing hand,
Presume God's bolts to throw,
Or deal damnation round the land,
On all I deem my foe.

"If I am right, God's Grace impart,
Still in the right to stay;
If I am wrong, Oh, touch my heart,
To find a better way."

Such are the principles of our Order, which have endeared it to the wise and good of all times and countries. But we do not rest here. Our sentiments assume the form of virtue (for there may be a sentiment and not a virtue) in the active beneficence and systematic charity, which is the distinguishing feature of Freemasonry. Surely he was a wise master builder who laid the foundation of our Institution on the solid basis of love and reverence to God, and raised, the superstructure in love to man.

The charity shown by Masons has become a proverb, and in it the noblest defence of our Order consists. This is the real secret of our success as a society. Other societies have passed away because not founded as ours has been; other guilds and corporations have died out in time. The noblest leagues have been dissolved; tastes have changed, and men have changed. As one generation has passed away, another came, and old associations have broken up; but there is not only no sign of our dissolution, though the oldest as well as the noblest of

all the ancient guilds, but our principles, because founded on the eternal nature of things, are more widely extended to day than they have ever been; and men who are more apt to judge by what they see, than by what they hear, are not slow in thinking that constant systematic and yet discriminating charity, universal as the air we breathe, impartial as the sun that shines, such benevolence teaches more of the love of God than a thousand sermons—that a society

"That hath a tear for pity, and a hand
Open as day, for melting charity"

must have something in it worthy of imitation, and the world judges right. Men generally, with the exception of those who are determined to misrepresent our principles, speak well of Freemasonry, and quote it as an unselfish, benevolent society, whose many institutions for distressed Masons are models of benevolence the wide world over. I am persuaded that this is one of the principal reasons why our Order has endured so long. The quality of mercy, as Shakespeare says, is not strained,

"It droppeth as the gentle rain from Heaven,
Upon the place beneath; it is twice blessed—
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

Masons have long realised this. Every lodge is consecrated, like a temple of charity, to the generous affections. This is the meaning of that ancient saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." This is the noble scope of Masonic principle which absorbs every partial selfish feeling, in an expanded comprehensive love to the whole brotherhood of man. What luxury ever equalled that of Job, even in the midst of his misery? "When the eye saw me it blessed me, when the ear heard me it gave witness unto me because I delivered the poor and the fatherless and him that had no helper. The blessing of Him that was ready to perish came upon me and I caused the widow's heart to leap for joy." Brethren, I know not if it is possible to offer up a better prayer for you than that. I know not if we can offer to God a better prayer for ourselves—that when the last trying hour shall have arrived and we are about to die, amidst the shadows that are falling around us, one gleam of light may spring up in the darkness, one ray of hope illumine the gloom, when looking back on the days that are past and remembering the follies we have committed, the mistakes we have made, the opportunities we have lost, the many sins we mourn over, we may at least have this consolation, if we say—"one thing I know, however imperfect I have been, yet there was once a time in my life, when I was followed by the blessing of him who was ready to perish."

Such, then, are the principles—at least some of them—which distinguish Freemasons, and although such virtues may be banished from the face of the earth, and be found nowhere else, I trust, that, amidst all the storms of human life, they may long find an enduring asylum in the Mariners' Lodge of Liverpool.

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

A quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on Saturday, the 21st of June.

There were present:—Bros. John Pitt Kennedy, Acting Dist. Grand Master; H. H. Locke, and G. H. Daly, Past Deputy Dist. Grand Masters; I. I. Taylor, Dist. G.S.W.; J. Mackintosh, Dist. G.J.W.; D. J. Zemin, Dist. G. Reg.; W. B. Mactavish, Dist. G. Treas.; Rev. Bro. Ety, Dist. G. Chaplain; A. J. Hughes, Dist. G. Sec.; Amos, Dist. G.S.D.; J. C. Parker, Dist. G. Dir. of Cer.; W. H. Jones, Dist. G. Dir. of Cer.; Sebastian, Dist. G. Swd. B.; C. H. Compton, Dist. G. Org.; J. Beer, Dist. G. Par.; L. Guyon, Dist. G. Std. B.; W. H. Ayres, A. Le Franc, and J. M. Evans, Dist. G. Stewards; G. Alexander, Tyler; and representatives of the various lodges in the district.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 7 p.m.

Apologies were read from several brethren for unavoidable non-attendance.

The Right Worshipful Acting District Grand Master informed the brethren, that the first work before the meeting was to consider and confirm the minutes of the communication of the 21st March last; but that as copies of those minutes had been printed and circulated, he proposed to consider them as read, and moved that they be confirmed.

Bro. C. H. Compton complained that he had not received a copy of the printed proceedings, and that in the summons he had received to attend the present meeting, neither his name nor the date were written in the body of the letter, and that he had only received a copy of the agenda paper that afternoon.

The Right Worshipful Acting District Grand Master feared that it was very possible that some irregularities, of the kind noticed by Bro. Compton, might have occurred, owing, in the first place, to the adjournment of the meeting of the Committee of General Purposes to the 14th June, in consequence of the absence of the District Grand Treasurer; and in the second place, to the dangerous illness of the District Grand Secretary.

Bro. C. H. Compton, District Grand Organist, intimated that he must object to passing the minutes as usual, as he had not received a copy of the same.

The Right Worshipful Acting District Grand Master then ordered the minutes of the proceedings of the last communication to be read.

On the Acting District Grand Secretary commencing to read the minutes, Bro. Compton withdrew his objections, and said he did not wish to give unnecessary trouble, but only to bring before the meeting the fact that irregularities in the Secretary's office had taken place.

Right Wor. Bro. G. H. Daly, P.D. Dist. G.M., remarked that he was by no means sure that Bro. Compton was entitled to a separate copy of the printed proceedings; that, at all events, he was a Warden of a lodge, and that he could vouch to the fact that copies of the proceedings had been circulated to the Masters of lodges for circulation among the Wardens and Members of lodges, and therefore Bro. Compton must have received, or at least, had access to the minutes.

Bro. Compton, District Grand Organist, said he had never heard of their receipt, nor had he ever seen them.

Wor. Bro. H. H. Locke then proposed, and Wor. Bro. G. H. Daly seconded:—That the minutes of the communication of the 21st March, 1873, be confirmed. On being put to the vote they were confirmed.

The District Grand Master then addressed Grand Lodge as follows:—

Worshipful Brethren,—In endeavouring to fulfil, as far as possible, until a more able successor be appointed, the duties of a brother, who has for years occupied this chair, I have felt, and feel very great difficulties, especially considering the qualifications of that brother. We had amongst us a Master of Masonry, of great experience and ability, one who thoroughly knew his position in the Craft and his duties,

and carefully performed them. My qualifications, I fear, fall far short of his, not from the want of a hearty desire to do my best in the position which I hold, but from the inability to devote that time to the Craft which the duties of the office require.

I feel it necessary, in the first place, to offer some explanation as to the action I considered it advisable to take on hearing of the death of the Earl of Zetland, our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master. The sister lodges of Madras and Bombay were prompt in mourning on the occasion, and therefore, unless some explanation were given, it might appear that I was guilty of remissness, or of disrespect to the memory of the late Grand Master of England.

I considered that the position of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was in no way so closely connected with the late Most Worshipful Grand Master as to justify us in adopting measures to mark our respect for him, and our sorrow for his loss as an isolated branch of the Craft; and I did not think we ought to anticipate or suggest the action to be taken by Grand Lodge of England.

The case of the late Lord Mayo was different. He was the local Patron and Head of the Order here, and there could be, in his case, no doubt as to the propriety of putting into mourning the lodges working under the Hiram of the District Grand Master of this Lodge, over which he had presided.*

I have to bring another matter before you, which, at present, promises serious consequences to our Worshipful Brother the District Grand Secretary. The Masonic Almanac instead of proving a source of profit to the Bengal Masonic Fund, has, I am sorry to say, proved a loss, and it has not received anything like that support from the brethren which it has received on previous occasions.

It is not too late to remedy this, and I hope that every brother will take steps to supply himself with an Almanac as soon as possible, and thus we may be quite certain to avoid any unnecessary loss, and, perhaps, the extinction of the Almanac in future years.

I have received a statement of the amount of funds credited to the Fund of Benevolence. It shows that however much Masonry may be said to be falling off in Bengal in other respects, in the main object of charity it is evidently progressing. The collection of the Fund of Benevolence in five years was nearly Rs. 21,000.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was read.

W. Bro. H. H. Locke said, with reference to the remarks of the Chairman of the Committee of General Purposes, at the committee meeting of the 7th of June, that he would like to come to some definite understanding as to the position of W. Bro. Wood-Mason with regard to the District Grand Treasurership; he would, in fact, like to know whether the District Grand Lodge had a Treasurer or not. He would bring forward a motion on the subject later in the evening.

The E.W. Acting District Grand Master explained that Bro. Wood-Mason had expressed his wish to resign, and he (W. Bro. Kennedy) had expected a formal resignation.

It was then proposed by W. Bro. G. H. Daly, and seconded by W. Bro. D. J. Zemin:—That the report of the Committee of General Purposes and the accounts, be received; and they were passed accordingly.

Report of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence was also read.

In proposing the adoption of the report, Wor. Bro. H. H. Locke said he had observed with extreme satisfaction, which he felt confident would be shared by every member of District Grand Lodge, that Bro. Roberts had accepted the office of Secretary to Sub-Committee of the Fund of Benevolence. Doubtless there were some present who had had many amicable battles with Bro. Roberts; no one perhaps had

On receipt, since, of intimation from the Grand Secretary, the District Grand Lodge and the Lodges subordinate to it have been placed in mourning for a period of six months.

had warmer or more frequent fraternal combats with that worthy brother than he himself, but he could not refrain from bearing testimony, in which all would join, to the zeal, energy industry, and ability of this veteran Mason; and he thought it a subject of sincere congratulation that Wor. Bro. Roberts had accepted an office connected with a fund with which his name had been so long and so honourably connected. Wor. Bro. Locke then proposed that the report of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence be adopted, together with the following resolution:—

“That the District Grand Lodge records upon the minutes of the proceedings of this communication the satisfaction with which it has received the information of the acceptance, by Wor. Bro. Roberts, of the office of Secretary to the Executive Sub-Committee of the Fund of Benevolence, and that the thanks of the District Grand Lodge be given to Wor. Bro. Roberts for having done so. Seconded by Wor. Bro. Daly, and carried unanimously amid acclamation.

The report of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence was approved and confirmed.

The meeting then proceeded to discuss the report of the proceedings of a committee appointed by the District Grand Master of Bengal to investigate certain irregularities alleged to have taken place in Lodge Courage with Humanity, No. 392, B.C.

Wor. Bro. H. H. Locke asked if the Master and Wardens of the offending lodge had been formally cited to appear and answer for themselves.

The Acting District Grand Secretary stated that ordinary cards of admission had been sent to them, together with the agenda paper.

It was ultimately determined that the further consideration of this report be deferred until next meeting, and that, in the meantime, a formal summons should be served upon the Master and Wardens, calling upon them to show cause why the proceedings of the committee should not be confirmed.

Wor. Bro. H. H. Locke moved that the District Grand Secretary be instructed to write to Bro. Wood-Mason and ask him if he felt himself able and willing to perform the duties of District Grand Treasurer, in order that if he did not feel himself equal to them, the Right Worshipful Acting District Grand Master might make other arrangements. Wor. Bro. Locke added that he had never seen Bro. Wood-Mason either at any committee meetings, or at any of the communications of District Grand Lodge, all of which it was the duty of the District Grand Treasurer to attend; and that it was most inadvisable that the present state of things should continue. Seconded by Wor. Bro. Zemin.

The Right Worshipful Acting District Grand Master then put the motion to the meeting and it was carried *nem con.*

Bro. C. H. Compton, District Grand Organist gave notice of motion:—“That at the next quarterly communication he should move that the sum of Rs. 500, forming part of the balance now outstanding to the credit of the Musical Instrument Fund, be transferred from that fund to the Fund of Benevolence.

The Acting District Grand Secretary reported that he had received several notices of exclusion from lodges for non-payment of dues.

There being no further business to be brought forward, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

“CERTAIN STRAIGHT AND INTELLIGIBLE GUIDANCE.”—After the hot season that has just passed by, a mild damp atmosphere will probably follow, and in its train will come fever, sore throat, diphtheria, chest complaints, and rheumatism. Holloway's Ointment well rubbed upon the skin, near the affected part, at once corrects the relaxing and depressing effects of dampness on the constitution and spares sickness; it penetrates to the internal structures, regulates the local circulation, assuages inflammation, soothes irritation, braces relaxed organs and heals ulcerations. Holloway's Pills, simultaneously taken, expedite the cure. In all cases of disease of the lungs, immediate recourse is recommended to Holloway's purifying powerful preparations, which, as already employed, will prevent asthma, consumption and other serious issues.—ADVERT.

Reviews.

"Official Bulletin of the Supreme Council of the 33°, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, Vol. 2, No. 2, June, 1873."

This bulletin is intended to be published at intervals of not more than four months, and as much oftener as may be found necessary. It contains information of the action of the Supreme Council at its sessions, the reports made to it, the Statutes adopted, the resolutions, edicts, and decisions of the body, the acts and decisions of the Council of Administration, and the mandates and rulings of the Grand Commander. It contains also the latest information in regard to the doings of Foreign Supreme Councils and Grand Orients. In the miscellaneous section of this bulletin we find the word "cowan" explained, which will interest our Masonic brethren. Some very beautiful poems are also given, including "Haikal Kadosh," "The Narrow Home," "Freemasonry," "The Larger Bliss," "The Dead," "Death," &c. It contains 244 pages, printed on fine paper. The numbers published every two years will constitute a volume.

"The Old Faith and the New: a Confession." By David Friedrich Strauss. London: Asher & Co., 13, Bedford-st., Covent-garden.

The writer very ably expounds on our position towards the old creed, and the fundamental principles of the new Cosmic conception which we acknowledge as ours. He says—"The creed in fact is Christianity. Our first question therefore resolves itself into how and in what sense we still are Christians. Christianity is a definite form of religion, the generic essence of which is distinct from any form; it is possible to have severed oneself from Christianity and still to be religious. Out of this question arises the next, whether we still possess religion. Our second question, concerning the new Cosmic conception also, upon examination, resolves itself into two! in the first place, we would know in what this Cosmic conception consists, on what evidence it rests, and what especially, as compared with the old ecclesiastical views, are its characteristic principles. And in the second place we would learn whether this modern Cosmic conception performs the same service, whether it performs them better or worse than did the Christian dogma for its votaries, whether it is more or less adapted to serve as a basis on which to erect the structure of a truly human, *i.e.*, a moral, and because a moral, a happy life." The following chapters are well written, and give great credit to the writer:—Are we still Christians? Have we still a religion? What is our conception of the Universe? What is our Rule of Life? First appendix: Of our great Poets; second appendix: Of our great Composers. It consists of 440 pages, well printed, on fine toned paper, and is elegantly bound. Altogether it is a good book, brimful of beautiful thoughts, which should be read by all.

"Toussaint L'Ouverture"—A Tragedy, in five acts, by Bro. Joseph Crawley. London, Waterlow & Sons, Great Winchester-street, E.C.

Toussaint, the hero of this tragedy, was born in St. Domingo, in the year 1743; his parents were both slaves, on the plantation of Count Hoe. As Toussaint grew to manhood he enjoyed the advantage of being instructed by an intelligent negro, Pierre Baptiste, in reading, writing, arithmetic, Latin, and Geometry. His character was irreproachable, and his mind of a high moral tone; he gained the confidence of his employer. In 1789, a revolution broke out in St. Domingo; and in course of time the slaves ravaged the Island, but Toussaint refused to join the insurgent blacks, and saved from them the lives of the Count's bailiff, and his family.

The author very beautifully shows in his tragedy how Toussaint, by his character, rose to the highest commands, till Buonaparte in envy pulled him down, and placed him in a dungeon in France, thereby causing his death in 1803. The facts are published in Messrs. Chambers' Tracts, and on this our author has worked, and he has most completely accomplished his purpose. We cordially recommend this work, and compliment Bro. Crawley for his taste and skill in bringing before us such a work.

Poetry.

THE DELECTABLE LAND.

"FANCY."

Come, my love, come, let us hasten away,
To the land of delight were the soft breezes play;
Where the world is forgotten, where love holds her sway,
Come, my love, come, let us hasten away.

O'er the ocean of fancy our bark we will steer,
Whose sky and whose waters for ever are clear;
Where no murmur is heard, no sigh, and no tear,
Then come, my love, come, why still linger here.

'Mong its valleys to wander, its gentle hills climb,
Where no night ever cometh, no ending to time;
Where Nature to please Thee her powers will combine,
My love will be thy love, and thy love be mine.

Then come, my love, come, let us hasten away,
To the land of delight where the soft breezes play;
Through its gardens of roses for ever we'll stray,
Come, my love, come, let us hasten away.

JAMES B. MERCER.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 26, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, September 20.

Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Red Cross Conclave 9, Villiers, Northumberland Arms, Isleworth.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, September 22.

Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham. (Installation of W.M.)
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55; Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, September 23.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
Florsnce Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Edson (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Store Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, September 24.

Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St John Tavern, St John's Wood.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Tottenhamham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, September 25.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Mark Lodge 118, Northumberland.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188 Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, September 26.

Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.
" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Brixton, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Burdett Court's Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
Chagwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 27, 1873.

- Monday, September 22.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 5-30
- Tuesday, September 23.
Lodge 1393, Hamer, 2a, Windermere-st., Breck-road, Liverpool, at 4.
Chap. 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Joppa Mark Lodge (No. 5), Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
- Wednesday, September 24.
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
" 220, Harmony, Garston, Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
" 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
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- Thursday, September 25.
Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 11.
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
" 1313, The Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
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MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, September 27, 1873.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

- Monday, September 22.
Lodge 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
- Tuesday, September 23.
Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
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- Wednesday, September 24.
Lodge 187, St. John's Carlisle, Black Bull, Carlisle.
" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
- Thursday, September 25.
Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Buildings, Govan.
- Friday, September 26.
Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollockshaws.
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LAST APPLICATION.
OCTOBER ELECTION, 1873.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The generous support and influence of the Governors and Subscribers to the above Institution is earnestly and respectfully solicited at the ensuing election in October, on behalf of

RICHARD EDWARD BARNES,
AGED NINE YEARS AND NINE MONTHS.

Son of Bro. Richard Edward Barnes, of 48, Hoxton-square. The said Bro. R. E. Barnes was initiated in the Kent Lodge, No. 125, on the 17th day of November, 1835, and has subscribed thereto 38 years; he has also acted as Honorary Secretary to the same for 35 years; served the office of W.M., and is now the Father of the Lodge.

He joined the United Mariners' Lodge, No. 50, on the 4th day of November, 1845; subscribed thereto 28 years; and is also the Father of that Lodge.

He was also exalted in the Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13, on the 26th day of July, 1842; served the office of M.E.Z.; has acted as Scribe E. for 30 years; and is now the Father of the Chapter.

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" Robt. Shackell, P.M., Lindsborough House, Clonbrock-road, Stoke Newington.
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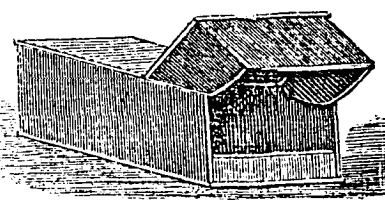
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ELECTION—OCTOBER, 1873.

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ETHEL IDA MARGARET SEATON,

AGED NINE YEARS.

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OCTOBER ELECTION, 1873.

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AGED NINE YEARS AND NINE MONTHS.

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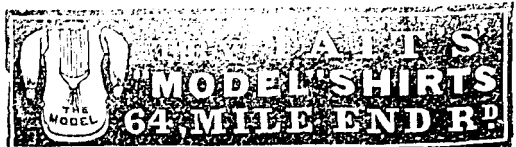


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Craft Masonry.

BRADFORD.—*Shakespeare Lodge* (No. 1018).—The regular monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 14th May last, in the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-st., under the presidency of Bro. G. Althorp, W.M., assisted by Bros. W. Longley, S.W.; G. W. Monckman, J.W.; W. Morgan, S.D.; H. Harrison, I.G.; W. H. Haley, Sec.; and Harrison, Treasurer. There were present also—Bros. J. Ward, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg.; T. Laycock, P.M.; C. Bannister, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E.; W. Wren, P.M.; A. Nicholson, P.M.; J. B. Hammond, H; R. C. Latimer, Ferrand, Swithenbank, W. Whaley, Milnes, S. Priestly, J. M. Parkinson, and others. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and in pursuance of previous notice, Bro. J. M. Parkinson was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, according to ancient usage. The lodge was lowered to the first degree, and after some discussion on the finances of the lodge, was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, and spent a very pleasant evening. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. The special toast of the evening however, was that of "Bro. J. Laycock, P.M., on his return from a voyage to the Cape, in South Africa." This toast was proposed by the W.M., who referred to the circumstance of Bro. Laycock having been two years Master of the lodge, and to his having been a member, and taking an active part in its affairs from its foundation. Bro. Laycock, as the brethren all knew had been travelling abroad with an invalid brother, and in the name and on behalf of the members of the lodge he begged to render him a hearty welcome on his safe return. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Laycock thanked the brethren for the very cordial reception given to the toast and himself on his return from Cape Town. After referring in touching terms to his having left England months ago in company with his brother, who had been recommended to travel for the benefit of his health, and who had died very suddenly and unexpectedly on his return voyage from Cape Town, he gave a very interesting account of his visit to various lodges in the Colony, and his reception by the brethren there. Amongst other places Bro. Laycock went to Cape Town, Beaufort West, Bloemfontein Potchefstroom, and Natal, all in South Africa. At Cape Town he visited the British and the Joppa Lodges, and at Bloemfontein the Rising Sun, Lodge, and a Dutch Lodge, called Unia. Bro. Laycock dwelt in very warm terms on the great kindness shown to him by the brethren of all these lodges.

LANCASTER.—*The Duke of Lancaster Lodge* (No. 1353)—The brethren of this lodge held their regular meeting on the 17th inst. in the Lodge Room, Athenæum. Present Bro. J. Bell, W.M.; Bro. W. Heald, S.W.; Bro. Jos. Barrow J.W.; Bro. John Acton, Hon. Sec.; Bro. J. Conlon S.D.; Bro. R. Wolfenden J.D.; Bro. I. H. Williams J.G.; and a goodly number of brethren, and visiting Bro. John Hatch, P.M., 281. There were two raisings, two passings, and one initiation. Bro. P.M. J. Hatch gave the two raisings, and one passing,

in his usual able and efficient manner. The brethren feeling so pleased, they passed a vote of thanks to Bro. P.M. Hatch, for his kindness and assistance. After further business had been transacted, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

CLAPTON LODGE. (No. 1365).—A very numerous body of the members and friends of this lodge assembled on the 17th inst. at the White Hart Tavern, Clapton. The Clapton Lodge has met with an immense amount of success since its consecration, two years ago, having been presided over by two brethren of marked Masonic ability, who have been most ably assisted throughout by one of the most able and energetic Secretaries we have ever had the pleasure of meeting. An emergency meeting was held a few evenings previously for the purpose of clearing off the business of the lodge, so that the ceremony of installation of the W.M. elect should be the main feature of the meeting, and be conducted throughout without hurry or confusion. On this occasion the lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M. Bro. Wm. Stephens, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Afterwards the ceremony of initiation was worked, the candidate being Mr. Thomas Thompson, who was duly inducted into Freemasonry, Bro. Stephens' working being excellent. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. C. Miles, was then presented by Bro. Taylor, the first W.M. of the lodge, and in due time placed in the chair of K. S. Bro. Stephens' working of the ceremony was much appreciated and applauded. During the ceremony the Warden's chairs were filled by Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, Grand Pursuivant and J. L. Mather, P.M. 95 and 1,227. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. Lutwyche, S.W.; R. Wyatt, J.W. In making this appointment the W.M. stated that the rapid promotion of Bro. Wyatt from Junior Deacon to Junior Warden was owing to the generous self-abnegation of Bro. H. W. Cattlin, who was in reality entitled to the Junior Warden's chair, but that brother being already Junior Warden in the Royal Standard, his mother lodge, had no desire to hold both appointments at the same time, and had very gracefully allowed Bro. Wyatt to become a Warden, and consequently a member of Grand Lodge, twelve months sooner than under other circumstances would have been the case. Bro. Richard Buller, P.M. was loudly applauded as the W.M. placed the Secretary's collar for the third time round his neck, and a similar token of approbation greeted Bro. Cattlin on his resumption of his former office of Senior Deacon. Bro. Somers was appointed J.D.; Bro. Room, I.G.; Bro. J. McDavitt, Organist; Bro. Paul, D.C.; Badkin, W.S.; and Gilchrist, Tyler; all appointments evidently being popular with the bulk of the brethren. When the final charges and addresses had been delivered the lodge was regularly closed down, and the brethren repaired to the banquetting hall, where a repast had been prepared by Bro. Harwood, the proprietor of the establishment. Bro. Miles, the new W.M., presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received with enthusiasm. The health of the retiring Master, Bro. Stephens, was the toast of the evening, and the W.M., in proposing it, did full justice to the many amiable qualities and valued services of that brother, which he assured him were fully appreciated by his brethren of the Clapton Lodge, as he would soon have an opportunity of judging. He then placed on the breast of Bro. Stephens a very beautiful Past Master's jewel in gold, and handed him a jewel case containing a costly brooch and earrings; the case bore an inscription stating that the presentation was made in token of the respect and esteem in which, Mrs. Stephens was held by her friends in Freemasonry. A surprise awaited Bro. Stephens, when a beautiful testimonial on vellum was presented to him in addition to those other substantial marks of regard. The presentation of this testimonial was a secret known to very few in the lodge, and Bro. Stephens was certainly not one of them. His reply in return was manly, modest, and effective, and he assured the brethren what he had received that evening would be cherished as amongst his dearest

possessions. The toast of "The Grand Offices" was responded to by Bro. Cottebrune, and that of "The Masonic Charities" by Bro. R. W. Little, P.G. Sec. Middlesex, and Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. McDavitt and other brethren delighted the company with their musical exertions. Amongst others present, besides those already named, were Bros. E. Coste, P.M., 9; J. C. Goldsmith, 3. W., and E. B. Grabham, I.G., 19; W. Y. Laing, P.M., 45, and 160, S.C.; A. J. Ireton, 83; C. Fox, 538; Greenwood, 749; G. W. Watkinson, 813; H. Lloyd, W.M.; and W. Christian, 1278; W. T. Manger, S.W., 1314; J. Summers, S.W., 1348; W. Baldwin, J.W., 1,423, &c.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The regular communication of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., when there were present, the W.M., Bro. Thomas Dodgson, P.M. 995, supported by Bros. Mills, S.W.; Meredith J.W.; Crook, S.D.; Myers Meakin, J.D.; Whiteside, W.M. 1398, I.G.; and other officers and brethren, amongst whom was visiting Bro. Dr. J. V. Worthington, W.M., Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, Garston.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the usual business disposed of, when the ballot was taken for Bro. John Hartely, as a joining member, and for Mr. George Mills, a candidate for admission, which in both cases proved favourable. The latter being in attendance was duly initiated into the order in a very impressive manner by Bro. J. V. Worthington, W.M. 220, Bro. Casson, P. Org. 995, acting in a most efficient manner as Organist. Several propositions for joining and admission were afterwards received and hearty good wishes were expressed by brethren representing Lodges 220, 280, 993, and others. The general business being disposed, of the lodge was duly closed in the usual form.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The first meeting of this new lodge took place at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., and was well attended by brethren interested in every fresh undertaking in connection with the Order. The lodge was opened soon after 7 o'clock by Bro. Chas. Smith, the Worshipful Master, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Geo. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cantle, J.W.; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; Edward Thurkle, Treas.; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; Louis Cornelissen, J.D.; William Ashwell, I.G.; and Geo. Fox, P.M., Tyler. Bro. John Noke, 87, acted as Past Master. The minutes taken at the consecrating and installing meeting, in July last, having been read, were confirmed by the brethren. The balloting for the admission of Messrs. T. Cox, T. F. Knight, Smyth, and Chas. Nott, resulted in favour of the candidates, who were soon after separately introduced into the Order, the ceremony being impressively worked. Bro. Robert Forster, 548, was also admitted as a joining member of the lodge. There being no farther business to be transacted, the lodge was closed, according to prescribed rule, the brethren remaining for a short time, at the invitation of the W.M., to hear the excellent pianoforte playing of Bro. Smyth, one of the initiates, and the vocalisation of Bro. J. J. Cantle, J.W. of the lodge.

WALTHAM (HERTS).—*King Harold Lodge*.—This prosperous lodge met at the Britannia Hotel, New Town Waltham, Herts, on the 16th inst. There was a full muster of members, and the business of the evening was to raise four brethren, which ceremony was efficiently rendered by the W.M., Bro. Edward Parker, Prov. G.P. Herts; the names of the brethren being, Soul, Imrie, Miller, and Malcolm; also to elect the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. James Kerr Young, was elected W.M.; Bro. James Barwick, Treasurer, was re-elected; and Bro. Steedman, to fill the office of Tyler, owing to the resignation, through failing health, of Bro. W. Allison, for whom the King Harold Lodge entertained the highest respect. The W.M. elect thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to the chair. Bro. Young has always been most energetic in his exertions for the benefit of this lodge and was one of its founders. Bro. Barwick has been Treasurer of the King Harold since its consecration in September, 1870,

and has always been most highly esteemed. On the completion of business the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk and heartily responded to, and the evening was enlivened with some excellent harmony. The brethren, after spending a very pleasant evening, retired at an early hour. The brethren were:—Bros. E. Parker, the W.M., Prov. G.P. Herts.; E. West, P. Prov. G.S.D., Herts.; Lacy, P.M., S.W. (W.M. No. 1421); J. W. H. Evans, J. W.; W. Gilbert, S.D.; Barwick, Treasurer; Reilly, Secretary; Copeland, I.G.; Allison, Tyler; and Bros. Auher, Barnett, Bowyer, Burge, Calvert, Carter, A. Clements, G. Clements, Cole, Cox, Creed, Eversfield, Fisher, Goodale, Hodges, Holmes, Imrie, Kent, Meadows, Mooney, Noyes, Portlock, Parkis, Sheldon, Silver, Skinner, Tucker, Tydeman, S.W. 1437; Wyatt, Lumsden, Soul, Miller, and Malcolm. Visitors:—Bros. Platt, Howlett, and Middlehurst.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly communication of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held on the 17th ult. Present:—S. Somerville, of Ampherlaw, M.D., Deput. Grand Principal, acting Grand Z.; John Laurie, (Sec. G. L. of Scotland), P.Z. 72, acting Grand H.; W.S. Carmichael, M.D., Z. 83, acting Grand J.; Lindsay Mackersy P.S., Grand Scribe E.; William Mann S.S.C., Grand Scribe N.; S. Georgiades, P.Z., 107; J. Melville, P.Z. 118, and W. Grant P.Z. 120, acting Grand Sojourners and a large attendance of M.E. companions.

The minutes of the last quarterly communications and of committee meetings were read and confirmed.

Grand Scribe E. laid on the table presents from the Grand Chapters of South Carolina and Delaware, U.S., consisting of published proceedings of their grand bodies, for which the thanks of Supreme Chapter were voted.

The resignation of Lieut.-Col. A. W. Penn as Prov. Grand Z. Bombay, in consequence of his having left the Province was accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to Lieut.-Col. Penn for his past services.

Comp. Capt. Henry Morland, Prov. Grand Master, under Grand Lodge of Scotland for Western India, was appointed Prov. Grand Z., in room of M. E. Comp, Lieut.-Col. Penn resigned.

Comp. John Laurie, Sec. Gr. L. of Scotland, was recommended for appointment as representative from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Bye-Laws of Cathedral Chapter, Glasgow, 67, and of Malwa Chapter, Mhow 139, were confirmed.

Motion, by Comp. Alex. Hay, Grand Recorder, tabled at last quarterly communication, was withdrawn.

Supreme Chapter was thereafter duly closed.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council of Scotland of the 33rd and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, held on 3rd Sept., 1873, present J. Whyte-Melville, of Bannochy, Most Poissant Sov. G. Com.; Ill. Bros. L. Mackersy, G. G. Sec., H. E.; S. Somerville, M.D., G. G. Treas., H.E., Thos. E. MacRitchie, G. C. G., — Kerr, and G. St. B., Ill. Bro. W. Mann, S.S.C., was installed as a Sov. G. I. Gen., 33°, in room of Prince Rodocanakis, appointed Sov. Gr. Com. of the Supreme Council of Greece.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council of Scotland of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, held on Thursday, 18th, Sept., 1873, present S. Somerville, of Ampherlaw, 33°, Ill. Gr. Treas. H.E.; L. Mackersy, 33°, Ill. G. Sec., H.E.; Thos. E. MacRitchie, of Craigton, 33°, Ill. G. C. G.; W. Mann, 33°, Ill. G. Archiveste; W. Hay, 31°, Adolph Robinow, German Consul, 31°, and Alex. Mitchell, 31°. Ill. Comp. Benjamin Lester Peters, Barrister,

St. John's, New Brunswick, was admitted to the 31° and 32°.

At a meeting of the Edinburgh Consistory of the 30th Degree, held on Friday, 19th Sept., 1873, present S. Somerville, of Ampherlaw, 33°, Grand Commander; — Kerr, 33°; Thos. Cairns, M.D., 30°, G. Orator; W. Mann, 33°, G. S. W.; L. Mackersy, 33°, G. Sec.; W. Hay, 31°, G. M. C.; John Laurie, 30°, and B. Lester Peters, 32°. Bros. A. S. Granfelt, Aberdeen, and William Merricks Roslin were admitted to the 18° and 30°.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment*.—As the installation ceremonies had occupied all the time of the regular meeting, an emergency meeting of the Knights of St. Mungo Encampment was held on Friday, the 19th inst., Sir Knt. R. Bell, the E.C., presiding, assisted by Sir Knts. G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting Prelate; J. Tweed, D.C.; S. Scott, M.; J. McLeish, W.; and J. McDade, Sentinel. Comps. D. Cadwallader, J. Louttit, and W. Watson were duly admitted into the religious and military order of the Temple in the ancient form and with the accustomed ceremonies.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Unity Chapter* (No. 73).—This chapter held a special meeting on Friday, the 19th inst., at five o'clock, to receive a brother who was about to sail. Comps. G. G. Macdonald, Z.; G. W. Wheeler; H.; J. Tweed, J.; J. Balfour, P.Z., Scribe E.; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.E., acting as Sojourner, with Capt. Mackenzie, of Chapter 40, and D. Fleming, of Chapter 69. The Degree of Mark Master, and also that of Excellent Master were conferred on Bro. Sherwin. A Holy Royal Arch Chapter was then opened, and Comp. J. Crabb, Z. of Chapter 50, exalted the same gentleman to that degree. Comp. McKenzie, having been proposed as a joining member, was unanimously elected.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire took place at Coventry, on Tuesday, 16th inst.

The members of the lodge assembled about noon in good numbers, at the New Free Library, in order to transact the usual routine business, under the presidency of Lord Leigh.

This part of the proceedings, which included the election of officers for the year, having been accomplished by about half-past three o'clock, a procession of members was formed, and they at once proceeded to St. Michael's Church, where a special service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Baynes, and a sermon preached by the Hon. and Rev. J. W. Leigh, late vicar of Stoneleigh, both members of the fraternity.

Some time previous to the hour appointed for the procession, a large crowd of persons had assembled outside the building, in order to witness the departure, and it was evidently a ceremony of no ordinary interest to them. The varied regalia of the members had a very striking effect, and many of the decorations created almost a state of admiration among the spectators. A large number of persons followed the procession in church, and listened to the service, which was conducted in an impressive and appropriate manner. The singing of the choir was even better than usual, and the anthem was given with excellent effect. There were five or six ministers present in their regalia.

The Trinity Lodge, No. 254, was opened at half-past two o'clock, the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master and his Officers were then received, and the Prov. G. Lodge was opened at three o'clock.

The lodges and roll of Provincial Grand Officers were then called, and the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held at the Faithful Lodge, No. 474, Birmingham, on March 31st last, were read and confirmed.

The reports of the Audit Committee and the Benevolent and Annuity Fund Committee were received, and the applications for relief, recommended by the latter committee, were considered and decided upon.

The lodge next determined which of the candidates for the Masonic Charities should re-

ceive the support of the province at the next election. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master having fixed the place of meeting of the next Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge adjourned and attended Divine Service.

The service having been concluded, the rev. gentleman took his text from 1st Epistle of St. James, and the 27th verse, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." The apostle in this chapter informed us how we may distinguish between a vain religion and one which was approved by God. There were many differences existing in the world on this subject—what religion was pure and undefiled. Whatever diversity of opinion there may be respecting the words and the doctrines the apostle here gave, there was one great distinguishing mark to go by, and one which the majority of men who had any profession of religious faith, would be ready to admit. The preacher then went on to point out that that religion was vain which was made up of mere pomp and show, and a man that followed a vain religion was sure to be the first to revile his neighbours. The pure and undefiled religion, then, was "to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted before the world." Brethren, he said, let us see then whether this fraternity, to which we belong, does not endeavour to carry out the precepts here laid down by the apostle. It teaches us to do everything in the presence of God, and to endeavour to regulate our action by his precepts. True religion pointed out our duty toward God, our neighbour, and ourselves; it teaches us to practice charity to the poor and distressed, to relieve the destitute, to soothe the afflicted, and to do to others what we should that they should do unto us. The fatherless and the widows were particularly mentioned, because they were the most apt to be neglected; but we are also to understand all proper objects of charity. Now, let us consider whether these precepts are to be in accordance with the principles and aims of the honourable Order to which we belong. Do they not inculcate these great duties? Do they not impress upon you the necessity of cultivating brotherly love? and not to backbite and slander our fellow men. Do they not urge you to exercise that most beautiful charity, to hold the hand of fellowship to a brother in distressed circumstances, and on all occasions to relieve the wants of the fatherless and widows? It may not be out of place to say a few words as to the best means of administering our charity. There are in this land many who are ready to give, and to give liberally from their substance; yet there are many who from ignorance or want of proper care misplace their charity. It was an important matter, not only to do good to our fellow-creatures, but that we should find out the best way of doing it. It is surprising to see how many men are deceived by the mere sentiments of humanity, to the belief that they are human. It may, perhaps, be better not to give at all than to give promiscuously, but it were far better to help some poor family struggling against the world for existence; to help the widow and the fatherless, old people incapable of labour, and orphans. After pointing out that men only knew of the misfortunes of others from what he heard, and not from what he himself saw, he said many men were charitable in order to enjoy the luxury and gratitude of their fellows. Speaking of the distribution of charity, he said there had been associations and charity organisation societies started, with the object of seeing relief more equitably distributed, but he doubted whether there was a grander or more noble association than this. Masonry did try to distribute the contributions of its members, on the most judicious principles. Look at those noble institutions, School for Boys and Girls, and the asylums for decayed men and women, were they not living examples of what they had been doing? And if anyone doubted it, let him visit those asylums and schools and see for himself with what care, and perseverance, and tenderness, and affection they are watched over. By so doing he would learn one great secret of Freemasonry: that of performing a charity in the best

way. They were not merely a band of brothers meeting together for personal gratification, or a mysterious or secret order organised for the purpose of revolutionising society, the government, or the Church. But it was a society which endeavoured to carry out the precepts of true religion by "visiting the fatherless and widows in affliction," "to fear God and to honour the King." He then spoke of the second part of his text—to keep themselves unspotted from the world. Did not Masonry teach them to exalt those talents with which God had blest them? Did it not urge them to place a bridle upon their actions? to use the faculties that God had given them to the exaltation of chastity and virtue? And to finally prepare themselves when called before the great tribunal, when they would be judged by their works? There were men, he regretted to say, who did not live up to the noble objects taught by their system, but that was not a fault of Masonry. What we required in this world was more light, and their system desired to make them lights of the world. The great characteristics of Masons were temperance; fortitude, prudence, and justice; the principles on which it was founded were brotherly love and truth; and the grand Christian as well as Masonic motto, faith, hope, and charity. So that when they had finished trials on earth they might at length pass to the Grand Lodge above, and take their place with the World's Great Architect.

A short interval ensued after the service, and then a banquet, supplied by Mr. John Hall, of the Castle Hotel, took place in St. Mary's Hall. It was served up in a superior style, under the superintendance of Mr. Hill, of the Draper's Hall. The courses consisted of the most innumerable delicacies, and previous to the company being seated the tables presented a magnificent appearance. They and the room were beautifully decorated with some choice flowers from Stoneleigh Abbey. Covers were laid for 120, the plate, glass, and cutlery being supplied by Mr. Hedger of the Broadgate.

Lord Leigh presided, and he was supported by D. Prov. G.M. Col. Machen, on his right, and W.M. of the Trinity Lodge, Bro. Mulloney on the left.

His Lordship proposed "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, and the Royal Family," and "The Grand Lodge of England." The latter toast was responded to by Bro. Wheeler, Prov. G.O.

The Rev. Canon Baynes proposed the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire," which having been cordially drunk,

His Lordship suitably responded to the toast.

The Rev. F. M. Beaumont proposed "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire," to which

Col. Machen made an excellent response.

Lord Leigh proposed "The W.M. of Trinity Lodge and Success to the Lodge."

Bro. Mulloney, W.M., responded in a short speech.

Bro. A. E. Fridlander, in a eulogistic speech, proposed "The Health of the Hon. and Rev. J. W. Leigh." He alluded to the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him, and more particularly those by whom in his own parish he was more immediately surrounded. He regretted his departure for America, and hoped he might return safely.

The Hon. and Rev. J. W. Leigh, in his response, said he took his departure much more unwillingly from the knowledge of the many friends he left behind him; however it would afford him much consolation to know that he was kindly remembered by the friends at home. He hoped he might be permitted to rejoin them again.

His Lordship proposed "The Visitors," and the toast was responded to by Bro. W. G. Griffiths, P. Prov. S.G.W.

"The Masonic Charities" was the subject of another toast proposed by Col. Machen, and responded to by Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School. He eulogised the Warwickshire Masons for the great amount they had subscribed to the Masonic Boys' School, and alluded in glowing terms to the usefulness of the Institution.

The Tyler's toast, by Lord Leigh, concluded the toast list.

Bros. Kennedy, Insall, and Croydon sang capital songs during the evening.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor for the use of the hall, and Mr. Gulson for the use of the Free Library Building.

MASONIC EPISODE IN REAL LIFE.

Previous to the late war, there lived in the North a Mason of the 32nd grade, known as Richard Balcom; a gentleman held in high esteem by his *confrères*, of sterling integrity, genial and prepossessing manners, in fact, a generous, whole-souled gentleman; but with these excellent qualities he had a fiery and imperious temper, prompt to resent insult, furious if a friend's honour or character were attacked.

On one occasion the W.M. of his lodge indulged in language of a disparaging nature in regard to an absent member, an intimate associate of Balcom, who, conceiving it to be his imperative duty, resented the course pursued by the W.M. toward his absent friend, in a violent manner, and in strong terms, condemning the W.M.'s actions. High words ensued, and if others had not interfered the result might have been serious. So great a breach of discipline could not pass unnoticed. Charges were preferred, and a commission appointed, resulting in the expulsion of Balcom.

About two months thereafter business matters demanded the attention of Balcom in Peru. His old Masonic friends, in large numbers, notwithstanding the Masonic interdiction, assembled at the wharf to bid him "God speed" on his journey. When he left New York he expected to return within six months, but business affairs proved so remunerative that he resolved to remain on the Pacific. Matters prospered with him, and in a few years he was one of the wealthiest merchants on that coast. He had thoroughly mastered the language of the country, and had great influence with the government, in consequence of valuable services rendered on various occasions. He married into one of the best families of Lima, and resolved to spend the remainder of his days among a people who honoured and appreciated him.

In the fall of 1865, four persons were arrested by the authorities of Lima, a short distance outside the city, and when they were brought up for examination, Balcom, who happened to be present, at once recognised them as his countrymen, and, judging from their appearance, men of character. He obtained an adjournment of the case in order to secure an interview with the accused, and the privilege was accorded.

Balcom had already ascertained that one of the number accused, Norval Prince, was a Mason. From him he learned all the facts of the case. Suffice it to say, the arrest was a mistake, and Balcom was enabled, by his knowledge, to obtain all the necessary evidence, and the prisoners were honourably discharged.

After their release, Balcom invited them to partake of his hospitality, which was gratefully accepted, and shortly after the three friends departed, leaving Bro. Prince at Balcom's house.

After their departure, Balcom held out to Bro. Prince inducements to remain and engage in business in Lima. He did so, and by the assistance of Balcom, succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations. Thus they remained for two years, few men being so fondly attached to each other's society. One day Bro. Prince said:

"My dear Balcom, why have you always shown such marked partiality to me, to the exclusion of all others?"

"You are a Mason."

"I am; how did you know that? You have never given me any indication that you were one."

"Do you recollect when first brought before the magistrate you made a movement—a mute appeal—which all Masons understand, and which none can disregard?"

"I do now recollect. Well?"

"That appeal was seen and noted by others as well as myself, and may account in a measure for kind receptions on several occasions by those who were strangers to you."

"My dear brother, you knew that I was a Mason, and yet never made yourself known. I cannot understand it. How many happy hours we might have passed in pleasant intercourse on Masonry."

"We have had our first and last conversation on that subject; from this time forth you must never again allude to Masonry in my presence—in fact, you cannot, which you will readily understand, when I inform you that I am an expelled Mason."

The surprise of Bro. Prince at this announcement was indescribable. He could not realise that such a gentleman could not be guilty of any fault that demanded such a penalty.

Balcom then related to him all the details of his quarrel, trial and expulsion, and again enjoined his friend against referring to matters relating to the Order. Bro. Prince protested in the most earnest manner against his decision, but Balcom was firm.

Bro. Prince then resolved to know more of the matter, and learning that an old friend was a member of the lodge to which Balcom had formerly belonged, he lost no time in writing to him, asking all particulars in regard to Balcom and his trial, and what course was necessary to have him restored. The response arrived while Bro. Prince was immersed in business, but seizing his hat, he rushed from his office in a state of agitation that induced the clerks to suppose that he had been seized by a sudden fit of madness.

With all speed, he reached the residence of Balcom, trembling with excitement, and some time elapsed before he could speak coherently; but, becoming as quiet as the circumstances permitted, he said,

"Bro. Balcom, (mark I use the term brother) six months ago you interdicted me from speaking on Masonic subjects. I hereby dissolve that injunction myself, and intend hereafter to talk of Masonry on all occasions when in your society."

"I sincerely regret that you have resolved to adopt that course; although it would deeply grieve me to sever the ties of friendship that have bound us together so pleasantly, yet my duty to you and my sense of honour demands this sacrifice, if you persist in your resolution."

"But, my dear brother, all I have in the world, my success in life, is wholly due to you. You, of all Masons have been the truest; we shall not part, nor refrain from talking on Masonic matters; on the contrary, you will this evening accompany me to our lodge rooms, where I predict you will have a grand reception."

Balcom was now thoroughly alarmed, being impressed with the idea that some undue excitement in business had produced temporary aberration of mind, but he said, soothingly:

"Come, Prince, you are labouring under some strong agitation; be quiet for a while. You must be aware what you say is not in accordance with your usual good sense."

"On the contrary, I am talking sound sense. Please peruse that document and then accuse me of talking nonsense."

Bro. Prince placed a paper in the hand of his friend, to which a seal was attached. He opened the paper in surprise, and with happiness beaming from his noble countenance, for a moment he was entirely wrapt in his own emotions. Suddenly extending his hand to Bro. Prince, while his moistened eyes exhibited his gratification, he said:

"My dear brother, to you, then, I am indebted for one of the happiest moments of my life."

It appears that after the departure of Bro. Balcom from his native city, sympathy for his position rose to the highest pitch in the lodge, and the W.M. asked for Bro. Balcom's restoration, which was unanimously acceded to within a month after his departure, and under an excitement seldom witnessed in a Masonic body. It was generally understood that Bro. Balcom would return in six months, and a surprise was organised to meet him on his return, and

give him an ovation, the W.M. to make the welcoming speech; but as they received no information from Bro. Balcolm or his whereabouts, they could not communicate with him, and he remained impressed for eight years that he was still under the ban of expulsion, and but for the happy interference of Bro. Prince, would probably have never been the wiser.

Bro. Balcolm, who was already a 32°, affiliated with the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the only one known in the country, while Bro. Prince, who was a K.T., affiliated with the symbolic lodge, and petitioned for advancement in the Ineffable Grades. He advanced as rapidly as could be expected, having in three years attained the 18° grade, and now, after a probation of three years, expects shortly to obtain the 32°.

The above was related to us by Bro. Prince, about eight months ago, and, in the present controversy now existing in reference to the status of unaffiliated Masons in the new statutes of the Grand Lodge, called the same to mind.

The brothers, Balcolm and Prince, still live, and are highly honoured members of the community in which they reside, devoted to our noble Order, and vying with each other in dispensing charity to the poor, distressed, and destitute.

Would that our Fraternity had more members like Bro. Balcolm. Masonry had dissolved its connection with him and absolved itself of all control so far as he was concerned; yet he, true to his obligation, never renounced his part of the contract. He acted toward Masons as if they were still his brothers, when aid and assistance was required, and believed in that old, but now almost obsolete, legend, "Once a Mason always a Mason."—*New York Dispatch*.

PRESENTATION to Bro. S. H. WAGSTAFF P.M. 1216,

On Tuesday evening 16th inst, a number of ladies and gentlemen connected with the well known firm of the celebrated Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine, whose chief office is 43, St. Paul's Church-yard, met together at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, to present an address beautifully illuminated on vellum, and handsomely framed, on the occasion of Bro. Wagstaff's leaving England; he having been chosen by the firm to represent them in further developing their business in the Indian Empire, for which place he started on Thursday, the 18th inst., in the P. and O. Company's splendid steamer Mizan, from Southampton. A most *recherché* banquet having been provided, at which the much respected general manager and representative of the firm in Great Britain, Bro. R. Hunting of the Harmony Lodge, U.S.A., presided. The cloth having been cleared the chairman rose and in a most feeling and complimentary manner, alluded to the long connection of Bro. Wagstaff with the firm, and of their high appreciation of his valuable services, as proof of which, they had retained him for the important and responsible mission which was fully expressed in the address which he had now the pleasure to present, it having been prepared by his co-assistants in the establishment, as a mark of the great respect, in which he was held by them. Bro. Wagstaff, who was much affected, stated that he thought he was better constituted to face a danger than to be the recipient of so much kindness, which, however, he highly appreciated, and thanked them for, and should prize more than anything they could have offered him, as he could hand that down to his posterity with pride and pleasure. After several complimentary toasts were drunk, chiefly referring to the wonderful resources and development of the sewing machine, the company separated, pleased with the evening's entertainment and reassured of the good feelings of the firm towards their assistants, and their readiness to recognise faithful service.

Original Correspondence.

THE CHARITY JEWEL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

At the quarterly communication of Grand Lodge on the 4th of June last, the Grand Master is reported to have made a change, in or an addition to the existing system, under which brethren are entitled to the rights and privileges as to wearing the Charity Jewel or clasps.

I have no doubt that those cognisant of the existing system will "recognise the wisdom of the change," but, from my communication with Provincial brethren, I am inclined to believe that there are many, like myself entirely in the dark as to the existing system.

If therefore you can throw any light upon this subject it will be appreciated by your readers.

I am Sir, yours faithfully,

A SUBSCRIBER.

THE LAST ROMAN CATHOLIC ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your recent leader on "The Last Roman Catholic Attack on Freemasonry," is certainly called for, and it is a matter much to be deplored that amongst ourselves in the Craft, there should be any bickering. We should be united, and not allow the disputes amongst the higher degrees to undermine the strength of our free and liberal institution.

The Roman Catholic Press may attempt to ridicule Masonry, but their ridicule comes with a bad grace, from those whose ceremonial is a tissue of deceptions and mummeries. At any rate, we Freemasons do not call railway excursions with lots of provender, "Pilgrimages," and the Masonic titles of our officers are not a whit less dignified, than those of homeless ecclesiastics, who parade fantastical costumes, give themselves out as His Grace of So and So—and assume territorial jurisdiction, where our honest lieges laugh them to scorn, and where an aggrieved boot-black may summons "His Eminence of Anywhere" before a sitting magistrate for obstructing the way!

These poor mediavalists, may catch a stray legacy, or cajole an old lady without brains, and an uneasy conscience, but they know very well in their own hearts, that the heart of England is sound, and that Freemasonry is no insignificant means of keeping it so—hence their childish rage and jealousy.

Nothing is easier than to write reams of what are called, "funny articles," against Freemasonry. A little flippancy, and a very small stock of knowledge, is sufficient for the purpose, but for one absurdity in the ceremonial of Freemasonry we can point out a dozen instances of the most ridiculous description in the Roman Catholic Church, and as for the sneer of the Westminster paper, about the "diamond merchant," what is this to compare with the systematic pumping of the poor, for "Peter's pence?" But there happens to be no such individual as "the diamond merchant," whereas we know of many dupes, who give up their dinners, on pretence of a fast, in order that the money which would have bought them, may be less felt, on its transfer to Peter's pocket.

Yours fraternally,

S.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If Brother Buchan has never seen nor heard of any "so called spiritualistic phenomena" but what might have been accomplished by living persons present, without the aid of any disembodied spirit, he is quite right in refusing to refer them to the agency of such spirits. But surely his ignorance of veritable spiritualistic phenomena is not necessarily to be taken as the measure of my convictions. He cannot reasonably be expected to believe in what he has neither seen nor heard of, but he can hardly take upon himself to aver that others, who have seen and heard much that he has not, are to deny the

evidence of their senses, because their experience has extended far beyond his. If he should ever happen to hold conversations of from two to three hours in length with some unseen intelligent power, which declares itself to be a spirit, which had inhabited a body, and which in that body bore a certain name, as my wife and I have done for six several evenings, no other person being present—conversations in which facts and directions were given which saved a family from ruin—he will say "yes" with as little hesitation as I now do.

Meanwhile, I am quite content to bear the reproach of the "credulous" and "deluded."

WILLIAM CARPENTER.

OUR JOURNEY.

Though rough be the path on our journey
through life,

Yet, 'twill be bright if we look well before us;
'Tis a leap in the dark, or neglect on the road,
That bringeth such black shadows o'er us.

We are taught to be true to mankind and our-
selves,

And apportion each day for prayer, rest and
labour,

To assist on the road those who are weary and
tired,

Also, extend hand of friendship to neighbour.

See, the man who is selfish and looks but to gain,
Or the idle who will beg, steal, or borrow,
The improvident man, who spends all to-day,
And the thoughtless, who heeds not the
morrow.

These are the lost on the road, and need help,
Save! or their journey will be in darkness and
woe;

Look well as you travel, and help when you can,
For rich is the harvest you skilfully sow.

Treat all men as brothers, alike rich and poor;
Be slow to anger, but quick to forgive;
If rich, help the needy; if poor, envy not
The wealth of thy neighbour, but struggle to
live.

Should misfortune o'ertake you never despair,
Look steadfast before you may distance her yet,
Onward! then onward! faithful, earnest and true,
Remember that life is with trouble beset.

F. F.

A FREEMASON'S SONG.

I'm a merry hearted Mason,
Oh, yes, indeed I am;
Always pleased to meet a brother,
And do the best I can.

Chorus.

Then here's a health to all true Masons,
Wherever they may be;
May fortune smile upon them;
On the land, and on the sea.

I promote the welfare of the Craft,
By acting on the square;
And treat with kindness every man,
No matter when or where.

In every clime the Craft is known,
In every place we find a brother;
And with advice and purse untied,
We love and cherish one another.

Then here's a health to all true Masons,
Wherever they may be;
May fortune smile upon them,
On the land and on the sea.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON SCOTCH
LODGES.—No I
By D MURRAY LYON.

GLASGOW KILWINNING, No. 4.

It has hitherto been very much the custom to ascribe to Mother Kilwinning the paternity of all the Lodges which were found in last century to have adopted its name. To have "Kilwinning" incorporated in the designation of a lodge was regarded as a mark of antiquity, just as "Royal Arch" was meant to imply the possession of degrees higher than those of Craft Masonry. In the establishment of the few Scotch Lodges that were in existence apart from bodies of operative masons in the third decade of the 18th century, as a rule, the sanction of no authority higher than themselves was sought. Some, indeed, had asked and obtained from Kilwinning confirmation of their position, but the majority were self-constituted and independent. GLASGOW KILWINNING belonged to this class. It was erected at a communication under the presidency of John Anderson, master of the "Lodge of Kilwinning held at Edinburgh" (Scots Arms,) at the sign of the Globe, in the Gallowgate of Glasgow, 1st April, 1735. The sederunt bears the names of three master masons and five apprentices. The brethren of the lower grade having been passed fellow crafts and raised masters, and a new member admitted, "the lodge was constitute." Honoured with the privilege of nominating the master of the new lodge for the current year, the presiding brother named John Clerk, merchant, and afterwards "installed and congratulated" him. The wardens—Robert Mollison, supervisor of excise, and J. Mentognerie, merchant—were chosen and installed by the master. The minute from which this information is derived is notable as containing the earliest record of the Third Degree being worked in the west country. And it is only one day later than the first occasion of the degree being conferred in Scotland, of which there is documentary evidence, viz., in Canongate Kilwinning, March 31, 1735. The earliest mention of a master's reception in Ayrshire is contained in the Kilwinning minute of 12th July, 1735, where it is reported by the master that "at a lodge held at Irvine the fifth of April last Cuninghame of Collenian and Forbes of Watertoun were received and admitted fellows of craft and masters." One of the brethren who were raised at the first communication of the Glasgow Kilwinning, was present in Canongate Kilwinning as a "gentleman visitor" in December of the same year, and "sufficiently acquitted himself in a trial of his qualifications as a master mason." Another visitor, somewhat boastful of his being a master mason, was after examination declared to be a "verry weak entered prentice."

Shortly after his election to the wardenship of Glasgow Kilwinning, Mr. Mollison removed to Ayrshire. He joined the Lodge of Kilwinning, and became one of its leading members. As a collector of excise, he was frequently in the district of Carriek, and on one of his journeys thither, in 1735, we find him, in terms of a commission from Mother Kilwinning, inquiring into the affairs of certain Masons in Maybole and Girvan, charged with admitting members to the lodge without accounting for or making payment of their entry-money. He was master of the lodge in 1741, and was succeeded by William, Earl of Kilmarnock, who on the day of his installation and proclamation, 20th January, 1742, admitted, pas'd and rais'd Alexander, Earl of Eglington. Mr. Mollison was deputy Master of Mother Kilwinning, when, in 1747, he was appointed to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Glasgow province, and for several years discharged the duties of both offices.

There were two candidates for the Grand Mastership at the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, viz., William St. Clair, of Roslin, and the Earl of Home. Like Mary's Chapel, Glasgow Kilwinning instructed its representative to vote for Lord Home. No division took place, and St. Clair was chosen by the unanimous voice of the brethren. He visited the lodge in May, 1739. The Earl of Home was at the institution of the Grand Lodge Master of Kilwinning

ing Scots Arms. He held a cornet's commission in the 2d regiment of dragoon guards in 1735, and got a troop of Churchill's dragoons in 1740. He rose to the rank of lieutenant-general in the army. He was in Scotland in 1745, when the Rebellion broke out, joined Sir John Cope at Dunbar in September, and was at the battle of Prestonpans. He joined the Royal army at Stirling in December, at the head of the Glasgow regiment of 600 men. At his death, in 1761, he was governor of Gibraltar.

Although a self-constituted body, Glasgow Kilwinning professed to be a branch of the Kilwinning Fraternity. In the minute of a meeting which it held at Port Glasgow in August 1735, the master and six other brethren well met are represented as having made a surgeon and a custom-house clerk free and accepted masons of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, who forthwith paid to the poor box of the said lodge held at Glasgow five shillings ster. each. A fortnight afterwards a select lodge was held at the Old Coffeehouse in Glasgow, at which Harry Lord Grey was made, the Earl of Kilmarnock, then master of Kilmarnock Kilwinning, being present as a visitor. In December following the lodge went to the house of a musician, in the Salt Mercatt, and there initiated him—probably for the sake of the host's professional services, although he is credited with the sum of five shillings paid to the poor's box.

About this time and long after, Glasgow Kilwinning was accustomed to visit with the highest penalty members "refusing to give attendance either at monthly or quarterly meetings." Brethren making respectful application "to be dismissed the lodge, and no longer to be reputed members," had their request complied with, but were permitted to attend as visitors. In the absence of diplomas it was customary for brethren from a distance to be introduced on letters of recommendation. From a copy of one such document engrossed in the books of Glasgow Kilwinning under date 2nd November, 1736, information is obtained of perhaps the earliest regularly-organised Lodge in America: ". . . Our lodge was constituted at Boston in New England, by our Right Worshipful Master, Henry Prince, Provincial Grand Master, on the 31st day of August, A.M. 5733, and is held at the Royal Exchange Tavern, in King's Street, the second and fourth Wednesday of every month,—and is adorn'd with the most eminent gentlemen of this great town, and kept up to it's primitive beauty and purity. . . Henry Price, G.M.; James Gordon, D.P.G.M.; Robt. Tomlinson, M.; Hugh McDaniel, S.W.; Jno. Osborn, J.W.; P. Breterth, Secretary." The establishment of a lodge of free and accepted masons in the then colony of Massachusetts Bay followed upon Mr. Price's appointment to the Provincial Grand Mastership of new England, under the Grand Lodge at London. His commission was subsequently made to embrace "all North America." This however did not prevent the introduction of Scotch charters, the first of which there is any record being that issued by the Grand Lodge to St. Andrew, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1756; although Washington is understood to have been initiated in a Virginian lodge under a Scotch charter in 1752. The Tappahannock (Essex County, Virginia), chartered in 1758, was the first American Kilwinning Lodge.

In its earlier years the bulk of the lodge's members were merchants, with a sprinkling of writers, physicians, university students, and excisemen—master mariners and "merchant sailors." One of this class, the master and owner of the ship "Freemason," was in 1738 presented by the lodge with "a badge of Masonry to be placed on the stern of the said ship." The roll was swelled also by officers of the regiments that from time to time were quartered in Glasgow. There is a hiatus in these records from December, 1742, to January, 1753. We are thus left in ignorance of the effect of the rebellion of 1745 upon the lodge.

The "solemnities" of the St. John's Day communication embraced a dinner, toasts, songs, instrumental music, and a torchlight procession, the flambeaus being carried by boys from the poor's-hospital. While, as the minutes record, the brethren were on such occasions accustomed

to enjoy themselves with "music, wine, and mirth, in that innocence peculiar to the noble institution," they were not unmindful of the claims of charity. On St. John's Day, 1740, the lodge gave a concert to a "genteel company" in the Merchants' Hall for the benefit of the poor. Mason songs sung by the brethren, with organ accompaniments, were a leading feature of the entertainment.

A charity ball was given in 1742. The fascinations of music were in those days largely employed to attract attendance at lodge communications—the "mason songs being sung and played on musical instruments," at all stated meetings. In September, 1742, the brethren resolved to purchase an organ for the benefit of the lodge, at a cost not to exceed £30. This resolution was shortly afterwards given effect to—good brother Deans being paid, with a glass of thanks, twenty pounds eight shillings sterling, the price of that musical instrument which now adorns our lodge. "Ladies and stranger masons" had the privilege of hearing the organ, which could only be used apart from masonic meetings at the request of at least three contributing members of the lodge.

These records contain what is perhaps the earliest notice of a Scotch provincial grand visitation, viz., that made to Glasgow Kilwinning in March, 1739, by the Provincial Grand Master of Argyle, Clydesdale, Dumbarton, Renfrew, and Stirling. In the course of this and subsequent visits the brethren were catechised on "the proper questions of masonry"—a custom which has long since become obsolete; although the twin practice of "drinking the usual healths" has been retained in all its integrity. There are no mason marks, or any mention of a mark degree, in these old minute-books.

(To be continued.)

RESPONSE TO "A MASONIC PARTING."

By Bro. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. and P.Z.

True Friendship's indeed the elixir of life,
For where it is found, there's an absence of
strife;
But beware of the friendship that tempts you to
roam,
And prize above all things the friendship of
home.
In the Craft are formed friendships on which you
rely,
For therein you're bound by that strange mys-
tic tie;
But, if after parting, you're tempted to roam,
Remember you're anxiously looked for at
home.
At home there is one whose friendship, be sure;
Though oftentimes tried, will ever endure;
But be not exacting, nor given to roam,
And cherish, 'bove all things, the friendship
of home

AMERICAN IRON IN THE ENGLISH MARKET.
—The *Liverpool Daily Post* states that 100 tons of American bar iron, guaranteed equal to Staffordshire, have been sold to a Liverpool firm at £11 10s. delivered in Liverpool, thus underselling the English iron market.

Professor Williamson, in opening the meeting of the British Association, at Bradford, entered into an elaborate review of chemical science, dealing especially with the present position of the atomic theory in relation to Dalton's law of definite and constant proportions. In closing his inaugural address, the president vindicated, for chemical study and science in general, the claim to a higher place in our national education.

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We have forwarded, addressed to the Secretaries of every Lodge, a form that requires to be filled in, to show any alterations and additions that may be needed for the Cosmopolitan Calendar, Diary and Pocket Book for 1874. As the Calendar will be published early next month, it is respectfully requested that the form may be filled in at once, and returned to the Publisher, George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

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Answers to Correspondents.

THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.—We cannot afford the space for any further correspondence upon this subject.

The following stand over:—Communications from J. H. W.; Relation of Sts. John to Freemasonry, by Bro. Jacob Norton; Laying the Foundation-stone of St. Mark's Church, South Shields; Reports of Lodges 1326, 1225; Mark Lodge 139; Fraters Rosicrucianæ Societatis in Anglia.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

GATEHOUSE.—STEVENS.—On the 20th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham, by the Rev. W. E. F. Green, William Ackfield Gatehouse, third son of Thomas Gatehouse, Esq., of Bosham, Chichester, to Harriet Elizabeth, eldest surviving daughter of Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and W.M. of the Great City Lodge, 1426, &c.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending October 27.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Miss Bateman in "Medea."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. "The Wandering Heir."

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Sutton Parry. Barnard's Burlesque, "Kiss Kiss."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frece. "Grand Duchess."

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1873.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

There never probably was a time in the annals of our Order, when the material prosperity of Freemasonry was so great as at the present hour. The roll of lodges under our English Grand Lodge is continually lengthening out, and our excellent Grand Secretary is continually welcoming the advent of another interesting "Little Stranger." Indeed, there seems at present no possible limit to be placed either to the expansiveness or development of our English Freemasonry.

Simultaneously with this steady increase of our lodges, and this great prosperity of our Order generally, there has also grown up a considerable taste for æsthetic adornment.

No longer confined to the public-house, or busy tavern, however respectable or well conducted, no longer exposed unavoidably, to those incongruities which the hotel system always subjects our lodge meetings to, as a general rule,—our brotherhood has sought for refuge in private lodge-rooms in the well arranged Masonic Temple, or the stately Masonic Hall. And the same feelings, and the same tastes seem just now to be distinguishing our Masonic brethren in America.

In Philadelphia, for instance, they have recently, at the cost of one million three hundred thousand dollars, raised what, so far, is the largest Masonic Hall in the world, and which in its architectural character, its outward appearance, and its inner arrangements, reflects, from the description of it, the greatest credit, as well, on those who planned, as on those who paid, for so magnificent a structure! Indeed, we in England may well feel somewhat startled, as we read in the *Times*, at home, of what our brethren are doing in the "Far West."

Now this is one peculiar phasis of modern Masonry, which we must not overlook, when we seek to realise what Freemasonry is "about," so to say, at the present hour amongst us.

A taste, as we before observed, for "æsthetics" has sprung up in the Order, and everywhere we see a tendency to more ornamented rituals, and more adorned accessories, in all our lodge-rooms, and lodge assemblies. And in this, no doubt, we are quite right, so far as we do not as is too often the case in changes and movements of the same kind, in the Craft and out of the Craft, fall into excess.

For it very often happens, that, in our ardent desire for improvement, we forget the golden rule of moderation, the "via media" of what is true, between the two extremes of carelessness on the one hand, or extravagance on the other.

Hence, though it is most advisable, and is most proper and becoming, to encourage the move-

ment for lodge ornamentation, to throw around our meetings all that good taste can suggest, or thoughtful ingenuity can supply, in order to make our halls and our ceremonies beautiful, impressive, and affecting, yet, we should always keep this, as all other tendencies of a similar kind, in due bounds, and within proper limits!

We quite agree with those who hold, that, new life is often thrown into our Masonic arrangements, that a spirit of awakened zeal and interest is infused into our routine Masonic existence, as well as a new light cast upon our Craft ceremonies, by the happy addition, and liberal aid of a well decorated and properly ornamented lodge-room.

Some of us, who remember the carelessness and the indifference which characterised our earlier experience of our lodge meetings, must rejoice to see, on every side of us, halls and buildings springing up, specially set apart for Masonic services, and on which the Architect has exerted his skill, and in which the "Ornamentor" if one may use such a word, has put forth his graceful strength, in order to render the erection, within and without, alike creditable to Freemasonry, and conducive in the highest degree, both to the comfort and delight of the brethren.

But while we commend sincerely this state of things, truly to be commended in itself, for the highest interests of our Order, we must repeat, as we said before, that we must not be content with the mere outward display or even the mere inward ornamentation of our lodges!

We require something more than all this to prove to us, and to the minds of all reflecting brethren, that Freemasonry is in a thoroughly healthy state amongst us.

Two great "indiciæ" of such a condition always characterise Freemasonry, when thoroughly acting up to the teaching it unfolds, and the obligations it avows.

The first is the development of a charitable spirit in the Craft, the carrying out in practice of what we so often, and so solemnly, profess in theory.

Whatever else may be said about English Freemasonry no one can venture to deny that, of late years, it has been remarkably distinguished by a most open handed obedience to its own constraining principles. Independently of the sums raised for our Masonic charities, in the last few years, and the large amount given periodically month by month from our various funds of benevolence, the simple fact that, during this very year, our brotherhood has contributed £21,000 to the Masonic Charities, is a reality of active and energetic benevolence, which we cannot dwell upon too much, or in truth praise too highly.

And with the material prosperity of our brotherhood, there come of necessity, the corresponding claims for aid and relief.

The sun does not always shine upon us; "It is not always May," says the old proverb, and amid our numerous confraternity there are many year by year, who pass away, leaving their widows and orphans destitute, or who, from unforeseen calamity, which may affect us all in an unexpected moment, are reduced from affluence and

social elevation to the "lowest ebb of poverty and distress."

Hence there is ever, and must be ever, a call on our Masonic Charity, and compassion, and we have every reason to hope and believe, that remembering the past and judging from the present, the Freemasons of to day will not be behind hand ever, in obeying and carrying out in the fullest power, the abiding and sacred dictates of sympathy, relief and benevolence.

But there is another characteristic of healthy Freemasonry, namely, intellectual activity and study.

In this last department, we fear that our good English brethren are somewhat behind, nor do they manifest, as a general rule, a sufficient patronage of literary efforts, or an enlightened appreciation of archaeological studies. It is a very rare thing, for instance, to find attached to a lodge, (there are some, we know, but very few) a reading room or library, where the brethren can peruse our English Masonic journal, *The Freemason*, or the *Masonic Magazine*, or any of the French, or American, or German Masonic serials, which, assiduously read abroad, are hardly known by name in England, and are seen only by a few humble students.

Even our own Grand Lodge is a great culprit in this respect. There is a nominal reading room, and there is a nominal library, but the one is a reading room in which nothing is ever read, and the other is a library in which the books are never opened. Some years ago we made an inquiry of an excellent official as to the library. "Well," he said, "there are books; that is all I can tell you; but no one ever reads them."

Is it too much to hope, that, in this improving age, we may yet hail the day, when there is attached to our Grand Lodge, a library and a reading-room, which we can use with pleasure, and which we can show to the foreign student, without discredit?

There is an immense collection of books and MSS. yet to be made, as regards the history, archæology and ritualism of Freemasonry, the attacks upon her fair fame, the defence made by many an unknown brother, which though familiar to the casual inquirer, and the little band of English Masonic students, are entirely unknown to the great mass of our English Freemasons.

There is another branch, too, of intellectual study, which though begun from time to time, has never been continuously carried out, or systematically arranged in England. We mean "Lectures," and in which we are altogether beaten out of the field by our German and American brethren.

There is no reason whatever why each lodge should not have its regular system of lectures from able and careful brethren, which, touching upon the various points of our history or object, archæology or literature, our outward organisation, or our inner ritual, may develop a taste for Masonic literature among our younger brethren, and greatly enhance the value and the blessing of Freemasonry to us all alike.

There is, we know, a great deal of latent talent in our lodges, which only requires to be evoked, in order to be of much and lasting benefit to our Order in every way.

Is ours, then, an unreal or visionary anticipation, with which we close this article to day?

Is it really too much to hope, that the time is close at hand, when all our lodges will feel, that, having improved in this and amended that, they should now turn their efforts to literary and mental culture, and endeavour, by their lodge library or reading room, to develop a healthy desire for Masonic knowledge and study, amongst our younger brethren especially?

Then a better and brighter day will dawn on those who, amid many discouragements, seek to supply Freemasonry with a sound and wholesome literature. Then will our Order rise to the full consciousness of its historical, its practical, and its intellectual teaching, and no longer confined to a few zealous students, or painstaking adepts, a general taste for Masonic literature and study will gradually spread itself over the wide surface of our English Freemasonry.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

By command of the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., of the Province of Cheshire, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of that division was held at the Literary Institute, Altrincham, on Thursday, the 18th inst., for the purpose of transacting the annual business of the province. In obedience to his lordship's commands, and to show the sincerity of their respect for his able, generous and judicious rule the brethren came from all parts of the province in strong force, and the result was one of the largest and certainly the most influential and imposing gatherings seen in Cheshire for several years. This is all the more remarkable, because Altrincham is not so conveniently situated for the majority of the brethren as many other towns in the province.

A large section of brethren from Birkenhead, Rock Ferry, &c., travelled by special saloon from Lime-street Station of the L. and N.W.R.; while a strong contingent from the same places, Liverpool, &c., went from James's-street, and travelled by the new line, forming a district route from Liverpool to Manchester, in connection with the Midland, Great Northern, and Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railways, each of the passengers by the latter route being delighted with the arrangements of the manager, Mr. English, and the pleasant nature of the new journey.

The Masonic gathering caused the greatest excitement in the pretty town of Altrincham. There were about 320 of the brethren present on this occasion, amongst whom were an unusually large number of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and officers of the different lodges within the province, and probably the display of the purple on the platform with his lordship, was never more striking nor numerous.

THE LODGE BUSINESS

About half-past one o'clock, the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced, and having entered and encircled the hall, while music was furnished by Bro. Kirk, P.G.O., the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., took his seat on the throne, placed on a raised platform, and proceeded at once to open the Provincial Grand Lodge. Amongst those with him on the platform were the following P. G. Officers, past and present:—Bros. Fawcett, R.W.P.G.M. of Durham; C. Dutton, P.G.S.W.; Captain C. J. Howard, P.G.J.W.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.C.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; J. T. Lea, P. Prov. G.S.W.; E. Friend, P.G.J.D.; J. Tomlinson, P.G.S.B.; S. Gilbert P.G.P.; Rev. E. D. Garvin, P. Prov. G.C.; T. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.D.; W. Fair, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Birch, P. Prov. S.G.D.; T. Davies, P. Prov. J.G.D.; W. Wainwright, P. Prov. S.G.D.; B. Cooper, P. Prov. G.P.; H. Bulley, G.S.B. of Eng. and P. Prov. J.G.W. of Cheshire; J. H. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W.; T. Smith, P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. Hampson,

P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., W.L.; J. Beresford, P. Prov. G.D.C.; T. Bowers, P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. J. W. N. Tanner, P. Prov. G.C.; F. Jackson, jun., P.G.D.C.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; R. M. Smith, P.G. Treas. E.L.; C. H. Hitchen, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. H. Sproull, P.G. Sec., N.W. and Salop; Captain R. Cope, P.G.S.B. (acting D.P.G.M.); J. Wood, P.G. Reg.; G. W. Latham, P.G.D.; Rev. J. Lomax, P.G.C.; C. Goddard, P. Prov. G. S.D.; T. H. Kirk, P.G.O.; and the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.G.C. W.L., and Cheshire.

Amongst the prominent members of the Craft in the body of the hall were the following:—Bros. J. M. Radcliffe, W.M. 605; J. Griffiths, W.M. 477; Ellis Davies, S.W. 605; T. Leighton, P.M. 132, Sec. 605; E. J. Haddon, J.W. 605; W. Little, J.W. 477; T. Dixon, Sec. 477; D. Fraser, I.G. 477; W. M. Asher, D. of C. 477; Dr. Spratley, P.M. 537; R. Gracie, P.M. 477; E. Harbord, P.M. 477; H. Moore, W.M. 537; Dr. Wilson, S.W. 537; A. Lowe, J.W.; M. Stafford, P.M. 361; J. Twiss, P. Prov. G.O.; A. Kay, W.M.; W. Hardie, P.M. 428; H. J. Jackson, P.M. 300, &c.; W. Hague, P.M. 830; J. Salmon, P.M. 425; R. W. Worrall, P.M. 721; W. Goodacre, P.M. 104; T. Drinkwater, P.M. 1166; R. Newhouse, P.M. 1045; S. Gosling, W.M. 508; C. Pepper, W.M. 104; J. Knowles, W.M. 830; J. Shaw, W.M. 324; J. Roberts, P.M. 324; S. Coburn, S.W. 361; J. Ingham, P. Prov. G.S.; W. Davies, P.M. 1218; J. W. M. Gill, W.M. 368; W. C. Connell, P.M. 137; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724 and 1276; A. Pott, P. Prov. G.S.; R. Ferguson, J.W. 1045; J. Williams, S.W. 267; S. Beresford, J.D. 721; J. L. Owen, I.G. 1045; J. Blentler, P.M. 941; J. Taylor, Sec. 461; G. Brown, P.M. 721; W. H. Wakefield, S.W. 104; S. Blackshaw, S.W. 533; W. Blackstone, P.M. and Sec. 533; W. Chadwick, P.M. 1408; J. Hulme, P.M. 368; J. Tomlinson, J.W. and Sec. 368; W. H. Francis, Treas. 1276; G. Eadshead, Sec. 89; G. H. Wilson, S.W. 537; J. Nield, P.M. 287; J. G. Williams, P.M. 425; J. Travis, Org. 324; H. A. Irwin, S.W. 368; A. Ogden, S.W. 89; J. Hartley, J.W. 89; J. F. Lawton, S.W. 1218; J. Willan, W.M. 1054; Brown, W.M. 425; H. Briggs, S.W. 320; J. S. Mort, P.M. 1045; H. S. Adshead, S.D. 368; C. Cooke, S.D. 104; J. Radcliffe, P.M. 830; J. P. Bardsley, W.M. 322; J. Chetham, S.W. 322; G. H. Holden, S.W. 295; J. Buckley, J.W. 1126; R. Weston, P.M. 1045; and others.

The R.W.P.G.M. opened the lodge in due form, after which the Prov. G. Sec. called the roll of Prov. Grand Officers and Lodges, when it was found that every one of the 37 lodges in the province was represented, the Stamford, No. 1045 by 50 members. The P.G. Sec. also intimated that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from Bro. G. Cornwall Legh, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M.; Nicholas Le Gendre Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. for East Lancashire, and several other distinguished brethren.

Bro. Griffiths then read the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge, at Crewe, and of the committee of the Fund of Benevolence, which were confirmed unanimously.

In the absence of Bro. J. Bland, P.G. Treas., the P.G. Sec. also submitted a statement of accounts, from which it appeared that there was a balance to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence of £1278 19s. 4d., and to the Provincial Grand Lodge the sum of £291 14s.

After the accounts had been passed unanimously, Lord De Tabley moved the re-election of Bro. James Bland to the office of Treasurer, and in doing so referred to the satisfactory state of the funds and the admirable manner in which the P.G. Treas. had performed his duties. The re-appointment was seconded by Bro. C. Dutton, P.S.G.W., and carried by acclamation.

Bro. Lord De Tabley, P.G.M., then said that he would, as usual, now have the honour and pleasure of addressing a few words to the brethren of the province. It had been well remarked that that country was happy which had no history; and if that were true, then, Freemasonry in the province of Cheshire was particularly happy, as there had been no striking events during the past year, although the stream

of Masonry had continued to flow on. (Applause.) No one who looked at the large and influential assembly that day would doubt for a moment that the province of Cheshire was in a flourishing condition. (Applause.) He was proud indeed to preside over such a province, and he felt grateful to every brother—from the highest to the lowest—who gave him their support; and he felt particularly proud that day in being honoured with the presence of one of the oldest and most influential Grand Officers, Bro. Fawcett, P.G.M. of Durham. (Applause.) Masonic events generally during the year had been very few, but the sacred cause of charity had continued to be supported heartily both by lodges and individual members of the Craft. Although no new lodges had been consecrated in the province during the past year, a great many members had been added to the Order; but he felt constrained again to caution the W.M.'s of lodges to see that initiations were confined to "worthy men, and to worthy men only." (Hear, hear.) They should also see, when candidates presented themselves from distant towns, where there were lodges, that careful inquiry should be made as to their character. (Cheers.) He need scarcely, in that room, allude to the loss which Masonry had sustained in the death of their most beloved and most revered Past Grand Master—the Earl of Zetland—because they all knew the excellent service he had rendered to Masonry during the long number of years which he reigned over it. It had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to take him from amongst them, full of honours and years, and they would never again have his kind presence, his genial advice, and excellent influence. They still wore mourning for their departed brother, and he was quite certain this was no outward show, but a sincere evidence of respect for his memory. His lordship then referred to the pleasure which it gave him to consent to lay the foundation stone of the college at Knutsford the following week; and intimated that it was his intention to hold his next annual Provincial Grand Lodge in the ancient city of Chester, the use of the Town Hall having been kindly given by the corporation, and the Dean of Chester at the same time giving them the liberty of using the Cathedral for the annual service. He took that opportunity of saying that he thought the Freemasons in that province should follow the example of Gloucester, Hereford, and Worcester, and enter into a private subscription towards the restoration of their venerable cathedral at Chester. He did not mean that their subscriptions should go into the general restoration fund, but it should be devoted towards the purchase and presentation of some specific thing, such as a font or a sedilia. (Loud applause.) He again thanked the brethren for their support, and assured them that his constant endeavours would ever be to forward the interests of Masonry. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M. then invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. G. Cornwall Lugh, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M.; C. Dutton, P.S.G.W.; Captain C. J. Howard, P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Lomax, P.G.C.; J. Wood, P.G. Reg.; E. H. Griffiths, P. G. Sec. (to whom his lordship paid a high compliment on re-investing him); Dr. Spratly, P.S.G.D.;—Simpson, P.J.G.D.; G. Whale, P.G.S. of W.; F. Jackson, jun., P.G.D. of C.; J.S. Mort, P.G.A.D. of C.;—Brown, P.G.S.B.; W. Goodacer, P.G.P.; T. H. Kirk, P.G.O.; J. Swindells, P. G. Tyler; and Bros. Atherton, Gibson, Davenport, T. D. Simcock, J. Cavanah, and E. Bradbury, P. G. Stewards.

Bro. Captain Cope was re-appointed Chairman of the Fund of Benevolence.

Bros. H. Bulley and Birch having served the office of Stewards at the Festivals in London, were presented by the P.G.M. with the charity jewels, amidst the applause of the brethren.

This being the whole of the business, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

THE SERVICE AND SERMON.

A procession of the brethren was then formed, as is usual on such occasions, for the purpose of attending divine service. The brethren marched to St. Margaret's Church, at Dunham, clothed in the collars and jewels of their offices, where full Cathedral service was performed. Bro. Kirk, P.G.O., presided at the organ, the music being

rendered by the choir of St. Margaret's, assisted by Bros. Stafford, Dumville, and Ball. The anthem "Blessed be Thou" (Kent) was sung with the finest effect. The service was intoned by the Rev. R. Hodgson, M.A., P.G.C., who took for his text St. John, xv., 12, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you."

The Preacher said— Once more, Brethren, after the lapse of another year, we are gathered together in God's own house, to thank Him for His mercy and grace during the last twelve months, and in the most solemn manner to entreat the Great Architect of the Universe to continue to preserve our Order, by beautifying and adorning us with every moral and social virtue. We have met together in our lodge room, and also here in God's temple, to carry out, according to our power, the command of our Great Master in Heaven, and by our prayers and real sympathy, as well as by our liberal alms, to show our love to all our sick and bereaved brethren. To day you are called upon to extend your charity beyond your Order, and I trust you will give a double donation to the Stewards, when they bring the boxes round to you. Our first duty, as Masons, is doubtless to our own sick, to our widows, and orphans, but we, I trust, have been well taught, that we shall not confine our charity at home, but show that, as men and Christian men, we are ready to extend the helping hand to all who need our charity. The unfortunates who enter the wards of our hospitals must always have a claim on our benevolence. We may differ in our opinions upon other societies upon other calls upon our purse, but here we are all one. The maimed, the halt, the sufferer of severe bodily disease, the subjects of accidents, these speak home to the hearts of all true men, and I know not how we can to day better obey the precepts of our Great Master in the text, than by giving liberally to the Altrincham hospitals and the Fund of Benevolence. The advantages of the latter I need not occupy your time in detailing to you; they are well known to you all; of the former I will only say that as one of the working committee, I can speak most strongly of the advantage it has been to this town and neighbourhood, and I am only sorry to say, that, for want of greater support, we cannot extend its privileges so widely as we should wish. I now leave the matter in your hands, trusting that you will do what you can, and proceed for a few minutes to the more general consideration of the text. No vice perhaps is so ingrained into our fallen nature as that of selfishness. Since the disobedience of our first parents, it has so spread as to become almost part of our very organism. You may detect it in the infant, almost before it can lisp; it is proverbial amongst the young; and who is blind to its presence in the middle-aged, to say nothing of the old. No man who for a minute looks into his own heart, can fail to detect how great an influence the thought of self has upon all his words and acts, the irrepressible "I" is ever appearing, and unconsciously a man considers how will this or that affect me, my character, my happiness, my well being, my position amongst my fellows, so subtly and so universally has this poison infected all our nature that for its eradication it needed that the Great Architect himself should come down from above and take our nature upon Him, that once more He might restore us to His own likeness, and image. Yes it was not enough that our Great Master should speak from Heaven, and say "this is my commandment that ye love one another, but he must be born of a woman, live as a child, as a youth, as a man, amongst us, and by His fair example as well as His precept, teach us to "Love one another, as I have loved you," and what a beautiful pattern He has set us. I speak not at this moment of the atonement, which by His holy life and precious death He has brought for us, but I ask you to contemplate the beauty, the loveliness of His character as a man. Where can you place your finger on one imperfection, one blot? Where can you detect in His conduct towards His parent, His disciples, the Pharisees and Sadducees, the multitude, the sinners, the friends or the enemies, the least approach to egotism, the thought of self? From

the manger cradle, to the last cry on the cross, did not Jesus show forth the beauty of unselfishness, the blessedness of self denial, the happiness of living for other's good! You know, my brethren, the power of personal influence, you know what imitative creatures we are; how closely we are affected by the atmosphere in which we live; you know too how common it is for every thinking person to have some pet hero, to set some model before his eyes. How comes it, then, that so few choose the grandest of examples, the noblest of heroes? How comes it that so few set before their eyes the man Christ Jesus as the pattern that they will endeavour to follow. In our lodges, I suppose, there are always some one or two of the brethren, those who are best instructed, who appear to be amongst the brightest lights of Masonry, that the newly initiated brother admires, and in his heart of hearts, says, "Now I would like to emulate these brethren, and to gain a fair renown like theirs." But here, in the Grand Master of the Universe, in Him, in whose name all our lodges are opened and closed, for He alone is the Great Architect of the Universe, in Him whose blessing is ever evoked upon all our undertakings, we have the purest, the holiest, the most loving example of all. Shall we not then as Masons, as Christians, endeavour each one to tread more closely on His steps, to follow more nearly the pattern of excellence, which in this life He has graciously put before us. Whatever our various callings or positions in life may be, whatever may be the widely different opinions or doctrines or dogmas, here we are all as one. For is not the one main object of our Fraternity, to band together for the good of the whole body, to learn the practice of love in its widest and intensest meaning. There is no one term by which you can illustrate this word love. Benevolence, philanthropy, humanity, charity, only each express as it were one side of it. By action alone can you thoroughly understand it, by obedience to His command, can you alone grasp the full intention of it. Live in the same atmosphere with it, imitate all His conduct, so far as you can; weigh well His words, and oh! how much these few words at the end of my text, simply "As I have loved you," for they cost Him His life, and that through the agony of the shameful cross, "Oh could we learn that sacrifice, what lights would all around us rise." Love, as He loved, and how beautiful would our Order become, what significance given to all our rites and ceremonies! Love is the fulfilling of the law, nay, when that principle is present, as St. Paul teaches, the law is unneeded. And I would call your attention, especially, to the necessity of obedience to this command at the present moment of the world's existence. We live in days of great doubt, and open scepticism. What is the remedy for this? Evidences of religion, history, prophecy, miracles, nay, some of these are denied, others now impossible, all out of the reach of many. There is, then, only one remedy, and that, thank God efficacious, Obedience, recognition of the law of love, the living the life of Christ; this will teach us of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or not. Do the work which Jesus did, sympathise with the sorrowful, rejoice with them that rejoice, smooth the pillow of the dying, dry the tears of the broken hearted widow, take by the hand the forlorn orphan, alleviate the wants of the poor, and sit by the bedside of the sick, and more than this, be courteous, amicable, kind, and helpful to all; let the bright smile of a kindly spirit, the pleasant countenance, the cheery word, the felt interest in the occupations and amusements of others, ever attend you in your own home, and amongst your own kith and kin, and in the larger society beyond your own roof-trees; and, then I promise you, nay, God forgive me, not I, but the Great Master promises you, that you shall be guided into all truth, your sins and their habits shall be conquered, the denying Peter shall be made bold in the faith, the fleeing disciples shall die, if need be, for the truth, the doubting Thomas shall become a firm believer, and the sin-polluted Magdalen a holy saint. I offer no apology for illustrating my subject by a very beautiful parable, known doubtless to many of you, and of service, I am sure, to all. There was a man in the land of Canaan, of mighty stature

and strength, proud of his power; he determined only to serve the greatest of kings. For sometime he was the servant of a powerful monarch who gloried in possessing him. One day when a minstrel sang before the king, the giant observed that his master crossed himself every time that the evil spirit's name was mentioned in the minstrel's song. On inquiry the king told him, "I make that sign, to preserve us from the power of Satan." Then said the giant "If thou fearest Satan, thou art not the most powerful Prince in the world; thou hast deceived me, I will go seek this Satan, and him will I serve, for he is mightier than thou art." So he entered into the service of the evil one. When one day they came to where four roads met, Satan was seized with fear at the sight of a cross erected there, and made a circuit to avoid it. "Why hast thou done so?" asked the Giant—and the Fiend replied, "On that cross died Jesus Christ, and when I behold it, I must tremble and fly, for I fear Him." Then said the man "This Jesus, whom thou fearest, must be more powerful than thou, I will go seek Him, and Him will I serve." So he travelled far and wide, until he came to the hut of a hermit, and desired him that he would show him Christ—the good man told him that Christ was Lord of heaven and earth, and that there were many hard duties to perform in this service. "Thou must fast often and pray." But the huge giant replied "I will not fast, for surely if I were to fast, my strength would leave me. I know nothing of prayer, and I will not be bound to such a service." Then the hermit pointed to a wide and deep river, and bade him go to it. "Since thou wilt neither fast nor pray, use thy strength to aid and to save those who struggle with the stream and are about to perish. It may be that this good work shall prove acceptable to Jesus Christ, whom thou desirest to serve, and that He may manifest Himself to thee." To which he replied joyfully, "This I can do, it is a service which pleaseth me well," and so with a palmtree for his staff; night and day he aided the passengers across the swollen stream, and carried the weak on his shoulders. So the thing that he did pleased our Lord, who looked down upon him out of heaven, and said within himself "Behold this strong man, who knoweth not yet the way to worship me, yet hath found the way to serve me." One dark and very stormy night a little child entreated him to carry him over, and the giant lifted the child on to his shoulders, and with his staff entered the stream, and the waters rose higher and higher, and the wind blew, and the waves roared, and the infant on his shoulders became heavier and still heavier, till it seemed to him that he must sink under the excessive weight, and he began to fear. At length the opposite side being reached, he laid the child on the bank, and asked "Who art thou, child, that hath placed me in such extreme peril? Had I carried the whole world on my shoulders, the burden could not have been heavier!" And the child replied, "Wonder not, Christopher, for thou hast not only borne the world, but Him who made the world on thy shoulders—Me wouldst thou serve in this thy work of Charity, and behold I have accepted thy service." Then Christopher fell on his face and confessed and worshipped Christ.

So brethren of the Craft, serve Christ—do all the good you can in the world for Him, deny yourselves for others' sake, live the life of obedience and love; in one word, live the life of Christ, and Jesus will certainly accept your service—will manifest Himself, sooner or later unto you, and guide you into all needful truth, and at last not for your merits, but for His own merits' sake, will make you members of the Great Universal Lodge above.

A collection, which amounted to £26, was afterwards made, and this will be divided equally between the Altrincham Infirmary and the Fund of Benevolence.

THE BANQUET

Was subsequently served in the British Schools, by Bro. Harvey, of the Unicorn Hotel, to between 300 and 400 brethren, Lord de Tabley, presiding during the evening. The musical performances were under the direction of Bro. Kirk, P.G.O., who presided at the piano. The

usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to, that of the R.W.P.G.M. (Lord de Tabley) causing especial enthusiasm.

Masonic Tidings.

THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.—It may be interesting to our readers to learn that the Pope gave an audience to the American Masonic party, 21 in number, on the 24th of last month. He was exceedingly gracious, spoke to each one of the party, and walked about as actively as ever. After he had spoken to all individually, he drew back two or three paces, so as to take a view of the whole party, and said, "Now I shall bless you all, your families, and all who belong to you. May you return safely to your native country." Then followed the apostolic benediction in Latin.

By the accession of Viscount Royston, P.G.M., Cambridgeshire, to the Peerage, as Earl of Hardwick, a vacancy has occurred in the representation of Cambridgeshire.

Bro. Wm. Carpenter has received the thanks of the Princess of Wales for a copy of the song "Health to the Prince!"

An emergency meeting of the Great City Lodge (No. 1416) will take place at the City Terminus Hotel, on Friday next, at five o'clock. The first regular meeting will be held on the following day, at three o'clock.

The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. Crawley, in the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Gabb's, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on Wednesday, Oct. 1st, commence at eight o'clock.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday, 29th inst, by Bro. Beckett, on which occasion the brethren generally are invited to attend.

The editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and foreign booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Arriagoli, Florence, Italy.

Obituary.

The funeral of Bro. John Thomas took place at Norwood Cemetery, on Saturday, the 20th inst., at 2 p.m. The remains of our universally respected and highly esteemed brother were followed to their resting-place by above 100 brethren carrying sprigs of acacia. Among those who had come to pay the last tokens of fraternal affection we noticed Bros. Reid, Benjamin, Binckes, Laing, Wolpert, Mortlock, Kenning, Dr. Bedolfe, Bradley, Stevens, Worthington, Levander, Larham, Davison, and Thiellay.

Our deceased brother was 64 years of age. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Bro. Church.

"Thou art gone to the grave; but 'twere wrong to deplore thee,
When God was thy trust and thy guardian and guide;
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OLD LODGE MINUTES.

I have lately found in a Minute Book of the old Lodge of Providence, No. 171, now in my possession, two entries, copies of which I enclose:—Copy of entry in minutes of lodge held 27th December, 1823.

"Bro. Thomas Thornton, exhibited three Roman Coins with Masonic Emblems on each. The first was one of Nerva, the 13th Emperor, who began to reign A. C. 96; he reigned one year and four months. The reverse, hand in hand, encircled concordia exercitum. The second, Hadrian the 15th Emperor, who began to reign A.C. 117; he reigned about 21 years. The reverse moon and seven stars, encircled Cos. III. The third Antoninus Pius, the 16th Emperor, who began to reign A.C. 138; he reigned 22 years and 8 months. The reverse hand in hand, including two ears of corn and Mercury's rod, encircled Cos. IIII. The above were silver, three fourths of an inch diameter, and found in an urn containing near six hundred coins by the navigators when excavating the basin at the south end of South-street, Chichester, A.D. 1819. Exhibited at the Lodge of Union, 626, Portsea, 27th Dec. 1821, and then and there recorded in their books. The above coins was also exhibited at the Lodge of Providence, Feb. 7, 1822, but not recorded, which was the cause of their second exhibition."—Copy of entry minutes of lodge held 14th October, 1822.

"Bro. Robert Shout Atchison, W.M., of St. George's Lodge of Unanimity and Fidelity, No. 731, Petersfield, made a present to the Lodge of Providence No. 717, Havant, of a Book entitled a 'Visit to Goodwood,' wherein is contained a record of a Lodge of Masons, having been held on St. Rook's Hill, near Chichester, as early as Julius Cæsar, and in a publication* of 1736 we still find 'No. 65' Lodge of St. Rook's Hill, near Chichester, Sussex, once a year, viz., Tuesday in Easter week, constituted in the reign of Julius Cæsar, see page 91, 92, 93."

PHILADELPHIA MASONIC HALL.—I shall be greatly obliged to any Philadelphian Brother who will kindly send me a full account of the opening of the New Grand Lodge and Masonic Hall, and a correct description of the buildings and the cost. A communication will reach me, addressed to 10, Upper Porchester-street, Hyde-park-square, London, W.—A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

*Vide Smith's "Freemasons' Companion."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 26, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, September 27.

Lodge 1309, Acacia, Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar.
Red Cross Conclave No. 3, Rose and Lily, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
Isleworth.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, September 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

" 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship, Bancroft-place, Mile End.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, September 30.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florsnce Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishops-gate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Store Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, October 1.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, October 2.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
 " 1351, St. Clements Danes, 265, Strand.
 " 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, New Wimbledon.
 Mark Lodge No. 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leaden-street.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188 Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, October 3.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (No. 140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 4, 1873.

Monday, September 29.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, September 30.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, October 1.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 477 Fidelity, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead at 6.
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, October 2.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
 " 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, October 3.

Lodge 680, Selson, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 4, 1873.

Thursday, October 2.

Lodge 96, St. James's, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court High-street.

Friday, October 3.

Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E, Register-street.
 Chap. 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, October 4, 1873.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, September 29.

Chap. 122, Thetis, 25, James-street, Tradeston.
 St. Mungo Encampment Knights Templar, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, September 30.

Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, October 1.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 128, St. John, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, October 2.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 36c, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garn-gail-road.

Friday, October 3.

Lodge 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 572, Thorn-tree, Thornliebank.

Saturday, October 4.

Lodge 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

Advertisements.

The Late Bro. John Thomas.
A MEETING of the Masonic Friends and Pupils of Bro. John Thomas will take place at Freemasons' Hall, this day, (Saturday). Bro. Edward Worthington in the Chair, to determine upon some means of perpetuating his memory. The Chair will be taken at three o'clock.

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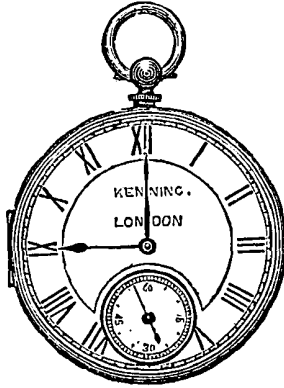
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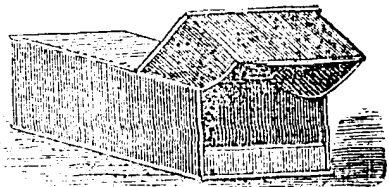


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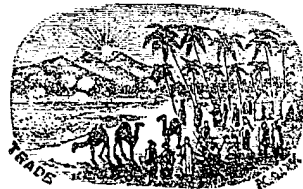
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE (No. 507).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 24th ult., at the Horns' Tavern, Kennington. Bro. George Reeves was passed, and Bros. J. S. Terry, W. I. Oliver, and J. J. Bradley were raised. To the accompaniment of solemn music, beautifully played by Bro. John Read Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720, advanced these brethren to their respective degrees, and gave the lecture, traditional history, and tracing board in masterly style. These were made the more impressive by the mournful appearance of the lodge, which was placed in the deepest mourning, out of respect to the memory of Bro. John Thomas, Secretary, and a very old P.M. Bro. Gilchrist was employed to arrange the mourning. The ceremonies having occupied till far into the night were supplemented by two addresses on the sad event, by Bro. James Stevens and the W.M. The former brother delivered his address at the completion of the third degree, and the latter when Bro. Stevens rose for the second time. Bro. Stevens said that the death of Bro. Thomas was a loss to Masonry in general, and the lodge of United Pilgrims in particular. It was also an event of great importance to Masons in the south of London. To all of them Bro. Thomas was always accessible, and always extremely desirous to afford instruction, to make them good Masons, and by the force of his own example to illustrate the theoretical teachings of the Order. It was at all times his object to mould the members of the fraternity into practical Masons in all the active duties of life. Such a brother they had now to mourn over, but it was a satisfaction to know that

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 As honour, love, obedience, troops of friends,"

he had in abundance. It was his great merit that he showed what Masonry meant by absolute practice; and consequently they would not only fail to get the advantage of his instruction and assistance any longer, but they would lose a light which had directed them to the doing what was right, and prepared the outward world to understand that in Masonry nothing but what was good should be found. These remarks would no doubt be felt by all the brethren acutely and sorrowfully, as they felt that in losing Bro. Thomas, they had sustained the loss of an immediate personal friend. It was but lately the portrait of the deceased brother had been presented and hung up in the lodge, and they might therefore be congratulated on having retained the resemblance of his form and features, to look upon in all time coming. When they received it they believe that for many, many years they would not only see his portrait, but would have the happiness of his personal presence, his valuable assistance, his genial manner, which pleased all and offended none. In this he might be considered almost unique, for in Masonry it was difficult to impart instruction, or offer advice, or give directions, without giving some slight offence. But there was a style in Bro. Thomas which gave a charm to all he did and a geniality about him which, when he pointed

out defects, rather pleased than otherwise. When he had reason to praise any act there was no man more ready to do so than Bro. Thomas. This lodge, therefore, which had benefited so much by Bro. Thomas's tuition should express on its minutes its sorrow at the loss it had sustained, and he (Bro. Stevens) did not think such a resolution would come from any one with so much effect as from the W. M. (Hear, hear.) During the delivery of this address, which we have only sufficient space to give in a condensed form, all the brethren were standing, and at its conclusion they resumed their seats, and Bro. Stevens closed down in the third and second degrees. Before closing in the first degree, the W. M. rose to move a vote of sorrow, to be entered on the minutes, which the lodge felt on Bro. Thomas's death. In doing so he pointed to the Secretary's chair, which he said was empty, and that by that event the lodge had lost her best son, and the brethren a father in masonry. Henceforth they would have to assemble without Bro. Thomas. Could they realize the fact, or estimate their loss? Could they forget the whitened head, the manly brow, the genial smile, and the affectionate grasp of the hand? Could they forget the pillar which had supported them in all their difficulties, and the voice of instruction which was always ready to impart knowledge? He passed through this life leaving no wreck or sorrow behind. It was not for his great and unrivalled knowledge of Masonry alone that he was endeared to them; it was not for that he was one of the brightest jewels in Masonry that he was beloved by all; it was for his unalloyed heart, and for being the friend, the guide, and the benefactor of the widow and the orphan, in which character he was always to the front. Distress and poverty were lightened by the sunshine of his charity. The brethren had sustained a heavy blow, but they must bow their heads in submission, and think that their Maker had taken a great, good, and benevolent man to Himself. He had sent for His servant, and they had had to part with him. His picture, however, hung on the wall, and looked down on them as a messenger sent from the grave. It would teach them, when they reflected on what a man he was, to practise the genuine teachings of Freemasonry, and to make brotherly love their guiding star. Yes, he was gone from among them, and they must fervently pray that the pilgrim's glory might be his, and that they might in their humble way seek to emulate those great and good qualities which might at last conduct them to those mansions where such an illustrious Mason had gone before them. (Hear, hear.) The W. M. then moved the formal resolution, which was put and carried unanimously, and the lodge was thereafter immediately closed.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—This lodge, under the distinguished patronage of the Baroness Burdett Coutts, held its installation meeting on the 18th ult., at Bro. S. Lloyd's, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, when the large attendance of the brethren showed the great respect in which the retiring and prospective Masters were held. The lodge was opened, according to established form, shortly after 4 o'clock, by Bro. H. Lloyd, who was supported by the subjoined officers of the Burdett Coutts Lodge.—Bro. Ashburner, S.W.; Bro. Harris, J.W.; Bro. Terry, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. Verry, P.M., Secretary; Bro. Crutch, S.D.; Bro. Toye, I.G.; Bro. Macklin, D.C.; and Crouch, W.S.; also Col. Burdett, G.M. Middlesex.; Bro. Buss, Grand Treasurer, Middlesex.; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Doric.; Bro. Mortlock, P.M., Industry; Bro. Stephens, P.M., Clapton; Bro. Seddons, who acted as Organist most efficiently; and a good muster of the brethren of the Lodge. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and unanimously confirmed, Bro. H. Lloyd proceeded with the installation of Bro. Ashburner, as W.M. Generally the performance of this particular ceremony falls to the lot of some expert P.M., and is therefore usually done with tolerable efficiency, but it is rare indeed to witness such proficiency as was displayed by the I.P.M. upon that occasion. The addresses, delivered with marked earnestness, lucidity, and impressiveness, were especially listened to with

undivided and breathless attention, and at the conclusion the Installing Master was on all sides congratulated upon his success in that capacity. The newly installed W.M. commenced his duties by appointing his officers in the following order:—Bros. Harris, S.W.; Crutch, J.W.; Perry, P.M., Treasurer; Verry P.M., Secretary; Toye, S.D.; Macklin, J.D.; Crouch, I.G.; Hill, D.C.; Lazarus, W.S.; Gilchrist, Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Bro. P.L. Sturtevant (Yarborough) as a joining member, and Messrs Hayes and Mills, as initiates, in all of which cases it proved unanimous in their favour. The initiations were performed by the newly-installed W.M. in the most impressive manner, showing that he must have worked exceedingly hard to have gained so high a state of proficiency. Before the termination of the business, hearty good wishes were conveyed to the W.M. by visiting brethren representing a vast number of lodges. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., who was honoured by the presence of a strong muster of P.M.'s. The W.M. gave the time-honoured toast of the "Queen and the Craft," which was received and drank with full Masonic honours. The other customary loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Col. Francis Burdett," whom the brethren were always proud to welcome in that lodge. He was also closely related to a lady who if not a Mason in name, was one in principle, for she had endeared herself to the heart of every Englishman by the constant exercise of the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. (Cheers.) It seemed as though her charity and almsgiving knew no bounds, save that the objects should be worthy and deserving. (Renewed cheering.) He alluded to the Baroness Burdett Coutts, who on its consecration, presented the Lodge with that beautiful encased Volume of Holy Writ, of which the members were so justly proud. Their gallant brother, whose health they were asked to drink, had made a very pleasing and whispered communication, which was in effect that his cousin, the Baroness, had signified to him her intention of presenting chairs for each of the three columns of the lodge, and he (the speaker) had every reason for hoping that before his year of office expired the noble lady would visit the lodge and partake of its hospitality. (Loud Cheers.) The toast having been drank with Masonic honours, the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex rose and said it always afforded him great pleasure to visit that lodge and witness its admirable working. Their Master, he had been informed, was one of the first initiates, and the Immediate Past Master who had so ably rendered the installation ceremony, was one of the founders of the lodge. (Hear, hear.) It was extremely gratifying to find that the outgoing Master should so ably instal his successor, and spoke volumes for the manner in which the brethren attended to the detail work of instruction, and to the Preceptor Bro. Verry. He was pleased to be able to make a good report of the Lodge to his cousin, whom the Master had alluded to, and nothing gave her greater pleasure than to be told that it was going on most prosperously. The I.P.M., Bro. Lloyd, proposed the health of the W.M., referring to his many excellent qualities as a Mason and a citizen. After acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Ashburner, W.M., proposed the health of the I.P.M., in a terse and excellent speech, and concluded by presenting him with a massive P.M. jewel. Bro. Lloyd acknowledged the handsome present in brief and suitable terms. After spending a pleasant evening, the brethren separated at an early hour.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—At the Red Lion, Hampton, on Thursday, 18th ult., the regular meeting of this lodge was held. Bro. William Hammond, W.M. presided. There were present during the afternoon and evening—Bros. H. Dubois, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; F.

Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; E. Gilbert, S.D.; E. H. Thiellay, as J.D.; W. J. Laing, P.M., as I.G.; R. W. Williams, Organist; H. Potter, P.M., as W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; J. Laurence, W. Prattent, J. V. Watkins, J. Morrison, W. J. Cox, W. Stanton, R. Limpus, P. G. Organist, Middlesex; H. Towzer, J. Hurst, J. Archer, J. Symes, R. Carne, J. Newton, J. McNaughton, G. H. Dye, J. J. Marsh, J. Baldwin, G. Harrison, H. Glaster, J. R. Croft, J. Wallis, and others. The visitors were Bros. F. B. Davage, W.M. 201; W. J. Kipling, W.M. 946; J. Hiscock, 865; and others. The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates for initiation, and brethren for joining. The W.M., in an admirable manner, initiated Messrs. J. Laurence, J. V. Watkins, and W. Prattent, (each being taken separately) and passed Bros. J. Morrison and J. Hurst, to the second degree. The veteran Bro. F. Walters, then took the chair, and raised Bros. J. McNaughton, J. R. Croft, and R. Carne, to the third degree. The ceremonies were rendered in a correct, impressive and painstaking style. The W.M. resumed the chair, the new bye-laws were read and unanimously agreed to. Ten guineas were unanimously voted out of the lodge funds to purchase a loving cup, for presentation to Bro. John Thomas Moss, P. Prov. G.D., Middlesex, P.M., in recognition of services rendered by him to the lodge as its founder and first W.M. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, D.G.M., Middlesex, P.M., presented to the lodge a handsome charity box, supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, of Little Britain) also giving a "nest egg." The box was universally admired by all who saw it, being beautiful in design, chaste in workmanship, and every detail has been carefully studied and correctly worked out. On it is an elaborate massive silver plate, neatly let into the side of the box, which has an inscription on it, shewing who its donor is. After all business was terminated, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of some refreshment, but did not separate without honouring the loyal and Masonic toasts.

STRATFORD.—Langthorne Lodge (No. 1421).—This young but prosperous and flourishing lodge held its opening meeting for the winter session at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on Thursday, the 25th ult., the chair being occupied by the much-esteemed W. M., Bro. Charles Lacey, who was supported by the whole of his officers, viz., Bros. G. T. W. Mugliston, M.D., S.W.; G. E. Slee, J.W.; Geo. Levick, Treas.; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. and Sec.; R. G. Owen, S.D.; Benj. Cundick, J.D.; Jno. G. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; H. Carter, W.S.; George Hollington, I.G.; and W. Steedman, Tyler; a number of brethren and several visitors being likewise present. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting, together with those of three Lodges of emergency, held during the recess, read and duly confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Woods being a candidate for the degree of Master Mason, having given proof of his proficiency in the former degrees, and retired, the lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Woods re-admitted and duly raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being most efficiently rendered by the W.M. The lodge was then resumed in the second degree, and Bros. Bullpitt and Gaffin admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. There was also one candidate for initiation, who, however, from unforeseen circumstances, was unable to attend. All business being ended, and the lodge closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, which was served by the host, Bro. Morley, in a style that reflected the highest credit upon the catering powers of that worthy brother, who had evidently spared neither pains nor trouble in his endeavour to study the comfort and happiness of the brethren. The bill of fare embraced all the delicacies of the season, both viands and wines being of the most *recherché* description; and it is needless to add that ample justice was done to so excellent a repast. The cloth having been cleared, the

W. M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, that of the "Visiting Brethren" being responded to by Bros. Mann, P.M., 186; and Austin, W.M., 933. The toast of the "Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. Jno. G. Stevens, P.M., who, in an earnest and eloquent speech, urged upon the brethren the duty of supporting the excellent charities connected with the Order. The toast of the "Officers of the Langthorne Lodge," proposed in most felicitous terms by the W. M., was responded to by Bros. Ashdown, P.M. and Secretary; Levick, Treas.; and Cundick, J.D.; in the absence of the S.W., who was unfortunately called away at an earlier period of the evening. The health of the worthy host, Bro. Morley, having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast brought this most pleasant and agreeable meeting to a close shortly before 11, p.m. Several excellent songs, recitations, &c., were given during the evening. As usual a number of visitors honoured the lodge with their presence, amongst whom were the following, viz.:—Bros. W. Mann, P.M. 186; W. J. Noad, 237; Thos. Austin, W.M. 933; J. Boulton, 1056; J. Miller, 174; J. H. Guernsey, 749; S. M. Lazarus, P. Prov. S.G.W. Wilts; Thos. Cohe, S.D. 192; G. S. Hilliard, J.D. 174; G. W. Verry, P.M. 554; A. Wagstaff, 188; and A. Angliss, 1227.

INSTRUCTION.

ST. JAMES LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 765).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the New Tanner's Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, on the 26th ult., when the ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. Montagu Scott, P.M. 765. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Jones, W.M. 765; W. Pointing, M.M. 765; R. Jolly, M.M. 765; J. J. West, P.M. 548; G. Free, P.M. 73; J. Tyler, W.M. 975; H. Bartlett, W.M. 147; G. J. Grace, P.M. 1178; J. Hawes, P.M. 765, Preceptor; and some thirty-five other members. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed. The event of the meeting was the ceremony of installation, which was ably rehearsed by Bro. Scott. After a vote of thanks had been recorded on the minutes for Bro. Scott the brethren separated, greatly pleased at 10 p.m.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—As St. Andrew's Chapter and the Caledonian Unity Chapter both meet in the same hall, and the 23rd of Sept. is the day fixed for the election of officers by the Supreme Grand Chapter, unless a dispensation be obtained, it was decided that this should be made the occasion of a fraternal gathering of the members of both. Accordingly, the respective chapters having met in separate rooms, and elected their officers, they then met together in the hall, and Comp. James Balfour, P.Z., of 73, proceeded to instal Comps. J. D. Humphries, Ph. D., as Z.; D. Cantrelle as H.; and G. Hern as J. of 69; and Comps. George McDonald as Z.; G. W. Wheeler, H.; and J. Tweed, J. of No. 73. The rest of the company were introduced, and Comp. Balfour, at the request of the two Z.'s, installed the rest of the office bearers, and a special vote of thanks was accorded to him by both chapters for the highly efficient manner in which he had performed the duty. The business of the evening being over, the companions adjourned for refreshment, which was provided by the three Principals of Chapter 73. Comp. G. McDonald, Z. of 73, occupied the chair; while Comp. J. D. Humphries, Z. of 69, was Croupier. After the cloth was removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The chairman gave "The Provincial Grand Chapter." Comp. A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Scribe, E., replied, saying that he knew it was the determination of the P. G. Superintendent to raise the status of Arch Masonry in the province, a determination in which he was ably supported by the whole of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and this meeting, in such an harmonious spirit, of two of the principal chapters in the province, was a still further proof of the rapid progress of the true

fraternal spirit. He would now give "Prosperity to Chapters 69 and 73, with the Health of the Principals." Comp. J. D. Humphries, in a long and elegant speech, replied on behalf of St. Andrews, in the course of which he complained that he had not been properly supported by his officers, though, thanks to the good-will of office-bearers from other chapters, he had always been able to get through the work. On behalf of the Caledonian Unity, Comp. Dundonald said, on the other hand, he could boast that his officers had generally worked well, while the Second Principal and Scribe E. were always at their post, and perfect in their duty. The chairman gave "Chapter 119 and its First Principal G. Thallon, P.G.C." Comp. Thallon acknowledged the honour done to his chapter, and Comp. Wheeler proposed "The Retiring Officers of both the Chapters," replied to by R. Bell, 39, and D. Thomas, of 69. The Croupier gave "Comp. E. Bell, the E.C. of the Templars," commenting on his exertions to procure a fit reception for the American visitors this season. Comp. R. Bell replied. J. D. Humphries then gave the "Masonic Press," dwelling on the advantages to be derived by the Craft by their supporting it by all means in their power. G. W. Wheeler replied, showing the good it could accomplish if properly supported. The Janitor's toast concluded this very successful reunion of the two chapters.

GLASGOW.—On Tuesday, Sept. 25, Chapter 50 met to elect their officers for the ensuing year, Comp. Butcher, Past Z., in the chair; Comp. J. Loutitt, Scribe E. None of the Principals or other officers of the chapter were present, and Comp. Love protested against the legality of the meeting, as a dispensation had been obtained from the Supreme Chapter to hold the meeting for election on the 9th of October. The Scribe E. said he had received no official intimation to that effect, and should therefore proceed with the election, in accordance with the Supreme Chapter laws. The Z. indorsing this view, the election proceeded, and the following were declared duly elected, viz., Comps. J. Miller, First Principal; T. Brownlie, Second Principal; W. Bell, Third Principal; J. Loutitt, E.; J. Cameron, N.; A. A. Smith, T. Owing to there being only one installed Principal present, the installation was not proceeded with.

An emergency meeting of Chapter 50 was held on Wednesday, Sept. 24th, when, owing to the absence from town of all three of the Principals, their chairs were filled by Comps. J. Duthie, Z. of 67, as Z.; G. W. Wheeler, H. of 73, as H.; and R. Chapman, as J. Amongst the visitors was Comp. W. Agnew, of Chapter 187, Belfast, who at the conclusion of the ceremonies said Comp. J. Kelly, who was over here last month, had reported so favourably of the Scotch Royal Arch working that he had long determined to come and see for himself, and, having done so, he must say that he was more than gratified, and only now wished to meet some of his Scotch friends in Belfast to return the obligation. Comp. Wheeler acknowledged the compliment, but said that night they had been working at a great disadvantage, most of the officers being new to their duties.

Loyal Arch.

EDINBURGH.—Edinburgh Chapter (No. 1).—This flourishing chapter held its annual meeting for election and installation of office-bearers, in Comp. C. Dejay's Hotel, Princes-street, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., when the following companions were duly elected and installed for the ensuing year, viz., W. Mann, S.S.C. 33°, Principal Z.; Alex. Mitchell, 31°, Principal H.; Geo. McLean, 30°, Principal J.; Alex. Hay, 31°, Past Principal Z.; P. R. Haddon, Scribe E.; W. Grant, Scribe N.; Alex. Hay, Treas.; D. Kinnear, I.P.M. No. 291, Chancellor; J. Taylor, P.M. 145 and 349, 1st Soj.; J. J. Muirhead, R.W.M. No. 1., 2nd Soj.; J. D. Wormald, R.W.M. 291, 3rd Soj.; R. S. Brown, R.W.M. 145, Excellent Master; R. Legget, Capt. 1st Veil; W. J. C. Abbot, I.P.M. No. 1, Capt. 2nd Veil; J. Henderson, Capt. 3rd Veil, and Dan McLean, Janitor. Thereafter the companions celebrated the festival of the autumnal equinox by

a sumptuous banquet, provided in a most recherché style by Comp. Dejay, which was presided over by the M.E.P.P.Z. Comp. Hay, as Croupier. Among the companions present were S. Somerville, of Ampherlaw, 33°, Deputy Grand P.Z. of the S.G. R.A. Chapter of Scotland; L. Mackersey, W.S., 33°, Grand Scribe E. Do.; Major W. H. Ramsey, Grand Sword Bearer; Capt. Allen, S. Georgiales, W. Merricks, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, interspersed with a number of excellent songs from several of the companions. After spending a very delightful evening, the companions separated, highly gratified with the whole of the evening's proceedings.

Mark Masonry.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 139).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Balham Hotel, Balham, Bro. H. F. Huntley, P. Prov. G.S.B., W.M. presiding. The brethren in attendance were:—Bros. James Stevens, P.M., Prov. G.O. and Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex and Surrey; George Lilley, S.W.; H. Payne, S.O.; T. Poore, J.O.; R. W. Huntley, M.O.; C. Pulman, Reg. of Mks.; D. Trusler, J.D.; W. Poore, I.G.; William Platt, P.M. 5; H. Massey, P.M. 22; and others. Prior to the installation, Bro. Wm. Hefter, of the Southern Star Lodge, was introduced and advanced to the ancient and honourable degree of Mark Master by Bro. Huntley, who performed the ceremony in a masterly manner. Indeed the whole of the officers were efficient in their duties, and especially Bro. T. Poore, who took the Senior Deacon's share of the lodge work, and Bro. James Stevens, who was P.M. The admirable performances deserved to be witnessed by a fuller lodge than was gathered together on the occasion, and seldom is an opportunity afforded, in the many Mark Lodges which now exist, for witnessing such perfect working as was then given. At the conclusion of the ceremony of advancement Bro. James Stevens took the chair, and to him was presented by Bro. Huntley, Bro. George Lilley, the W.M. elect, and proprietor of the Balham Hotel, for installation in the Master's chair of the Panmure Lodge for the current year. This ceremony was also ably performed, and was a worthy companion exhibition of fluency and readiness to the advancement of the candidate, which was made by Bro. Huntley. The ceremonies were given entire and though from their great length they occupied a long time in being completed, were listened to with the strictest attention. The following were appointed by the W.M. as his officers:—Bros. T. Poore, S.W.; R. W. Huntley, J.W.; H. Payne, M.O.; C. Pulman, S.O., and Secretary; D. Trusler, J.O.; H. F. Huntley, I.P.M., Treasurer; Smith, Reg. of Marks; W. Poore, S.D.; Lindner, J.D.; W. Hefter, I.G.; and Grant, Tyler. The well-earned vote of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Huntley, which was agreed to at the former meeting, was unanimously confirmed. The audit meeting was then fixed, and the lodge passed a vote of sorrow on the death of Bro. John Thomas, on the motion of Bro. Stevens seconded by Bro. T. Poore. The lodge was then closed, and Bro. Lilley, W.M., provided a banquet which met with the highest commendations of all the brethren who sat down to it, and special thanks were accorded at the conclusion of the evening to Mrs. Lilley, for her excellence in culinary supervision. The toasts were proposed and responded to seriatim. Bro. T. Poore responding for the Grand Officers of the province, and hoping to do justice to the appointment he held in the province. He added that he would do his duty both there and in the lodge, and would make every effort that was in his power to support the W.M. in the performance of the task which was laid out for him. Bro. James Stevens then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him on the attainment of his high position so rapidly; but though his promotion had been rapid, he said the lodge had made a good selection. Bro. Lilley had been known them all for a long time, and was one of the originators and founders of the lodge, which had to thank him for many

services rendered to it. Though its members were not numerous he had always entertained them liberally and made them very comfortable, and he deserved to have, and no doubt would have, a prosperous and pleasant year of office. His selection of officers was acknowledged to be a wise one by the large majority of the brethren, and with regard to the others, a little reflection would show them that he had studied the interests of the lodge rather than those of individuals. He had performed his duty in rather an exceptional manner, for he had not allowed any feelings of relationship to interfere with what he considered to be conducive to the welfare of the lodge. That was rather more than might be generally expected of a W.M., but it was an example which W.M.'s would do well to follow. The W.M. in acknowledging the toast said he did not feel worthy to hold the high position he had been placed in, but he could not refuse to accept it when it was pressed upon him. He would endeavour to carry out the duties of his year of office to the satisfaction of the brethren and to the honour of the Order. He could only thank the brethren for their confidence, and for the assistance they had rendered him in their advice as to the official appointments he should make. He certainly took no credit to himself for having made judicious appointments, for with one of them he had encountered considerable difficulty; but other brethren in the lodge more experienced than himself had seen what was a beneficial arrangement, and he was but too happy to be able to give effect to a selection which would make the Panmure Lodge one of the best worked lodges in the Mark Degree. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," to which Bros. Platt and Massey responded, both acknowledging the great hospitality of the lodge the superiority of the banquet provided, the perfect working of the I.P.M., of Bro. Stevens and of the W.M., and the pleasant evening which they had spent. Bro. James Stevens at the request of the W.M. proposed "The Candidate, Bro. W. Hefter," and pointed out the difference between this degree and the Craft in respect to the accession of members by solicitation. He also congratulated Bro. Hefter on his joining the Panmure Lodge, and on having had the great advantage of receiving office on the night of his advancement. Bro. W. Hefter thanked the brethren for the toast, for electing him a member, and for advancing him; the W.M. also for putting him into office. He promised regular attendance, but requested the aid of the brethren in his desire to obtain instruction in the ritual. The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters, Bros. Stevens and Huntley." Bro. James Stevens replied. They had reason to be much obliged to the W.M. who had consistently stuck to the lodge, and he with several others had supported it from the time they first took it in hand. In Mark Masonry, the brethren did not expect to make the strides they made in the Craft; but by giving their individual attention to their Mark Lodge, and being always present when work was to be done they had achieved a result which gave them every reason to believe that the Panmure had become an established lodge. It was not numerous in its members, but those it had were good workers. In the absence of quantity they possessed quality; and as long as they had sufficient members to pay their working expenses they need not regret they were not stronger than they were now. They were very comfortable, which was a great desideratum. Better to be few in number and harmonious, than numerous with the elements of disturbance among them. No doubt it would be more numerous when it was better known, and ultimately it might be a lodge of considerable credit to the Order at large, and especially to the Province of Surrey. Speaking for himself he could assure the brethren that he would always be present when possible, and nothing but sickness or very pressing emergency would keep him away. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Officers," to which Bro. T. Poore replied, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. The lodge and banquet-rooms were draped in consequence of the death of Bro. John Thomas, and the brethren refrained from enjoying the usual pleasure of music for the same reason.

Red Cross of Constantine.

EDINBURGH.—It affords us much pleasure to be able to speak of the progress of the Red Cross Order here, so much so that it has been deemed advisable to organise a second conclave, which has been chartered, the St. Giles's, No. 103. The members have secured the services of a very distinguished Sir Knight as their first Sovereign, in the person of Sir Knt. H. E. Jones, and the E.V.E. is also a well known and zealous Mason. They have already installed several eminent brethren in the district and apparently a prosperous future is before them. The "Edinburgh" Conclave, No. 4, resumed its meetings on the 23rd. ult., under the presidency of its respected M. P. Sov., Ill. Sir Knt. C. G. C. Christie, when a goodly muster of Sir Knt. Companions assembled at roll call. After the routine business of the conclave was disposed of, the M.P.S. submitted a sketch of a banner, procured from Sir Knt. Kenning, which being highly approved of, a motion was carried unanimously that a banner be ordered without delay. The M.P.S. then presented a handsome donation towards defraying the expense thereof. It is very gratifying to be able to announce that in recognition of Sir Knt. Christie's services to the Order in Scotland, the Most Illustrious the Grand Sovereign, Earl Bective, has been pleased to appoint him Intendant General for Midlothian. The rank of Knight Grand Cross has also been conferred upon Sir Knt. R. S. Brown, an Hon. Sov. P.V., the indefatigable Recorder and one of the original members of No. 4.

Masonic Tidings.

SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY.—Messrs. Pain & Clark, of Buckingham-street, Strand, have been appointed Architects, in the place of the late Bro. John Thomas.

The Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights, K.H. 30°, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on Wednesday, 15th October. The agenda contains a list of fourteen candidates for advancement to the 30°.

The Victoria Club of Instruction, held at the Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, meets every Monday evening, at 8. p.m., Bro. Howes, P.M. Instructor.

An emergency meeting of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Friday, October 10th, at five o'clock, p.m., precisely, and the first regular meeting of the lodge on Saturday, October 11th, at three o'clock, p.m.

The consecration of the Mount Edgecumbe Lodge, No. 1446, took place on the 13th inst., at the Swan Tavern, Battersea, Bro. Hervey being the Consecrating Officer.

The fifteen sections will be worked in the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 20th October next, at 7 o'clock, p.m., by Bro. F. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, assisted by fifteen members of the Belgrave Lodge of Instruction No. 749.

Bro. Colonel Burdett moved, at the Richmond Select Vestry, on Tuesday, to oppose the application, of which notice had been given by the Star and Garter Hotel, for a music and dancing license. An amendment to oppose only the dancing license was moved by Mr. Burt, and carried by 12 votes against 6.

"THE POORER MASSES AND THE RICHER CLASSES" suffer alike at certain seasons from fever, diarrhoea, dysentery and similar ailments, which everybody knows, prevails in autumn, and it should be as well known, that these complaints can be safely and successfully subdued by Holloway's purifying preparations. Holloway's Ointment well rubbed over the entire abdomen, his pills taken internally, and his dietary rules strictly observed, embrace the domestic medical management of these diseases, which, when neglected weaken, if they fail to prove fatal. These remedies remove the causes of complaint from the system, and no sufferer whether his disease be chronic or acute, should despair till a trial has been given to these medicines, which will secure a safe deliverance from disease.—ADVT.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN THOMAS.

A numerous gathering of Freemasons assembled on Saturday, the 27th ult., in the large Board-room of the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, to take into consideration the best means of perpetuating the memory of the above-named lately deceased brother, and to appoint a committee to carry out the resolutions which such meeting might determine upon.

The chair was taken at 3 p.m. by Bro. Edward Worthington, P.M. 507, P.Z. 720, and amongst those present were:—Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 25, 720, 1216, and W.M. of the Great City Lodge, 1426, &c.; Henry C. Levander, P.M. 507, P.Z. 720, &c.; the Rev. W. B. Church, W.M. 165; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., P.Z., &c., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; C. A. Cottebrune, G.P., &c.; Edward Clark, P.M. 1194, 1329, &c.; Newington Bridges, P.M. 772, W.M. 1216; M. S. Larlham, S.D. 1216; G. Macdonald, 1158; N. B. Headon, S.W. 1426; D. Drysdale, P.M. 211; W. S. Cackett, 1216; D. R. Bryant, 1326; W. Mann, W.M. 1381, &c.; James Dann, W.M. 72; John Oliver, 1328; Dr. W. V. Bedolfe, 1328; Henry Martin, 1329; and many others. Letters of regret for non-attendance from Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Fred. Binckes, Secretary to Boys' School; J. Terry, Secretary of Benevolent Institution; George Kenning, Joseph Nunn, E. H. Hunt, S. C. Davison, Overall, Allman, and several other brethren were read.

The Chairman briefly addressed the meeting, stating the object for which the brethren were assembled, and expressed his conviction that all present were of one mind in regard to the propriety and necessity of recording for present and future generations of Freemasons, the good and noble works of the worthy and distinguished Mason whose loss they had so much reason to deplore. He had no doubt that a practical expression of such unanimity of feeling would result from the proceedings of the day, and would call upon Bro. James Stevens to move the first resolution.

Bro. Stevens said that the duty which now devolved upon him was one which for some reasons he would have preferred should have been undertaken by another, but which on other accounts he admitted was most appropriately his to perform, he having been the earliest of all present to enjoy the companionship and encouragement of our late lamented brother. For nearly 20 years, had the friendship, first formed by Masonic introduction, increased from year to year, and for all that period the same useful instruction, kindly advice, and generous actions which had so endeared him to all who now mourned his loss so much, it had been his (Bro. Stevens's) proud privilege to enjoy. And during that period what opportunities had been afforded to discover and appreciate the sterling good qualities, both social and Masonic, of our worthy departed! The true embodiment of "Brotherly love, relief, and truth," he never tired in the practical exemplification of those "three grand principles." The first was thoroughly portrayed in his earnest and sincere desire for the fullest instruction and progress of those who were glad to call him their preceptor, to whom he was at all times accessible, and with whom it was his delight to walk many miles, and to pass many hours in communicating to them a knowledge of our mystic art. His Stewardships to our several Charities, especially his devotion to the cause of the indigent aged and unfortunate, bore testimony to his regard for the second principle upon which our Order is founded; whilst his upright, courteous, and conscientious discharge of his social duties, no less than those which devolved upon him in his Masonic position, gave glorious evidence of his truthful nature. This was the character of the brother who has gone before us, at the comparatively early age of 65, and such the man whose memory it was now sought to appropriately honour. The brightness of such an example ought not to be allowed to dim whilst it was in the power of so many whom he had cheered and assisted to maintain its brilliancy by perpetuating the frequent recollection of his revered name. Truly, in many

places, in many breasts, such recollections will remain even without the aid of monumental record. The lodges he has himself founded, those he has so greatly assisted by his connection with them, the Masonic works with which he has been associated, will all cherish his memory; whilst individual Masons will, as they gain Masonic culture and position, remember him as the original promoter and cause of their zeal and assiduity. But beyond these there are many who have not had the privilege of personal acquaintance, yet have known our lamented brother by repute and the record of his good works; and also others, distinguished as zealous advocates of our Order, and who never lose an opportunity to promote its interests by placing bright examples before its members and bidding them to follow. It is to these three classes, those who knew him, those who have heard of him, and those who would see his like again, that Masonry should now look to preserve his name amongst us, that whilst, as we humbly hope and believe, he is reaping the reward of his good works, in the Grand Lodge above, his words and actions in this life may prove a guiding star to lead others to the same desired haven of peace and salvation. Bro. Stevens concluded by proposing the following resolution, viz., "That this meeting desires to express its sense of the deep loss which Freemasons have sustained by the lamented decease of Bro. John Thomas, P.M. of several lodges, and particularly the brethren of the South of London, to whom he had ever proved a dear friend and genial instructor." This was seconded by Bro. Newington Bridges, W.M. 1216, and carried unanimously.

Bro. H. C. Levander said that he fully endorsed the remarks of Bro. Stevens, and could add his testimony to the merits of the late Bro. Thomas. As, however, a lengthened speech could be but a reiteration of what had been already said, and those merits were so well known by all present, he should dispense with further preface and at once move, "That in order to perpetuate the memory of so good a Mason, a committee be formed for the purpose of raising a fund, the manner of disposal of which shall be hereafter determined by such committee, and of which disposal the subscribers shall have notice."

Bro. the Rev. W. B. Church seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

It was then determined that the Committee should comprise all brethren then present, with the addition thereto of Bros. Joseph Nunn, P.M. 507; S. C. Davison, and E. H. Hunt, and with power to add further to their number, if considered necessary. The following were selected from the sub-committee for working the details of management, viz., Bros. E. Worthington, J. Stevens, H. C. Levander, Joseph Nunn, C. A. Cottebrune, N. B. Headon, W. V. Bedolfe, W. Mann, Edward Clarke, G. Macdonald, M. S. Larlham, and W. B. Church.

Bro. Stevens proposed, Bro. Clarke seconded, and it was resolved, that the fund shall be called "The Thomas Memorial Fund."

Bro. Levander was elected Treasurer to the fund, and Bro. Joseph Nunn, the Secretary; and it was also resolved that the sub-committee be empowered to incur such expenses and take such steps, as they may deem advisable to give publicity to the undertaking. The meetings of the committee will be held at the Board room of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company. Subscriptions may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, H. C. Levander, 30, North Villas, Camden Square, N.W., and communications to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Joseph Nunn, the Triangle, Kennington Road, S.E.

Bro. Worthington, the Chairman, having first proposed that the thanks of the meeting be offered to the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Board room (which proposition was carried unanimously) expressed his gratification that the purposes of the meeting had been so cordially supported, and his anticipations that the fund proposed to be raised would be in full proportion to the merits of the departed brother.

The subscription list was opened, the whole of the brethren present subscribing thereto, and thanks having been voted to the Chairman, the meeting separated.

THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

This excellent lodge of instruction dates its existence from the 2nd of October, 1823, and so highly were the founders and their mode of working appreciated that in the course of a few months they were joined by a considerable number of eminent brethren, many of whom had frequently assisted in the ceremonies at the Lodge of Reconciliation.* Amongst these latter may be included Bro. Edwards Harper, Grand Secretary, W. Longstaff, P.M. 407, and Peter Gilkes, P.M. 25, the first named brother having been Secretary to the Lodge of Reconciliation, while the two latter may be reckoned amongst the most earnest promulgators of our rites and ceremonies, as practised at that lodge. Bro. Gilkes soon became the Preceptor of the new lodge of instruction, and continued to hold that important office down to the time of his decease.

We believe the oldest member now living is Bro. W. Farnfield, P.A.G.S., who joined the lodge on the 10th of February, 1826, and although of late years he has refrained from taking an active part in the work at the weekly meetings, until prevented by his recent illness he was invariably to be found occupying the venerable post of father of the lodge at its annual Festivals, and we are sure our readers cordially join us in the wish that he may long continue to hold that distinguished position.

We hope at no distant period to present our readers with a more comprehensive history of this old established lodge of instruction, and to furnish them with the names of many other able and zealous brethren, who are entitled to the warmest gratitude of the English Craft for having assisted in preserving and handing down to us our beautiful lectures and ceremonies, with scarcely any variation, since they were first promulgated by the Lodge of Reconciliation. Our present object is to direct the attention of brethren in search of genuine Masonic knowledge (more especially such of them as are desirous of attaining proficiency in the different ceremonies) to the importance of attending this well regulated lodge of instruction. No doubt it will amply suffice for this purpose to give a brief sketch of the system of conducting the business, and the progress of the Lodge during the last few years.

The lodge is under the supervision of the Committee of General Purposes, who are selected from amongst the oldest and most experienced members, one of whom acts as Preceptor at each meeting.

The present committee consists of the following distinguished brethren, whose names are doubtless a sufficient guarantee of good order and regularity:—Bros. John Hervey, P.G.D. and G. Sec.; Thos. Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; A. A. Richards, P.G.S.; and A. Green, W.M. No. 7, Secretary. Bro. Hervey has filled the office of Treasurer to the Lodge for the last 26 years, during which period he has had the satisfaction of paying to the different Masonic charities from the funds of the Lodge upwards of £600. The ceremony of installation is worked on the first Friday in the month, from October to March inclusive. The number of brethren who joined the lodge in 1870 was 105; in 1871, 112; and in 1872, 116; while the attendance for the same period was as follows—in 1870, 114; in 1871, 133; and in 1872, 157; (exclusive of the large gathering at the annual Festivals, when, as is well known, some two or three hundred brethren assembled), and we doubt not that the close of the current year will show a corresponding degree of prosperity.

* The "Lodge of Reconciliation" was constituted in 1813, in conformity with the Act of Union, and was composed of an equal number of brethren from the two Grand Lodges, for the purpose of effecting an uniformity of working, and arranging the future ceremonies of the Craft. These brethren brought their labours to a close in 1816, when the ceremonies, as proposed by them, received the sanction of the United Grand Lodge.

FRATERS ROSICRUCIANÆ SOCIETATIS
IN ANGLIA.

By command of the R. W. Chief Adept, C. Fitzgerald Matier, 9°, the fraters of the United College of Manchester, Liverpool, and the Northern Counties were summoned, on Saturday last, to the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, to assist in forming the M***** C*****. There were present R. W. Frater C. F. Matier, 9°, Chief Adept; Fraters G. Turner, 8°, Sub.-Adept; T. Entwistle, 6°, Celebrant; J. Kellett Smith, 7°, Treas. General; G. P. Brockbank, 5°, T. B., as First A.; J. R. Goepel, 4°; T. Clarke, J. Lloyd, &c. The M***** C***** was duly formed, after which the minutes were read and confirmed. Ballots were then taken for several aspirants to the grade of Zelator, and the following being in attendance were severally introduced, and, having passed the required tests, were received as fraters of the brotherhood:—T. Ashmore, J. Wood (of Liverpool), T. Wilson (Wigan), R. Harwood and J. W. Taylor (Bolton). The circle was afterwards dissolved, and the fraters adjourned to banquet.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH
CHAPTER AT ANERLEY.

One of those interesting ceremonies that only occur occasionally took place at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on Thursday last, when a new chapter—the Stanhope—was consecrated by that veteran amongst Freemasons, Comp. W. Watson, P.M.E.Z., ably assisted by Comp. A. P. Leonard, William Platt, Foxall, and several other companions, all of whom have held the distinguished office of M.E.Z. in other chapters.

The ceremony was performed with that solemnity which always distinguishes the consecrations presided over by Comp. Watson.

The consecration ceremony over, Comp. John Hart, P.M. of the Stanhope Lodge, No. 1269, was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. H. W. Lindens, P.M. Stanhope Lodge, as H., and Comp. Joseph W. Terry, P.M. West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, as J.; Comp. Underhill of the Stanhope Lodge was elected by the companions P.S.

The chapter having been closed in due form the companions adjourned to partake of an excellent banquet, which Comp. Laishman provided with his usual liberality; the pleasures of the evening were enhanced by some excellent singing by the companions, all of whom retired at an early hour, highly gratified with the prospect of success that appears to assist the new chapter.

Multum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and
Queries.

BENTVOGEL SOCIETY.

What was the initiation ceremony (commencing at a tavern, and ending next morning at the tomb of Bacchus) which was used by the Flemish painters at Rome, when a brother artist from their country was admitted into this society.—GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

Original Correspondence.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN THOMAS,
To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

A meeting took place at the Board Room of the Grand Lodge on Saturday last to consider the subject of a testimonial to the memory of the late Bro. Thomas.

A committee and sub-committee were formed for the purpose of receiving subscriptions and performing the other duties which necessarily devolve on them.

It is indeed a fact not to be forgotten, especially by South London Freemasons, even amidst the hurry and bustle of life, that a man in many respects remarkable has passed away.

An architect by profession, he was to his professional friends a man of ability and sterling worth, to his neighbours in his general intercourse he was frank and generous, and each during his long residence among them could speak of him in the words of Pope:—

"An honest man close buttoned to the chin,
Broad cloth without and a warm heart within."
To the Masonic brother he was however far

more, and from his Masonic cradle, he was his friend, to teach him, to guide him, to allure him wisely in the way he should go.

Few who have not known Bro. Thomas with some degree of intimacy can understand the peculiar influence he exerted over all, even to the youngest brother, while his presence and personal influence rarely failed to banish discord, and restore harmony and peace, where, from any cause it had been disturbed. It is also most certain that amongst the hundreds and thousands to whom, in his long career he has been instructor and friend no one has ever been known to express other than feelings of love and devotion, those feelings they still retain, and still, as a dear possession,

"Treasure the looks they cannot find,
The words that are not heard again."

Yet it is not merely as a friend and teacher that Bro. Thomas will be remembered. To some of the more thoughtful he will be endeared as the traditional Masonic historian "par excellence" of his day.

Freemasons are often asked for some proofs of the antiquity to which they lay claim. Like all other municipal institutions, Freemasonry has a Roman origin, and although actual Roman institutions have been traditionally handed down almost to our day, or, as institutions, still exist, yet there is confessedly a difficulty in bridging over the gap which connects the Freemason of to-day with the quasi Masonic Institutions of former times. When, however, men, like our deceased friend, devote 30 years of life to its teachings, we can readily understand how a few such men in succession may bridge over a very long period of time, and hence how in times of ignorance and neglect it has come down through the highways and byeways of history.

How feelingly and lovingly does Sir Walter Scott describe his "Old Mortality" as consecrating his life to the memory and history of those he held dear, and who indeed was a greater "Old Mortality" than Sir Walter Scott himself? Guizot, in referring to this very creation of our unrivalled novelist, declares that it is by such means chiefly that the history of past times has descended to our day. "We have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us" is even in the bible the seal of truth. How deeply interesting indeed would be a book written on such men, of whom we may consider Bro. Thomas as a type, and we rejoiced that he has raised up a school not likely readily to forget either his practice or his doctrines. Of this great truth the first testimonial meeting at the Grand Lodge gave evidence.

W. VENER BEDOLFE,
S.W. 1329.

"SPIRITUALISM."

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although the columns of *The Freemason* do not seem to be exactly the locality wherein to seek a discussion on what is known as "spiritualism," still as the subject has been partly ventilated there, may I trespass on your space with a few remarks.

I have been interested in the matter for some years, and have had various opportunities of investigating the alleged phenomena. In the course of my examination, I have met with quite enough to restrain me from endorsing the assertion that what is known as Spiritualism is either a delusion or an imposture.

So much for my personal experience, which, as I put it, must be taken as at least "negative evidence." Looking at the subject generally, and knowing what is stated of many of the phenomena, and by whom, I see no rational conclusion than that those phenomena are proved facts.

Much of the confusion that exists in judging of this, as of other matters, arises probably from ignoring the distinction between two kinds of evidence, the direct, and the secondary description.

When our Bro. Carpenter asserts that his belief in the phenomena is based upon what has spontaneously occurred in his own residence, no one being present but his wife and himself, the

evidence he tenders is both direct and secondary, direct as regards himself, and in consequence he knows the facts to be true, secondary as received by others, and valued by them in proportion to their belief in his veracity and power of impartial judgment.

In every-day life we are compelled to accept and act on secondary evidence. For example. If two men walking in the street see a third man steal a purse, and he be given into custody, they know him to be the thief, but the magistrate who sentences him to the punishment provided for the offence, does so because he believes him to be guilty on the statement of those who were witnesses to the act. Bearing in mind the number, character and capabilities of those who have come forward to attest of their own knowledge the genuineness of what are called spiritual phenomena, if we deliberately reject their accumulated testimony and ascribe the facts they affirm to be true, to either delusion or deceit, I would like to learn on what principle we should accept any secondary evidence on any subject, and I would suggest to the rejectors that logically carried out, their scepticism would apply to subjects that possibly they might consider it profanity to doubt.

Bro. Buchan, in last week's number, deals very fairly with the subject, basing his argument on his own personal experience. I for one would prefer explaining admitted facts by known laws, but if all the facts stated by spiritualists be true, I see no theory but that of spiritualism to cover them all.

It is a very different thing for clever illusionists to imitate phenomena under circumstances provided by themselves, and for a medium to produce those phenomena, in a strange locality, under test conditions, and surrounded by watchful and suspicious sceptics. Professional media are almost always regarded with suspicion, and it is probably better that it should be so. If their powers are real, test conditions will help to prove their reality, if they assist the phenomena designedly, the sooner they are found out the better for the cause of truth, and the less likely others may follow the example.

I say nothing now of the teachings of Spiritualism, in their detail. One serious objection to "Circle Sitting," is the avidity with which some inquirers seem to take in as gospel truth, any statement purporting to come from spiritsources, apparently forgetting both the precept "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits," and the assertion, "that in the last days some shall depart giving heed to seducing spirits." The spiritual theory of future existence, rightly understood, seems to be both philosophical and rational, which is more than can be said of some of the teachings of "Orthodoxy" as expounded by the Churches.

In conclusion, I may allude to the fact well known to those interested in the subject, that what is called "Spiritualism" in one shape or other, is making great progress in general society. Few "outsiders" have any notion of the extent to which it has become acclimatized within the last few years, and some of these fine days when the clergy wake up, and possibly find it their duty to preach down the heresy, they will be somewhat startled to find how much it has undermined their "cut and dry" theology.

With all the rubbish associated with its investigation, and encumbered though it be with tremendous proportion of "twaddle" and nonsense, there is something in it that seems to commend it to the spirit of the age, and it would be well if those who assume to be the teachers of the people, would do their duty by honestly investigating it, and endeavouring to separate the wheat from the chaff in the phenomena and their inferences.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH.

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POCKET BOOK FOR 1874.

We have forwarded, addressed to the Secretaries of every Lodge, a form that requires to be filled in, to show any alterations and additions that may be needed for the *Cosmopolitan Calendar, Diary and Pocket Book for 1874*. As the *Calendar* will be published early this month, it is respectfully requested that the form may be filled in at once, and returned to the Publisher, George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

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Answers to Correspondents.

The following communications stand over:—J. S.; W. C.; W. P. B.; K.

A Report of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of a New College at Knutsford, by the Rt. Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cheshire, will be given next week.

REMITTANCE RECEIVED.

A. Magnussen, Wisconsin, U.S.A., P.O.O. 11/7.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

BLAMPHIN—WHITE.—On Sept. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, Edge-hill, Liverpool, by the Rev. J. Turnbull, Bro. James Newbery Blampkin, of Lodge 667, Liverpool, Professor of Music, to Emma, eldest daughter of Thomas White, Esq., formerly of that town.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending October 11.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Miss Bateman in "Bitter Fruit."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. "The Wandering Heir."

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Seton Parry. Burnand's Burlesque, "Kissi Kissi."

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NOTICE.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1873.

THE PHILADELPHIA MASONIC
TEMPLE.

We called attention in our last impression to the new Masonic Temple, erected in Philadelphia, by our Pennsylvanian brethren, and as the subject is still fresh in our memories, and it may interest our English brotherhood to realise what is going on in America in our common Craft, we have thought it well to recur to the subject to-day. We have been favoured, moreover, by a brother in England, with the detailed account of the building, which follows, and which we feel persuaded will be gladly perused by all those who, like ourselves, ever feel that Masonry is both one and universal, and that what affects and advances the Order in America, must also affect and advance it amongst us in this great home of pure and true Masonry.

We give, then, the following extract from the *New York Weekly Herald*, in extenso, as we think that any pruning of its flowing words would only serve to weaken instead of strengthening the general description, and we wish our brethren to receive their impressions of this great and genuine American enterprise from a purely American source.

All we can do is to wish sincerely all prosperity to the new Masonic Temple, and to those who shall from time to time perpetuate our mysteries or carry out our kindly teachings amid the graceful and gorgeous halls of this great Masonic Temple.

To use the words of an ancient formulary, "May the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon all the assemblies of Freemasons, within those consecrated walls, and on all the regular meetings of Freemasons throughout the world."

"The Masonic brotherhood of the Quaker City are making extraordinary preparations for the dedication of their magnificent temple in Broad-street. Invitations have been extended to every lodge throughout the country, and many delegates are expected from France, Germany, and England.

The jubilee attending its completion will commence on the 25th of September, and will be kept up until the evening of the 27th.

"The dedicatory ceremonies will be conducted by the Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania, assisted by the Masters and subordinates of other lodges, and it is estimated that 100,000 members of the mystic tie will participate in the festivities.

"The temple is now in an advanced state of completion, and from its immense size and imposing style of architecture is one of the most conspicuous public buildings in the city. Much has been said by New Yorkers and Bostonians in praise of their respective Masonic temples, but it is now generally conceded that the Philadelphia

structure far surpasses, both as respects size, cost, and beauty. It will make two of that at Boston, and is a third larger than the temple in Sixth avenue and Twenty-third-street. It is of such an immense size, and is filled with so many lodge, chapter, and commandery rooms, that to those uninitiated it is almost a labyrinth. As it has never been fully described, a running sketch may not be amiss, as it gives evidence that the Masons throughout the country are on the high road to prosperity, and as a brotherhood are marching on in irrepressible phalanxes to success. It is composed entirely of finely-dressed granite of a whitish lead-coloured tint, is 250 feet in length, is 150 feet wide, and is three lofty stories in height. The ground upon which it is built, in Broad-street, near Market, together with the structure, cost upwards of twelve hundred thousand dollars.

"The architecture of the building is a combination of the old and new schools admirably blended, and is pleasing to the eye. Its three unique towers, reaching heavenward, can be seen from the four quarters of the compass, and are as conspicuous landmarks to the Philadelphians as the Herald building is to those of the Long Island and Jersey shores. The inner masonry alone involved the consumption of 10,000,000 bricks, and the number of cubic feet of granite in the outer walls, if known, would probably to the reader seem fabulous.

"The main entrance, in Broad-street, is of the Venetian style of architecture, and resembles perfectly the doorway to St. Mark's, at Venice. Once inside, the magnitude and beauty of the edifice becomes apparent. Broad and massive stairways, richly carved pillars, and heavy and peculiarly shaped doors and cornices of the Norman and Gothic pattern, with carved Masonic cabalistic signs in each, afford to the uninitiated unlimited sources of wonder and conjecture.

"The main hall upon entering is twenty feet wide from end to end, and 250 feet in length. The floors of this hall and of all the halls and passages on both this and the principal floor above are laid with black and white marble tiles, in patterns, with borders, and there is a continuous wainscoting, four feet in height, of the finest Lisbon marble, highly polished, to the various halls.

"Two magnificent stairways lead to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter-rooms, lodge halls, and the asylum of the Commandery. The Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's, and the Grand Lodge library, and numerous other offices are situated on the right and southern side of the main hall. Walking to the north-east corner of the structure, the suite of rooms of the Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania is encountered. They are three in number, and consist of a reception, private Secretary's, and his own room, all of which are elaborately fitted up, and would charm Solomon himself, could he but once have an opportunity of reclining in one of the richly carved divans and surveying the architect's and masons' handiwork.

"Among the numerous apartments none attract more attention than the Egyptian Hall. It is a marvel of massive grandeur and solidity, with twelve elephantine columns extending

around the hall, and are fac-similes of those in the principal temples on the Nile. Each of the walls of the hall is divided by columns, which stand clear of it, into five sections, all of which are enriched with panel decorations, consisting of variegated borders. The Master is well provided for in this hall, as his throne or chair is of the richest and most imposing description. His pedestal, contrary to the conventional Masonic rule, is placed at the right of the throne, thus giving him an unobstructed view of his brethren. It is flanked on either side by two mysterious looking Sphynxes, who gaze with a solemn air of authority upon the surroundings. This hall has a seating capacity for 250 persons.

"Wandering around among the labyrinthian passages of this huge pile of mortar a curiously carved door, with symbolic decorations, is met in the north-east corner of the principal floor. Once thrown open the interior of the Norman Hall is visible. This is a large apartment, richly wainscotted, and is furnished with quaint and substantial styles of furniture. It is well ventilated, and has accommodation for over one hundred persons.

"Not a great distance from this is the Ionic Hall. Its style is pure, graceful and elegant, but unelaborate. Its natural ventilation is perfect, by its exposure on two sides by numerous windows to the open air. Its furniture is composed exclusively of wood, and the beauty of the room is further enhanced by twenty odd marble columns, carved and plain, which extend around its walls. It is seventy-five feet long by fifty feet wide, and is thirty feet high.

"Next in dimensions and beauty of design is the banqueting hall, on the north side of the structure. This hall is 150 feet in length, by 50 feet in breadth, and will seat comfortably upwards of five hundred persons. It will be used during the dedicatory ceremonies, and is now being rapidly overhauled. The sixteen unique columns that stretch through it in pairs give it a grand aspect, and when its heavily carved tables groan beneath the bountiful repast that will be spread for the distinguished guests, and its immense chandeliers are illumined, it will show off to greater advantage. The cuisine department of this hall is located in the basement beneath, and for size and appointments will compare favourably with the largest hotels in the country.

"Next in point of interest to the body Masonic as well as the stranger, is the Grand Lodge Hall. Every feature of this large chamber is of interest, from its massive columns down to the heavily tiled floor of marble. Its architectural style throughout is purely Corinthian, the distinguishing feature of which is the deep and polished capital, together with a larger cornice than is observed in the other orders. Its dimensions are in keeping with the purposes for which it was designed, its length being 107 feet, height 50 feet, and width 51 feet. The ventilation and light are admirable. The furniture will be rich, and will consist of walnut and cedar chairs, divans, &c., covered with blue velvet. The facades of the east and west of the chamber are decorated with ornaments representing vessels of corn, wine and oil, and over the grand east, standing out in bold relief, is the inevitable

square and compass. Over the grand south and grand west is the sun at high noon and shedding his parting rays at eventide.

"Another and beautiful feature of the Temple is the Asylum of Commanderies, which is located at the east end of the principal floor. It is of the Gothic style of architecture, and is, without a doubt, one of the handsomest apartments in the Temple. It is reached by two stairways, which lead to a vestibule, where are placed fountains, which will flow ice water in its season. The Gothic Hall, the Red Cross or Council Chamber, the central main hall, north-west hall, regalia room, oriental hall, and the Grand Lodge library, are splendidly arranged apartments, both as regards size, fitting up and their styles of architecture. They will soon be thrown open to the public, and then will remain closed until the grand event, (the dedication) rolls round.

"On the evening of September 25th there will be a grand Templar tourney in the Temple, and the Grand Lodge banquet will come off on the 26th."

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. MARKS CHURCH, SOUTH SHIELDS.

On Monday, 18th September, the interesting ceremony of laying the corner stone of a new church in the recently constituted district of St Mark's, South Shields, took place in presence of a large concourse of people, and the fact that permission had been obtained from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Fawcett, to lay the stone with complete Masonic ceremony, invested the event with more than ordinary interest and importance.

The district of St. Mark's was constituted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in February last, previous to which time the large and powerful neighbourhood embracing Green Street, St. Cuthbert Street, and the many thickly inhabited thoroughfares situated to the South of them, were included in the district of Holy Trinity.

The present incumbent, the Rev. D. W. Evans, took charge of the district in 1868, at which time the congregation worshipped in a small upper room above two cottages in Cambridge-street, where mission services had been commenced a short while previously. Mr. Evans soon made himself acquainted with the district, and finding an extensive field of some 3,000 people in which to labour, he resolved upon increasing his opportunities of ministering to the spiritual welfare of the district by providing a more accessible and comfortable place in which to hold service.

After considerable exertions, he was enabled to erect an elegant iron church on some vacant ground near Victoria Street; and subsequently he added to the church a comfortable little infant school.

The school accommodation in the neighbourhood was defective, and in order to utilise the available erections for educational purposes, the church was also used as a day school during the week.

The success which had thus far rewarded the Rev. Mr. Evan's untiring zeal induced him to promote the scheme of having erected a substantial church suitable in all respects to the requirements of that part of the borough. The movement met with a hearty response, the Rev. R. Green generously offered a suitable site, close to the iron church, valued at £500, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners also contributed liberally.

The plans of the proposed church were prepared by Messrs. Robert Clark and Son, Nottingham, who designed the edifice to accommodate 500 people, the building being in the early decorated style of architecture. The total cost of the erection is estimated at £4,000,

towards which £3,000 has been already raised. The contract for the building has been entrusted to Mr. Edmund Suddards, builder, South Shields.

The Rev. D. Evans, being a member of the mystic brotherhood, solicited to have the stone of his new church laid according to the rites and customs of the ancient Order, and to this request the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Fawcett, gave a willing consent, and called a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, to be held in the Mechanics' Hall, South Shields, in order to enable the brethren of the province to lay the stone in due Masonic formula.

When it was known that the ceremony was likely to be of so imposing a nature, no small amount of interest was manifested by the people of the district, and great anxiety was felt respecting the chances of the day proving favourable or otherwise. Fortunately, however, the weather was, in spite of the strong wind that blew from the north-west, on the whole exceedingly favourable.

The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in the Mechanic's Hall, Ocean Road, at one o'clock, the chair being occupied by R.W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M., who was appointed Acting Provincial Grand Master, in the absence of Bro. John Fawcett, Esq., R.W.P.G.M., who was fulfilling a prior engagement with Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. of Cheshire.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the officers and brethren formed themselves into procession, and marched up King Street, across the Market Square, and round by the Station Bank, to the site of the new church.

The entire route of the procession was lined with spectators, and many of the tradespeople, in honour of the occasion, added to the effect by displaying flags, banners, and bunting from their premises, and at two or three more prominent points in the route streamers of bunting were stretched across the street.

At the neighbourhood of the stone, and within the spacious enclosure, there were immense numbers of people gathered. Within the enclosed space there would not be less than 2,000 ladies and gentlemen; but though the crowds were so great, perfect order was maintained, a posse of the borough force, under Mr. Superintendent Richardson, assisting in preventing the people from crowding too near the stone.

Among the clergy and the general public at the stone were:—Rev. D. Evans, R. Green, G. E. Sharland, W. Ede, H. Morton, E. L. Butcher, T. N. Roberts, P. H. Moor, Dr. Hoopdell, John Coulson, M. Graham, J. J. Taylor, A. A. Philpotts, A. Dyce, W. Bulmer, J. Cator, J. Battle, W. B. Houldey, W. Bennet, Edwin Jones, H. O. Sterland, John King, Charles Green, Henry Bishop, W. Wilson, H. S. Hicks, G. E. Greak, J. Bee, J. Hooper, J. J. Day, T. Featherstone, James Sunter, and the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. Ald. and Mrs. T. Glover), Mr. J. M. Moor (Town Clerk), and Mrs. Moor, George Elliott, Esq., M.P., Mr. J. White. On arriving at the enclosure within which the imposing and interesting ceremony was to be performed, the brethren of the Mystic Craft opened to the right and left, making an avenue up which the acting Provincial Grand Master passed, preceded by the P.G. Sword Bearer and the other Provincial Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Master having taken up his proper position beside the corner stone to be laid with such ceremonial, the proceedings proper were inaugurated by St. Mark's choir singing the "Old Hundred" in a very impressive manner. Bro. Rev. Robert Green then stepped forward and presented the trowel—which was of richly chased silver, and mounted in a fine ivory handle—to the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., M.P. In doing so, the Rev. Brother said he had to thank Sir Hedworth Williamson and the brethren of the ancient Craft for their presence. The trowel bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., M.P. on the occasion of his laying the foundation-stone of St. Mark's Church, South Shields, Sept. 18, 1873." The upper and lower stones having been previously prepared, the upper one was raised, and the Provincial Grand

Chaplain (Bro. Rev. C. D. Trotter, P.M.), delivered up an appropriate prayer, on the conclusion of which Bro. W. H. Crookes, P. G. Secretary, read the following inscription on the brass plate which was deposited in the stone:—"St. Mark's Church, South Shields. To the eternal glory of God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and in the faith of Jesus Christ, the corner stone of the above Church was laid with the formalities of Craft Masonry, by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., M.P., D.P.G. M., on the 18th day Sept., A.L. 5873, A.D. 1873, and 37th year of the reign of Queen Victoria. Charles Baring, D.D., Bishop of Durham; Rev. David Evans, first incumbent; Rev. Robert Green, donor of site; Robert Clark and Son, Nottingham, architects; Edmund Suddards, South Shields, builder." This was followed by the Provincial Grand Master commanding Bro. G. W. White, P.M. 240, acting P.G. Treasurer, to deposit the phial, containing various coins, and also copies of that morning's daily papers, &c., in the cavity of the lower stone, over which the plate above mentioned was placed. These formalities having been duly performed, the two stones were then duly adjusted and cemented together, the band the while performing with great solemnity "To Thee, O Lord." The acting Provincial Grand Master having, according to the formula of the Order, proved the stone properly adjusted by the plumb rule, level, and square, he declared the stone duly laid. The ancient ceremony of pouring corn, wine, and oil over the stone was then duly performed by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, who said as he did so "I strew this stone with corn, I strew this stone with wine, I strew this stone with oil." The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered up another prayer, at the close of which the acting Provincial Grand Master inspected and approved of the plans of the new building, and formally handed them to the architect for his guidance. The elaborate and highly interesting ceremonial having been thus duly and most satisfactorily performed,

Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., M. P., mounted the stone amid great cheering, and said: If even custom did not require him to offer a few remarks upon the successful conclusion of that very interesting ceremony, common courtesy would require him to thank the numerous assembly for their attendance there that day. He was sure that he echoed the sentiments of all the brethren who had assisted him during the ceremony, and also the wishes of the public generally, when he hoped that the beginning ceremony in connection with the erection of St Mark's Church was but an omen of its future career. The object of the church was to alleviate the spiritual want there was in that increasing district—a want that must be felt in all increasing labouring populations, such as were found in populous manufacturing towns like South Shields; and it must be gratifying to all present, as it had been to himself, to be present to assist Bro. Rev. D. Evans, the first incumbent of the district, in so noble and good a work; but when that work is allied to one through their Fraternity an additional feeling of gratification was felt. As all the brethren of the Craft were aware, in their Order they allowed of no difference or distinction as regards religious opinions. Within their lodges no such difference existed, but all thoughts and such causes of discord were banished, and it would be well if the different Christian sects in England would take a lesson from the humble brethren of the Masonic Craft. The erection of the church was to relieve a want now being felt in Shields, and in no way could the principle of Masonry be carried out in a better or nobler way than in inaugurating a building to be devoted to the worship of the Great Architect of the Universe, whom all, whether brother Masons or not, are bound to reverence and adore, and before whose presence they all must soon appear. The R.W. P.G. Master concluded by calling upon the brethren to exercise one great principle of the order—viz., charity—by their contributions to the building fund. A collection was then taken at the stone, amounting to £58, after which the brethren re-formed in procession, and marched back to the Mechanics' Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

In the afternoon a public banquet was held at the Golden Lion Hotel (Mr. Burtchby's), King street, South Shields, where upwards of 200 ladies and gentlemen sat down to a sumptuous repast. The chair was occupied by Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., M.P., who was supported on the right by Mr. George Elliot, M.P., Mrs. Evans, Mr. M. Palmer, Mr. Ald. Glover, the Mayor of South Shields, &c.; and on the left by the Rev. Robert Green, Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P., Mrs. Bennet, Miss Bennet, Mr. A. Clint, Liverpool, Mr. Wm. Anderson, J.P., Mr. John Green, Dr. Robson, &c. Among others present were the clergy and brethren who were present at the laying of the foundation-stone.

The Chairman gave "The Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family."

Mr. F. A. Clint next gave "The Bishop and Clergy of all Denominations," and in doing so paid a well-deserved compliment to the perseverance and zealous labours of the Rev. D. Evans, to whose energy it was due that they had laid the foundation-stone of St. Mark's that day.

The Rev. Robert Green, who was cordially received, responded.

The Chairman proposed "The Army, Navy, and the Volunteers," and in doing so said that it was customary to say that the army had done its duty in the past, and would do so in the future; but during the past few days a small war had sprung up which he was afraid would tax the energies and the patience of their gallant soldiers, and a war in which the gallant soldiers could get little or no glory. Yet the war, though small, would have to be carried out, because no insult to the British flag could be allowed to pass unnoticed. They would all hope that the war would be short and successful, and he was sure that the brave men had the sympathies of all Englishmen in the trials they would have to endure in the pestilential climate they had gone to.

Lieut. Col. Palmer, in rising to respond, was warmly received. He said that he had for some years made navy vessels a peculiar study, and whenever he had an opportunity he visited vessels of war to whichever navy they belonged, and he could certainly say that the British navy was not only second to none, but was superior to any. (Hear, hear, and applause.) With respect to the war in which they had embarked, he could say that in spite of the very unhealthy climate the soldiers had to encounter, the officers and men were volunteering to go and defend the honour of the British flag—(hear, hear, and applause)—and determined that the flag should come out triumphantly. After referring to the increasing efficiency of the volunteers, the gallant Colonel again thanked the company for the honour they had done him.

Mr. Wallis, briefly and in complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the Rev. D. Evans, incumbent of St. Mark's," which was received with applause.

The Rev. D. Evans responded in suitable terms, and thanked the people for the support they had given him, and thanked his Masonic brethren for their presence and assistance.

Mr. W. Anderson proposed "The County and Borough Members."

Mr. G. Elliot, M.P., who was warmly cheered, after thanking the company for his enthusiastic reception, said that though he was too late to join in the Masonic procession, he had taken the opportunity to visit the vicinity where it was intended to erect the very handsome church, and he was so convinced of the great necessity for such a work being carried out that he felt greatly impelled to say to Mr. Evans, "You may add £100 to my subscription." (Applause.) He thought that Mr. Evans's great success was due in no small measure to the fact that he had combined the education of the young with his other work. (Applause.) He hoped that within twelve months the noble church would be completed. One thing he felt convinced, it would not be stopped for want of money. If more were wanted, their friends need not hesitate to appeal again to him. (Applause.) Having referred to the arduous duties of a member of the House of Commons, he said he

always tried to do his duty to his constituents. (Applause.)

Major J. C. Stevenson, M.P., who was loudly applauded, briefly responded, and paid a high compliment to the zealousness and industry of the Rev. Mr. Evans, and mentioned the pleasure he had in assisting the rev. gentleman in his negotiations with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

Several other toasts followed, and in the evening a grand concert was held in the Mechanics' Hall, South Shields, where there was a numerous company, the chair being occupied by Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P. The choirs of St. Mark's and the principal members of the choir of Durham Cathedral took part in the concert.

HISTORICAL NOTES ON SCOTCH LODGES.—No. I.

By D. MURRAY LYON.

GLASGOW KILWINNING, No. 4.

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In accordance with a custom inaugurated by Mother Kilwinning towards the end of the 17th century, and followed in after years by other lodges, Glasgow Kilwinning began at a very early stage of its existence to grant commissions to make Masons. The following is a copy of a letter of authority to work in Edinburgh:—

"Dearly beloved brother,—Your letter to us of the 30th of last April, praying for a power to receive and admit Masons and members of Glasgow Kilwinning, being read at our monthly meeting of May, it was unanimously resolved to comply with your request. In consequence of which resolution you are vested with power, privilege, and authority from us, as we do hereby give you full power, privilege, and authority to receive and admit all such of a worthy and honest character as shall apply to you to be received and admitted members of Glasgow Kilwinning; and this we authorise you to do, though at a distance from our lodge. Provided always and with this restriction that no brother or brethren shall be admitted or received under the name of Glasgow Kilwinning till he or they shall pay the sum of twenty seven shillings and six pence sterling, as the ordinary and usual charge stipulated and appointed by our rules and regulations as the expense to be paid by every brother who shall be admitted. At same time, you are required pointedly and exactly to make remittance of such sums of money as you shall receive for the admission of a member or members, and that per first post or other opportunity after such admission or admissions, and you are at the same time to send the name and designation of every new brother, with the date of his admission, so as he may be enrolled in our books. As we are well convinced of your abilities, we think it noways necessary to putt you in mind of charges and instructions to be given the young intrants. Wee therefore only add that we wish you, as a dear brother, all spiritual and temporal blessings in Chryst Jesus our Lord. Amen. These presents, retaining a power at our pleasure to revoke and repeal them, are given at our Lodge of Glasgow Kilwinning, and sign'd and seal'd with our seals, the 23rd of July, in the year of our Lord, 1741, and of Masonry 5741. Sic. Subr., George Murdoch, Glasgow Kilwinning, William Clark, S.W.; Jno. Hamilton, p. J.W. To our worthy and well beloved brother John Cumming."

In 1817 a member residing in Hamburg reported that with the assistance of some German Masons he had entered two Scotchmen to Glasgow Kilwinning. The lodge indorsed the act, and instructed the brother to be careful to remit the entry-money of any future intrant he should admit.

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The Votes and Interests of Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

DAVID DOVE, AGED NINE AND A HALF YEARS. His Father, Bro. Edward Dove, formerly a Builder, at Scarborough, was initiated in the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, No. 200, in May, 1857, and continued a Subscribing Member for nearly ten years.

Through failure in business he left Scarborough, and subsequently was appointed Inspector of Buildings on the North Eastern Railway. After a short illness died (of inflammation of the lungs brought on by exposure to cold in the discharge of his duties) on the 16th November 1870, leaving a Widow and three Children; since which time the mother has deserted them, and they are by the kind assistance of friends now being supported. This case is deserving of the utmost sympathy and support of the Craft generally.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren, and by several lodges in the Province of North and East Yorkshire:—

- The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, W.M. 123, Richmond; Aske Hall. Bro. Geo. Russel, W.M. 660, Malton. Christopher Sykes, P.M. 1040, M.P., P. Prov. S.G.W. North and East York, Brantingham, Thorpe, and London. C. M. Norwood, 57, M.P., London. John P. Bell, M.D., P.M. 57, P.S.G.D. England, Hull. L. W. Longstaff, P.M. 1010, (J.P.) P. Prov. S.G.W., North and East York, Hull. John Dalton Holmes, 1010, Hull. W. Tesseyman, P.M., 57, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. North and East York, Hull. John Hudson, W.M. 57, Hull. George Hardy, P.M. 250, P. Prov. S.G.D., N. and E. York, Hull. Francis Jackson, 250 Hull, (Sheriff of Hull). Bro. M. C. Peck, P.M. 1040, P. Prov. G. Sec., North and East York, Hull. J. W. Hughan, J.P.; P.M. 131; P. Prov. G. Sec., Cornwall. J. W. Woodall, P.M. 200, P. Prov. S.G.D., North and East York, Scarborough. C. E. Harding, W.M. 734, Lonsborough Lodge, Burlington. John Kemp, W.M. 294, Constitutional Lodge, Beverley. James Pyburn, M.D., W.M. 1010, Hull. Henry Hailgh, W.M. 200, Hull. W. C. Copperthwaite, 660, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Malton. E. H. Newton, P.M. 236, Scarborough. Lord Lonsborough, P.M. 734, Scarborough. J. J. P. Moody, P.M. 200, Scarborough. Wm. Taylor, P.M. 200, Scarborough. W. F. Rooke, P.M. 200, P. Prov. G.J.W., North and East York, Scarborough. W. B. Stewart, P.M. 200, Scarborough. H. A. Williamson, P.M. 200, Scarborough. Sir A. Johnstone, Bart., P.M. 200, P. Prov. S.G.W. North and East York, Scarborough. Wm. Peacock, P.M. 200, Scarborough. R. H. Peacock, P.M. 200, Scarborough. J. W. Taylor, M.D. W.M. 200, Scarborough. David Fletcher, P.M. 200, Scarborough. G. H. Walshaw, P.M. 200, Prov. S.D.C., North and East York, Scarborough. Voting Papers and any assistance will be thankfully received by BRO. JOHN WALKER, P.M. 57, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., N. and E. York, 56, Lister-street, Hull.

SECOND APPLICATION.

ELECTION—OCTOBER, 1873.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution are respectfully solicited on behalf of

HARRIET DAVIS, AGED EIGHT YEARS: Daughter of Bro. James Davis (1275), who died suddenly leaving a Widow and Eight Children totally unprovided for.

The case is recommended by the following Brethren, who have kindly consented to receive Proxies:—

- Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., P.M. 1275, &c., 14, Greek-street, Soho, W.C. John Harris, P.M. 102, 22, Austinfriars, E.C. George Abbott, S.W. 192, Station Master, Cannon-street Terminus, S.E.R. C. J. Hogg, P.M. 1275, 7, Malcolm-terrace, Upper New Cross, S.E. W. F. Bates, 192, Cannon-street Hotel. C. Burmeister, P.M. 435, 27, Sackville-street, W. Wm. Ough, P.M. 1275, Wellington Wharf, Belvidere-road, Lambeth. Rev. S. Bache Harris, S.W. 538, P.M. 1209, New University Club, St. James's-street, W. Jas. Kench, P.M. 538, and P.M. 1209, 42, St. James's-street, W. J. M. Fox, 1275, 16, Brockley-road, Upper New Cross, S.E. George Keating, V. Patron, P.M. 192, P.G.D. Middlesex, Upper Sydenham.

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- The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine, 4 vols. 1792, 3 and 4. Solomon's Temple Spiritualised, with an account of its destruction by Christopher Kelly, 1803 Edition. The Temple, an essay on the forms of the Ark, the Tabernacle, and the Temple of Jerusalem. Jacob's Ladder, the Ascent to Heaven, plainly pointed out. By the Rev. G. Oliver, D.D. A Mirror for the Johannite Masons, in a series of letters to the Right Hon. the Earl of Aboyne, Prov. Grand Master for Northampton and Huntingdon. History of the Knights of Malta, or the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (2 vols.) By Major Whitworth Potter, R.E. The Achievements of the Knights of Malta 2 vols. By A. Sutherland. Jerusalem, a Sketch of the City and Temple, from the earliest times to the siege by Titus, By Thomas Lewin Esq., of Trinity College, Oxford. History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. By Wm. A. Laurie. Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, 1841 and 1855 Editions. Collections of Masonic Songs (1795 Edition.) May be had at Bro. George Kenning's Masonic Library, 198, Fleet-street. Masonic Book-Bought, Sold and Exchanged.

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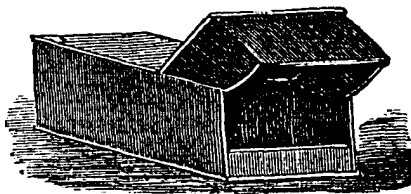
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

IPSWICH.—*British Union Lodge* (No. 114).—The first meeting of the above very prosperous and exclusive lodge, after the usual summer recess, was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. C. Long, I.P.M., in the chair (in the absence of Dr. Beaumont, R.N., Staff Surgeon, H.M.S. Northumberland), the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; Dr. Barton, L.L.D., P. Prov. G.M. Western India, S.C.; Boby, P.G.S.W., Acting Secretary, C. Schulen, P. Prov. G.D.C.; P. Cornell, P. Prov. G.J.D.; Emra Holmes, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., P.G. Reg., M.C.; P. De L. Long, P.M.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; S. Wright, S.W.; A. D. George, J.W.; J. Burton, S.D.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, J.D.; H. Miller, I.G.; and others. Visiting brethren, V. Childe, of the Isaac Newton Lodge, A. Gamman, W.M. Perfect Friendship Lodge, S. B. King, P. Prov. G.D. The lodge having been opened, Mr. Alfred George Allen, of Shotley, Suffolk, who had been previously balloted for and accepted, was initiated into Freemasonry, the impressive ceremony being performed by Bro. Barber, P.M.; Bro. Long, the Acting W.M., giving the working tools and Bro. Schulen delivering the charge, with much impressiveness. Bro. Holmes proposed a candidate for initiation, Bros. George and Cornell, proposed joining members to be balloted for at next regular lodge. The other routine business having been gone through, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a substantial banquet, served in Bro. Spalding's usual excellent style, when the usual toast list was gone through. "The Health of the venerable D.P.G.M.," was very cordially proposed by the W.M., and as modestly responded to by the Rev. Bro., who took occasion to remark on the progress Masonry was making in the Province, and alluded to the fact that the petition for a new lodge at Lowestoft had been granted by their esteemed Prov. Grand Master. Lord Waveny, had consented to preside at the next festival for the Aged Freemasons. He also stated that a new company had been formed for the purchase of the Masonic Hall, that the P.G.M. had taken 50 shares, which he intended to present to the P.G. Lodge; another brother, a P.G. Chaplain of England, had taken 100 shares, and he hoped the lodges in Ipswich would follow the example, and become shareholders. Bro. Barton, felicitously proposed the past and present Prov. G. Officers, and Bro. Boby responded. The health of the "Visiting Brethren" was responded to, at some length, by Bro. Childe, and briefly by Bro. Gamman. The "Tylers' Toast" followed, after Bro. King had delivered his well known recitation from Hood "A Nocturnal Sketch," and the brethren separated after spending, as usual, a most agreeable evening.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE (No. 780).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 26th ult. Bro. Brown, W.M., assisted

by his officers, opened the lodge at the appointed time. Three candidates being present for passing, and two for raising, the W.M. proceeded to perform the ceremonies, which he did in a very able manner, proving to the brethren that he had studied in the right school, and was well able to do the work of his office. Bro. Smith then took the chair, and Bro. Ammon Beasley was presented to him to receive the benefit of installation. This ceremony was most admirably performed, the addresses being delivered by Bro. Littlewood, P.M. No sooner was the installation completed than the new W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. L. H. Cuzner. This he did in a simply perfect manner, which shewed that he had worked hard to qualify himself for his high station, and from the manner in which he performed his duty, there is every prospect of a very prosperous year for the lodge. Bro. Thomas Brown, I.P.M., announced his intention of serving the office of Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and the sum of £10 was voted towards his list. All business being ended the brethren adjourned to banquet, served by Bro. Banks in his best style. The cloth being cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the proceedings being enlivened by the admirable singing of Bros. Ransford, Wrighton, Montem Smith, Baxter, and Theodore Distin. Among the visitors we observed:—Bros. H. Lloyd Thomas, P. Prov. G.S.W. Herts; H. Craven, W.M. 342; J. Weightman, W.M. 364; J. T. Spencer, W.M. 25; and others. The following are the newly-appointed officers:—Bros. W. Hilton, S.W.; W. Gardner, J.W.; W. Travers, S.D.; J. Ryder, J.D.; Lionel Brough, I.G.; J. Chambers Roe, D. of C.; J. Gilbert, Tyler.

Royal Arch.

IPSWICH.—*St. Luke's Chapter* (No. 225).—On Wednesday, the 25th ult., the St. Luke's Chapter was holden at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, present Comps. Richmond, M.E.Z.; C. Turner, H.; Emra Holmes, J.; S. B. King, P.Z., Scribe E., Acting Prin. Soj.; G. S. Findley, P.Z.; J. Tracy, P.Z., and others. The chapter having been opened by the Three Principals in ancient form, and the companions admitted, the minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Ward, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, who being elected and in attendance was introduced, obligated, and exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony being performed by the M.E.Z., who also gave the symbolical and mystical lectures, Comp. Emra Holmes, as J., delivering the Historical Lecture. The business of the chapter having been concluded, the companions retired to partake of slight refreshment, when the usual toasts were given and responded to, and the health of the "New Companion" drunk with the customary cordiality. The brethren separated at an early hour in obedience no doubt to the commands of the ghost of Lord Aberdare.

Knights Templar.

IPSWICH.—*Prudence Preceptory*.—An emergency meeting of the Prudence Preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., to receive propositions, as in this Order, unlike every other degree connected with Masonry every candidate must be proposed in open chapter. The Preceptory having been opened by Sir Knight Emra Holmes, Past Grand Provost, Acting Preceptor, in the absence of Sir Knight Dr. Beaumont, R.N. (at present on duty with H.M.S. Northumberland), and the muster roll having been called by Sir Knight G. S. Findley, P.E.C., Registrar; Sir Knight Dr. Mills, P.E.C., proposed, and Sir Knight J. Pitcher, P.E.C., seconded a candidate for installation at the next regular meeting, whose name for obvious reasons we do not give. The Preceptor requested the Registrar to send the proposition forthwith to the V.E. Provincial Prior for his approval, in accordance with the statutes. There being no further business, the

Preceptory was closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the refectory, where supper was served and an agreeable hour spent.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

EDINBURGH.—*Edinburgh Consistory* (No. 1).—At a meeting held on Monday, the 6th inst, present—Ill. Comps. Alexander Hay, 31°, Dep. Gr. Commander; Dr. Cairns, 30°, Gr. Orator; Wm. Mann, 33°, Sen. Gr. Warden; Alex. Mitchell, 31°, Jun. Gr. Warden; L. Mackersy, 33°, Gr. Sec.; Wm. Hay 31°, Gr. M. C.; John Laurie, 30°, Gr. Chancellor; Edward Savage, 31°; S. Georgiades, 30°; C. F. Matier, 30°; B. C. Waller, 30°; W. J. V. Bindon, 30°; Wm. Gilles 18° (E.C.); and W. M. Bryce, 30°; Outer Guard. The Sovereign Chapter of Prince Rose Croix was opened by Ill. Comp. Alex. Hay, Dep. M.W.S., when John Maitland, Esq., Willow Bank House, Aberdeen, was admitted to the 18th degree. Thereafter the Consistory was opened by Ill. Comp. Alex. Hay, Dep. Gr. Com., and Ill. Comp. Maitland, was admitted to the K.H., or 30th degree. After the minutes had been read, and some formal business transacted, the Consistory was closed.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.—*Celtic Lodge of Edinburgh and Leith* (No. 291).—The first monthly meeting of this lodge for the season was held in the Lodge Room, Ship Hotel, Edinburgh, on Friday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Wormald, R.W.M., occupied the chair. Bro. Brown R.W.M. Lodge St. Stephen, No. 145; Bro. Ford, R.W.M. Lodge Rifle, No. 405; and Bro. Moodie, P.M. of the Great City Lodge, London, were present. The minutes having been read by the Secretary, and approved of, the R.W.M. intimated that since the last monthly meeting Bro. Alexander Stuart, the first member initiated in the lodge, and a P.M., had died at the advanced age of 81. The Secretary was instructed, on the motion of the R.W.M., to record this in the minutes, and also an expression of the regret with which the members of the lodge learned of the death of one who had, in his younger days, and also in the younger days of the lodge, taken such a great interest in its welfare. Two circulars were read from the R.W.M. of the Lodge Roman Eagle, requesting the patronage of the Lodge Celtic at the benefit of Bro. McNeill, of the Royal Princess Theatre, on the 31st inst. It was unanimously agreed to grant the request, and a large number of the brethren signified their intention of being present on the occasion. Bro. Sheppard, a past Senior Warden of the lodge, then stated that a short time ago he had purchased the harmonium, which had for some time been used in the service of the Parish Church of Cramond, and he had now great pleasure in presenting the same to the lodge. His only motive, he said, in doing so, was to assist in the working of the lodge, the advancement of Freemasonry, and as an example to others to do likewise. Bro. Wormald, R.W.M., accepted the same on behalf of the lodge, and thanked Bro. Sheppard for his handsome gift. He rejoiced that the harmonium which had, since its existence, so to speak, known nothing but discord and dissension, would now rest in harmony and peace. It was agreed that a silver plate, bearing a suitable inscription, should be procured and affixed to the harmonium, and it was remitted to the office-bearers to make the necessary arrangements to have a festival concert to suitably inaugurate the instrument, and as a small mark of regard to Bro. Sheppard for his handsome gift. The lodge afterwards adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

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The northern counties of England, with their six millions of inhabitants, have long felt the want of a great public school, and the new college at Knutsford is designed to supply for the residents in the north the higher educational advantages which have been latterly supplied to the south by the colleges at Marlborough, Cheltenham, &c., and will occupy a position analogous to that of the great national schools of Rugby, Harrow, Eton, and Winchester. The new college will cost about £80,000, of which about £40,000, has already been subscribed, and will afford accommodation for 500 scholars. The college and grounds will occupy about 60 acres of fine meadow land, in the finely wooded district enclosed by the parks of Tatton, De Tabley, Toft, Norbury, Booths, &c.; and within easy distance of large places like Manchester, Liverpool, Chester, &c., and the great railway centres like Crewe, Warrington, &c.

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The quaint old town was gaily studded with flags, and the principal streets were sanded over with unique devices, in which Masonic symbols were especially prominent. The church bells

rang out a merry peal, and abundant floral devices, including a triumphal arch, marked the way to the scene of the day's ceremonies. The weather being splendid and the proceedings interesting, there were crowds of visitors from Liverpool, Manchester, &c., special and admirable railway arrangements having been made by the Cheshire lines, under the personal and active superintendence of Mr. English, the manager.

An especial Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held by Bro. Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M., at the rooms of the De Tabley Lodge, No. 941, at the Royal George Hotel, Knutsford, where there were present:—Bros. C. Dutton, Prov. S.G.W.; G. W. Latham, Past G.D.; Capt. R. Cope, Prov. G.S.B.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Prov. G.C.; Rev. H. Hodgson, Prov. C.C.; Rev. J. Lomax, Prov. G.C.; E. H. Griffiths, Prov. G. Sec.; J. P. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. W. Newell Turner, P. Prov. G.C.; J. Twiss, P. Prov. G.O.; J. Brown, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Fair, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. S. Mort, Prov. G.A.D.C.; T. H. Kirk, Prov. G.O.; J. Davenport, junr., Prov. G.S.; J. A. Birch, P. Prov. S.G.D.; T. Bowers, P. Prov. G.A.D. of C.; J. Hampson, P. Prov. J.G.D. The following prominent officers of different lodges were also present:—Bros. W. Nicholls, W.M. 941; F. D. Firth, W.M. 267; T. Pattinson, P.M. 267; R. H. Moore, W.M. 537; G. H. Wilson, S.W. 537; R. N. Banks, W.M. 428; H. Kenyon, S.W. 1045; J. Salmon, P.M. 425; J. E. Williams, P.M. 425; Siddeley, P.M., Treas. and Sec. 941; R. W. Worrall, P.M. 721; E. Harbord, P.M. 477; T. Dixon, Sec. 477; J. Reynolds, S.W. 941; W. Dean, P.M. 887; R. Taylor, P.M., Sec. 287; J. Keogh, I.G. 267; D. Fraser, I.G. 477; W. B. Cutter, P.M. 941; W. Tootell, P.M. 428; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; and others.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been duly opened, Bro. Lord De Tabley shortly addressed the brethren, and referred to the work of that day, as of the most important character, and said he was happy to know it had been commenced under favourable auspices. He thought it was not an unworthy occasion for the Freemasons of Cheshire to take part in a work which would be fraught with so much benefit, not only to the district, but to the whole of the north of England. The assembled brethren were then marshalled in order, according to the numbers of the lodges represented, and the procession of the Provincial Grand Officers, and the procession marched to the site of the foundation-stone of the chapel, where they took up their position *pro tem.* Although strictly speaking the Freemasons had no part in ceremony of laying the chapel stone, which was purely religious, they were kind enough to attend, and did useful service as an inner guard in preventing the pressing throng outside from invading the sacred circle round the foundation stone, devoted to the accommodation of the clergy and choristers. A novel feature in the Masonic procession was the carriage of the volume of the Sacred Law by four boys, not yet initiated into the mysteries of the Masonic Craft, but all sons of Master Masons.

The choristers, all surpliced, numbering upwards of 300, assembled at the Town Hall, along with about 200 clergy. The choirs represented were St. Margaret's, Holy Trinity (Toxteth-park), and St. Philip's Liverpool; Holy Trinity, Birkenhead; and St. Alban's, Manchester. Amongst the invited clergymen, many of whom were present, were the following:—Revs. Dr. Black, D. Waller, J. Ray. H. Crompton, A. M. Deane, G. Egerton, Canon Anson, Archdeacon Johnson, Dr. Marshall, W. Marsden, C. Dean, W. M. Truss, E. Cargill, J. T. Baylee, W. Lowe, O. Penrhyn, T. J. Henderson, W. A. Tattersall, G. H. Aldridge, J. Coombes, G. Gibbons, &c. A procession was formed of the clergy and choristers, and while proceeding to the site the latter sang several suitable psalms. On arriving at the place where the chapel stone was to be laid, preceded by the Lord Bishop of Chester, the choir and people chanted the 138th Psalm, after which his lordship offered a short prayer. The hymn "O God of Life" having been sung; the Bishop proceeded to lay the foundation stone, with the usual ceremony, saying, "In the faith of Jesus Christ

we lay this foundation stone of a chapel to be called by the name of His blessed apostle St. Paul, and to be for ever dedicated to the service of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Amen."

After several prayers and the benediction, the Freemasons, clergy, and choir then marched to the place where the foundation stone of the new college was to be laid by Bro. Lord De Tabley, P.G.M. of Cheshire. Here there was an immense gathering of people, who evidently took a deep interest in the ceremony. After the ode "Hail, universal Lord" had been sung,

Bro. Lord De Tabley said he might be permitted, according to the ancient custom of their Order, to say a few words before proceeding with that part of the programme which he was honoured by having committed to his care. They had all attended as interested and well-wishing spectators during the laying of the foundation stone of the chapel of that collegiate institution by their beloved and venerated diocesan. (Hear, hear.) Every one must have felt the propriety of the first stone of the chapel being laid by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and all who wished the welfare of that institution must also have felt a deep debt of gratitude to his lordship for the impressive way in which he had performed that ceremony. (Hear, hear.) But they now came to the broader and more comprehensive portion of the scheme—he meant the laying of the foundation stone of the college, and he had thought it not unfitting for the Freemasons of that province to say "Yes" to the flattering proposal that they should lay the stone in Masonic form. The order of Freemasonry, as they were aware, was a very ancient one. Its origin was lost in antiquity. It was a system of the purest morality, based on allegory, and illustrated by symbols. It embraced within its widespread arms every phase of religious belief; it was the universal brotherhood of mankind. But while this was so, by the appointment of Provincial Grand Chaplains and by the attendance of Provincial Grand Lodges at church, when they held their meetings in cities and towns, they proved their special attachment and respect for that branch of the universal church which was established in England. (Hear, hear, and applause.) The duty of Freemasons, from time immemorial, had been the foundation and construction of magnificent edifices, whether for the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, or for the benefit of mankind, as, for example, when the first stone of St. Paul's Cathedral was laid by their late Grand Master, Sir Christopher Wren, down to comparatively late years, when the foundation stone of the asylum at Lancaster was laid by their late Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. (Applause.) He thought that enough had been said to justify the part he (Lord de Tabley), as P.G.M. of that province, had ventured to take in the proceedings on that occasion. (Hear, hear.) He was glad to find himself supported by so many Provincial Grand Officers and brethren of different lodges—glad to see so numerous and respectable an assembly. He was sure the collegiate institution would have the best wishes of all present; and when they saw it flourish, as he trusted it would, rearing up the youth of the northern district on the principles of the plumb rule, level, square, and compasses—and there was plenty of room for it—they must all feel glad to look back at the fact of their having assisted to lay the foundation stone. (Applause.) That institution was connected with the Established Church of England, but he hoped, and he had reason to believe, that its portals would not be closed against those who might not be members of that church, provided they conformed to the rules and regulations of the institution. (Loud applause.)

The upper stone was then raised, and an appropriate prayer was offered by Bro. J. Lomax, P.G.C. The acting Prov. G. Treasurer, by the P.G.M.'s commands, deposited a phial containing the current coins of the realm, documents, &c., in the cavity of the lower stone, after which the following inscription on the plate was read by Bro. E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.:—"College of St. Paul, Knutsford, Cheshire. This foundation stone of the College of S. Paul was laid with Masonic honours by the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, W.M. Hatch, M.A., Warden;

Pennington and Bridgen, architects; W. Slade, F.M.R.S., Sec." After the plate had been placed over the cavity, the cement was placed on the upper face of the lower stone, which the Prov. G.M. adjusted with a handsome silver trowel handed to him by Bro. Pennington, bearing a suitable inscription.

During the lowering of the upper stone, a hymn was sung by the assembled choristers, after which the P.G.M., directed the P.G.J.W., the P.S.G.W., and the acting D.P.G.M., to prove the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square. This being done the cornucopia containing the corn, and the ewers with the wine and oil, were handed by Bro. Capt. Cope, to the P.G.M., who strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies: A suitable prayer was then offered by Bro. the Rev. H. Hodgson, M.A., P.G.C., and the P.G.M. having inspected and approved of the plans submitted, the ceremony closed with the National Anthem, and three cheers for the success of the college. The band of the 95th Regiment, was present on the ground. The whole of the proceedings were watched with the liveliest interest by the immense crowd on the ground.

After the ceremonial, a luncheon, at which from 400 to 500 ladies and gentlemen sat down, was provided in an elegant and well-ventilated marquee, erected by Mr. Benjamin Edgington, London. The tables were richly decorated with rare plants and flowers from the nurseries of Messrs. W. G. Caldwell and Sons, Knutsford. The luncheon, which was exceedingly well served, was purveyed by the Messrs. Jennison of Manchester. The Provincial Grand Master, Lord De Tabley, presided, and was supported by the leading members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who names have already been given, Sir Harry Mainwaring, Colonel Egerton Leigh, M.P., the Rev. W. M. Hatch, M.A., Warden of the College, Archdeacon Johnson, and others.

The Chairman commenced the proceedings by proposing "Church and Queen," after which Sir Harry Mainwaring, proposed "Lords and Commons," to which Colonel Leigh, M.P., replied. The Chairman next proposed the "Bishop of the Diocese," who, after thanking the company for the honour, proposed "Success to the College of St. Paul." He said the question of education, as they all knew, was beset with a great many difficulties and complications; but these might be dismissed that day while looking at the way in which education then came before them. Education was much more widely diffused now than it used to be; but he did not think that it had lost in quality by that diffusion. It seemed that education was as highly appreciated now as ever it was, and particularly the high order of education. They all knew that great schools had risen up within recent times alongside the time-honoured Eton and Winchester, and Harrow and Rugby, such as Marlborough, Cheltenham, Malvern, Clifton, and Haileybury, and had every reason to believe that St. Paul's, Knutsford, would be worthy to be added to the number. The existing great public schools were situated exclusively in the southern counties, and he welcomed with satisfaction the establishment of an analogous institution within his own diocese.

The Rev. W. M. Hatch, the future Warden of the college, in the course of a long reply, spoke of the many anxieties attending such a work, and referred to H.M.'s commission, which had been empowered ten years ago, to inquire into the question of the education of the upper and middle classes. It was then found that of the sons of the middle classes, eighty out of every hundred were pupils at private schools, and only twenty per cent of the upper and middle classes were scholars at endowed or public schools. Mr. Hatch went on to say a great and prosperous community like that of Cheshire and of Lancashire ought not to leave its highest intellectual interests to amateur effort and private adventure. It may be, however, that the actual facts are not realised nor generally known. In this respect the labours of her Majesty's commission are very valuable. By utilising the facts within the range of the Registrar-General, and by a comparison of the results of different methods of

their own, the commissioners are arrived at the conclusion that there are two million boys in England between the age of 8 and 18; and that of these boys about 300,000 belong to the upper and middle classes. According to their proportion in the population, there are in Cheshire and Lancashire alone 45,000 boys of the upper and upper middle classes who ought to be at great public schools. He then urged the necessity there existed for such an institution as Knutsford College, and described the principles upon which it would be conducted.

The Venerable Archdeacon Johnson, proposed the "Health of Lord De Tabley."

The Chairman having responded, Bro. G. W. Latham proposed the "Health of the Architects," and Bro. Pennington acknowledged the compliment.

This concluded the proceedings at the luncheon.

The Provincial Grand Lodge then marched back to the Royal George Hotel, where it was closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland was held at Whitehaven, on Tuesday, September 30, under most favourable auspices. The province, of which the Earl of Bective, M.P., is the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. J. Whitwell, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, comprises 17 lodges, viz., No. 119, Whitehaven; No. 129, Kendal; No. 310, Carlisle; No. 327, Wigton; No. 339, Penrith; No. 371, Maryport; No. 412, Longtown; No. 812, Appleby; No. 872, Whitehaven; No. 962, Workington; No. 1002, Cockermouth; No. 1073, Keswick; No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale; No. 1220, Silloth; No. 1267, Egremont; No. 1390, Millom; and No. 1400, Harrington;

The brethren representing the above lodges met in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, at half-past twelve o'clock, under the presidency of Brother John McKelvie, Brother Lord Muncaster's Deputy, who opened the Craft Lodge in the first degree.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (the Earl of Bective, M.P.) and his deputy, Brother Whitwell, M.P., and R.W.P.G. W. England, together with the rest of the Provincial Grand Lodge, including Brother Lord Muncaster, M.P., Provincial Grand Registrar, having arrived, the Provincial Grand Lodge was formally opened by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

There were present a large assemblage of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, and the W. Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the various lodges in the Province.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, and there being no other business, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year.—

- John Whitwell, M.P.,..... Prov. D.G.M.
- Lord Muncaster, M.P.,..... Prov. G.S.W.
- Canon Ware..... Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. J. Tyson..... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Rev. F. W. Wicks..... Prov. G.A.C.
- J. Lemon..... Prov. G. Treas.
- W. B. Gibson..... Prov. G. Sec.
- W. White..... Prov. G.A. Sec.
- E. G. Hughes..... Prov. G.S.D.
- C. J. Smith..... Prov. G.J.D.
- Talbot..... Prov. G. Reg.
- Alexander Taylor..... Prov. G.D.C.
- Shannon..... Prov. A.G.D.C.
- J. Bentley..... Prov. G.S.W.
- J. Mills..... Prov. G. Sword B.
- Jesse Banning..... Prov. G.O.
- W. Alsop..... Prov. G. Purst.
- W. Sandwith..... Prov. G. Tyler.
- E. Atter..... Prov. G. Steward.
- Armstrong..... " " "
- Dick..... " " "
- T. F. Taylor..... " " "
- Thomas Dodgson..... " " "
- Daniel Crosthwaite..... " " "

Both James Porter, P. Prov. G.S.O., P.M. 327, 343, and 1256, alluding to the resignation by Bro. Busher of the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, proposed, in suitable terms, that the best thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge be given to Brother Busher for the valuable services rendered by him in that capacity during the past seven years. Bro. Hayward, P. Prov. G.S.W., 310, seconded the proposition. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, in a highly complimentary manner, endorsed all the Bro. Porter had said. His Lordship acknowledged his indebtedness on very many occasions to Bro. Busher's zeal and assiduity as Provincial Grand Secretary, as well as his uniform courtesy and kindness. The vote having been unanimously passed in the most cordial manner, Bro. Busher briefly acknowledged the compliment in feeling and appropriate terms, after which the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren were then formed in procession in proper Masonic order by the G.D. of Ceremonies, Bro. Edward Fearon, P.M. 119, and marched up Church-street, along Duke street, down Scotch-street and Lewther-street to St. Nicholas Church, headed by the Volunteer Band.

The brethren attended divine service in St. Nicholas Church, occupying the body of the edifice, which was reserved for their accommodation, the general public occupying the galleries. The prayers were "intoned" by Bro. the Rev. R. B. Labarte, Chaplain of Lodge 872. The Psalms were those of the day, namely, 147, 148, 149, and 150. Bro. the Rev. Joshua Tyson read the First and Second Lessons. The Magnificat was chanted to Elvey in E; and Nunc Dimittis after Hackett's Service in D. The Anthem was from the 122nd Psalm, verses 1, 5, 6, and 7. The first Hymn was, "O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see the brethren join in love to Thee;" and the second, "Praise we our God with joy and gladness never ending."

The prayer before the sermon was as follows:—"Let us pray for all sorts and conditions of men. And herein, for Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, that she may be endued plenteously with heavenly gifts, and long reign over a loyal, united, and happy people; for Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Let us pray especially for the Ancient Order, as members of which we have this day assembled: particularly for the Most Worshipful the Marquess of Ripon, our Grand Master; for the Officers of the Grand Lodges of England, especially for that Provincial one to which we belong; for the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy. Let us further implore the Most High to bless all private Lodges, particularly those now gathered together in this His Holy Temple. May God prevent us in our doings with His most gracious favour, and further us with His continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in His holy name, we may promote the happiness of our fellow-creatures, and ever set forth His honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen."

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Wicks, who selected for his text the 13th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, verse 16:—"But to do good and to communicate, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

After the sermon a collection was made, amounting to £14 6s 5d, which will be appropriated to the building fund of St. Nicholas Boys School.

Immediately after divine service the brethren repaired to the Town Hall, where a substantial dinner, provided in Mrs. Todhunter's well-known style, awaited them. There were three tables, the full length of the hall, and one cross table, at which were seated 200 brethren. About 30 were obliged to go elsewhere to dine, being unable to find accommodation.

The chair was occupied by Bro. the Earl of Bective, R.W.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, who was supported by Bro. J. Whitwell, D. Prov.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; J. Lemon, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; E. Busher, P. Prov. G. Secretary; W. C. Steward, P. Prov. G. R.; Rev. R. B. Labarte, Chaplain, Lodge 872; Rev. J. Tyson, Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Robertson, P.M. 872, and P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. Spittal, P.M.

872, and P. Prov. G.S.W.; J. Moot, P. Prov. G.S.W.; J. Bowes, P. Prov. G.R. C. Morton, P.M. 872, and P. Prov. G.S.W.; Holme, P.M. 872, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Holme, P.M. 186, and P. Prov. G.J.W.; and on the left by Bro. Lord Muncaster, W.M. 119, and P. Prov. G.S.W.; Major Spencer, P.M. 116, P. Prov. G.S.W.; G. C. Bentinck, P. Prov. G. Registrar; W. G. Bentinck; Rev. Canon Ware, Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. F. W. Wicks, Prov. A.G. Chaplain; Gibson, P.M. 119, and P. Prov. G.S.W.; Kenworthy, P.M. 119, and P. Prov. G.S.W. M'Kelvie, P.M. 119, and P. Prov. G.S.D.; Barr, P.M. 119, and P. Prov. G.S.B.; Henry, P. M. 119, P. Prov. G.J.W.; Shaanon, P. Prov. G.J.D.; and Porter P. Prov. G.S.D.

The centre table (facing the Chairman) was presided over by Brother Alsop, and the other two by brothers Fearon and Atter respectively.

The Chairman gave the first toast on the list of all loyal Meetings of that kind—the health of Her Majesty the Queen. Although her sex prevented her from being a Mason, as understood by their rules, still in every relation of life, either in public or private, she had proved that practically she was one. The toast was drunk with all the honours.

The Chairman next gave the health of one whose health they ought to drink with enthusiasm, whether from a Masonic or a patriotic point of view, and that was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Prince was one of their most illustrious craftsmen, and a Past Grand Officer of England. With the toast he coupled the name of his charming consort the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. Drunk with three times three.

Brother Bentinck, M.P., and P. Prov. G. Registrar, said that, having been requested to propose the next toast, he accepted the invitation with much pleasure. It was his lot to address a large assembly in this town in the course of last week, and he then dilated upon the great advantages there were in being Englishmen. Now, one of the advantages of a person being an Englishman and an English Mason was that he was protected and encouraged by the clergy of all denominations. There was an erroneous opinion on the Continent, amongst the clergy of the Christian Churches, that had predominance there, that Masonry was an institution which was contrary to the principles of God Almighty, and that no man could be a Freemason unless he had some mischievous intent in the background. That belief, however, proceeded from entire ignorance and superstition, for it was well known that where the principles of Masonry were promulgated such ideas did not long prevail. As Englishmen and English Masons they were proud to see not only their brethren who stood almost at the head of their profession, but also the clergy of all denominations. In this town they had one who was an ornament to the Church, and zealous, active Churchman—one who was always ready to promote every good work in connection with Masonry. Having made this preface, he desired to propose the toast that had fallen to his lot, "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, and including the Clergy of all Denominations," coupled with the name of Brother the Rev. F. W. Wicks, P.A.G. Chaplain. He would take this opportunity of expressing, on behalf of the brethren, their thanks to Brother Wicks for having taken the part he did in the service that day. He also begged to couple with the toast the name of Brother the Rev. J. Tyson, P.G. Chaplain.

Brother Tyson briefly responded, expressing the pleasure the clergy felt in meeting the brethren upon all occasions.

Brother Wicks, who also replied, said it was with the greatest pleasure that he occupied the position which he had done that morning. It certainly was not his duty to have occupied the pulpit that day, but having been requested to do so by some of the brethren, he of course willingly undertook the office, not wishing to shirk anything. It always gave him pleasure to fulfil any duties that were imposed upon him as a brother Mason. He felt highly gratified at the compliment they had paid to the Bishop and clergy of the diocese. The Bishop and clergy, in their various paths of life, were all very anxious to aid the good cause of Freemasonry, as they

considered it a just and a true one. The quotation which he made that morning was from a record of the Bishop of Manchester, who, like their own Bishop, was not a Mason. At the same time, their Bishop admired Freemasonry, and if the clergy of the Church admired the institution as one that was striving to help mankind, why did they not become Masons? There was a great deal in the name, and by combination with a certain class of men in the Order, they might fulfil the great duties of human life with profit and pleasure. They knew as well as he did that the Bishop, when requested to preach a sermon for the brethren of their ancient Order, willingly did so, entering into facts which proved that he had not only compared the practical part of Freemasonry with the Divine Word, but which showed that every one who strove to search the Scriptures would find that Freemasonry was based upon the revealed word of God. He had striven to do so sincerely, and the lower he dipped into the depths the brighter the pearls he drew therefrom. Upon every occasion he would do his utmost, with ready hand and open heart, to fulfil the duties that might be imposed upon him. He cordially thanked then for the gracious manner in which they had received the toast.

The Chairman then gave "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Marquis of Ripon, K.G." For the last few years the Grand Master had discharged the duties pertaining to his position in the most just and equitable manner. He had to devote a large portion of his time to the services of Her Majesty, but besides that he had courtesy, good nature, and ability, to induce him to reach as he did to the business of the Order. They must all feel deeply indebted to him for the manner in which he had, and he (Chairman) hoped, would continue to discharge his duties. Drunk with great enthusiasm.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Bective retired, his Lordship having to leave to catch the last train. The toast was drunk amid vociferous cheering; and his Lordship, having briefly responded, vacated the chair. He was accompanied by Lord Muncaster, M. P.; Prov. G.S.W. Bro. G. C. Bentinck, P.M., and Bro. Bentinck, jun. On leaving the hall, the distinguished party were greeted with several rounds of cheers, on the subsidence of which the chair was taken by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Whitwell, M.P., who proposed "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers." He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Major Spencer and Captain Mott, both of whom responded in gallant terms.

The Chairman proposed the "Deputy Grand Master of England," the Earl of Carnarvon, complimenting his Lordship upon the efficient discharge of the duties of that office; and "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the health of Brother Busher, who responded.

Bro. Lemon proposed the health of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Whitwell, who responded.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Whitwell, here left, amid much cheering, to catch the tram; and Bro. M'Kelvie was called upon to fill his place.

Bro. W. B. Clarke proposed the health of Bro. Lord Muncaster, M.P., W.M. 119, whose unavoidable absence he regretted. With the toast he had pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. M'Kelvie, whom his Lordship had elected his Deputy. Bro. M'Kelvie had devoted a number of years, not only to the study, but to the practice of the great principles of Freemasonry. It was as unnecessary for him (Bro. Clark) to dilate upon Bro. M'Kelvie's Masonic capabilities as it was for him to speak of the many other good qualities which he was known to possess. His zeal and untiring assiduity in Freemasonry were proverbial throughout the entire province.

The Chairman (Bro. M'Kelvie) briefly acknowledged the toast. He could assure the brethren that nothing would have given Bro. Lord Muncaster greater pleasure than to have remained to the last, had time permitted. He (Bro. M'Kelvie) felt proud of the position which Lodge 119 occupied. In electing Bro. Lord Muncaster W.M. for the present year, the members had not only done honour to his

Lordship and to themselves, but they had conferred lustre upon the entire body of Freemasons throughout the province. 119 was the oldest lodge in the province. It had seen days of adversity; but for some time past it had flourished in an extraordinary degree, and he hoped that it would long continue to do so.

Bro. Gibson proposed "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bro. Labarte responded.

Bro. Wicks proposed "The Past Masters of 119," coupled with the names of those present and absent, to which Bros. Kenworthy and Henry responded.

The Charman proposed the health of Bro. Busher. No better Mason ever belonged to the Craft. Not only had Bro. Busher proved himself a good Mason in the Province, but the Grand Master of England had heard of his work, and had honoured him with office in the Grand Lodge, an honour to which many might aspire, but which very few ever attained. They were all sorry, in one sense, that he had resigned the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. But it was not right to expect too much from one man. He, (Bro. M'Kelvie) knew that Bro. Busher had frequently attended to the duties of the Provincial Grand Lodge at great personal inconvenience, and even on the present occasion he had come to Whitehaven the previous night, in order to perfect the arrangements necessary for that meeting, although he was not in the best of health.

Bro. Busher, who was warmly received, in acknowledging the compliment, said that as long as he could give either counsel, advice, votes, or do a bit of work, they might rely upon it that he should be only too happy to assist them.

The Chairman proposed the Worshipful Master and Past Masters of Lodge 872, to which Bro. Robertson briefly responded.

Bro. Gibson, in proposing "The Masonic Charities," urged that as Lodge 119 had already done so much for the Boys' School, it ought now to turn its attention more particularly to the Girls' School.

Bro. Busher proposed the Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge 119, to which Bros. Atter and Alsop responded.

Bro. Captain Mott proposed "Lodge 119," coupled with the name of Brother Gibson, who, in responding, remarked that it was the first time in his experience that they had held a Provincial Lodge without Bro. Quinn (the oldest Freemason in the Province) being present.

Bro. Alsop proposed The Officers of Lodge 119 under the rank of J.W., coupled with the name of Bro. Edward Tyson.

Bro. Tyson, in reply, alluded to the fact that several brethren had been unable to find accommodation at dinner, a circumstance which they must all regret. It was, however, quite unavoidable. They had not expected more than 170 or 180, and they had laid covers for 200; but instead of 200 there had been 230, and 30 of them had been obliged to go away unable to get accommodated. He wished this explanation to be made public.

The Tyler's Toast having been proposed, the company separated.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.

We wish to draw the attention of our numerous readers to the advertisement of the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-book for 1874.

Among the many valuable additions made in the issue for the coming year, we may mention that the London meetings of every degree appear in the memorandum space of each day, the country lodges in towns, alphabetically arranged.

The Charge and Entered Apprentice's Song, have also been added.

We feel assured that this year's issue will prove of far greater value than any of its predecessors.

The clothing and jewels for the officers of the District Grand Lodge of Westland, New Zealand, will be on view this week at the Masonic Show Rooms, 2, 3 & 4, Little Britain.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES EWENS DEACON.

Death has of late been somewhat busy with those of our town who are the representatives of a past generation, and who have spent a life of useful activity among us. The list of departed ones has, we regret to announce, been this week added to by the decease of Mr. Charles Ewens Deacon, for thirty-two years Town Clerk of the borough, and a gentleman who for more than that lengthened period had practised here as a member of an honourable and a lucrative profession, gaining by as spotless a public life as man e'er led the highest respect and esteem of both friends and foes—if, indeed, he ever had any of the latter. Of Mr. Deacon's early life but little can be told. He was born in 1803, at Portsmouth, where his father was in a large way of business as a brewer. He was one of three or four children, and was educated with the view of his becoming a lawyer. He was articled in the office of Mr. Minchin, a Portsmouth solicitor, and soon after the completion of his term he came to Southampton, in, we believe, the year 1826, joining in partnership a Mr. Bryant, whose offices were at Lansdowne House, Castle-lane, where Mr. Deacon's business has ever since been carried on. The firm continued under the style of Bryant and Deacon until 1832 when the senior partner, who had been to London on professional business, died of cholera during his journey from London to Southampton. Mr. C. E. Deacon then carried on the practice for some time, until he was joined by Mr. Long, a solicitor of Amesbury, as a partner. At this time he held office as one of the two Coroners for the borough—Mr. Corfe being the other—but the Municipal Act, which became law in 1836, abolished one of the two offices, and Mr. Deacon was compelled to resign. Under the act, however, he became entitled to compensation from the Corporation funds, but he declined to accept anything, his letter announcing this determination stating that he sought his reward in the hope that he might have acquitted himself to the satisfaction of his fellow-townsmen in the performance of those duties which the Corporation had allotted him. The thanks of the existing Town Council were voted to him for this liberal conduct. On the 16th of August, 1836, Mr. Ridging, who had held the office of Town Clerk for 28 years, resigned, and Bro. C. E. Deacon was elected the same day to the post, with a salary of £200 a year, on the motion of Captain Ward, seconded by Mr. Clark, in opposition to Mr. Randall, who received twelve votes to Mr. Deacon's twenty. Mr. Deacon also held office as clerk to the Southampton Waterworks Commissioners,

On the passing of the Cemetery Act of 1844, Mr. Deacon became secretary of the Southampton Cemetery, a post which he held to the end of his public career. It was, however, as Town Clerk that he was best known to a large circle, and over the long period during which he was literally the presiding genius of many successive corporations, no one could charge him with having exercised any political or personal bias in the discharge of the important duties which devolved upon him. He strove hard to forward the best interests of the town, putting forth special exertions with corresponding benefit to those whom he was serving in the railway battles of 1844 and 1845. Never could a public servant have held his office with greater honour, to which universal testimony was borne when advancing age, coupled with bodily infirmity, compelled his resignation of that office which he had so long and creditably held. That resignation was sent in on the 6th of July, 1870, during the mayoralty of Alderman—now Sir Frederick—Perkins, and on the motion of Alderman Stebbing, seconded by Mr. Lomer, it was accepted. All the most prominent members of the Council present vied with each other in their testimony to Mr. Deacon's ability and worth, and a resolution was unanimously passed conveying the thanks of the Corporation to him "for the able and satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of Town Clerk for a period of 32 years," and it was further ordered that this vote should be engrossed on vel-

lum and presented to him. Among the suggestions for honoring him was one, in the first place, by the late Mr. Councillor Sharp, that Mr. Deacon should be elected an Alderman of the borough at the first vacancy, and in the second a general expression of a hope that his portrait would be painted and placed in the Council Chamber. The first suggestion, no doubt, in consultation with Mr. Deacon's wishes were never carried out; the second has been, and the faithful picture which now adorns our Council Chamber bears an additional value from the fact that it was painted by a son of Mr. Deacon's, who, inheriting his father's passion for pictures, has become a producer of them himself, and that in a manner which bears indication of high artistic genius. Mr. Deacon, junior, at the same time, painted a companion portrait of his beloved father, to whom it was publicly presented at a banquet marking the occasion of his regretted retirement. Mr. R. S. Pearce, who had rendered invaluable assistance to Mr. Deacon, was by universal choice fixed upon as his successor in the office of Town Clerk, and was unanimously elected, immediately on the resignation of the former, on the same terms and conditions.

Bro. C. E. Deacon was prominent among Freemasons. He was initiated in the Gloucester Lodge, and also became a member of the Southampton Lodge, taking almost the highest Masonic honours which can be conferred upon an individual, his offices including that of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, in which he was succeeded by Bro. Stebbing. He was an honorary member of various benefit societies, which he helped not only by his purse, but very often with his counsel, and no one received a heartier welcome than he did when he made his appearance at any of the lodges.

Bro. Deacon himself ascribed the infirmity from which he has suffered for some years to the cutting of a corn, which so far affected his health that he has been laid by from time to time since 1869. He had a somewhat lengthened illness, but by-and-bye reappeared among his old friends with apparently renewed vigour of constitution, and had lost somewhat of his lameness. Up to within the last two months he has been at his offices in Lansdowne House in as good health as ever, though the infirmities of age were evidently creeping upon him, and he at times complained of his foot being uneasy. About a month since he took to his bed, and has been attended by Professor Longmore. A fatal termination of this attack was not anticipated, but on Saturday a change for the worse suddenly and rapidly set in. His family were summoned around him; and at two o'clock on Monday morning he sank consciously and peaceably to his rest, in the presence of all on earth nearest and dearest to him, leaving behind him a name and a fame which nought can tarnish, and so ending the career of one whom it may well be said

"Remember him as being worthy of thy praise." He was the last surviving member of his father's family. A younger brother of his was drowned at sea, his other brother and a married sister died in recent years at Lordswood.—*Hampshire Independent*.

The editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Arriagoli, Florence, Italy.

Those who have most patiently studied human physiology have now concluded, that in the nerves lie the centre of action, the spring of movement and regulation of vital functions. Invariable and relaxing weather, Holloway's remedies are especially serviceable in maintaining nervous vigour and in defending the frame against all consequences from dampness or chills. If the first symptoms receive attention, not only will further danger be averted but old ailments will give way and better health will be attained than was enjoyed before illness. No treatment for safety and certainty of success may be so confidently relied upon as that discovered by Professor Holloway whose Pills and Ointment, always restore the sufferer.—*ADVT.*

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Lord Waveney, Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk, has kindly consented to preside at the next Festival of the Institution of Aged Freemasons.

A new company has been formed for the purchase of the Masonic Hall, Ipswich. We understand the Prov. Grand Master has taken 50 shares, with the intention of presenting them to the Provincial Grand Lodge, whilst another brother, a P.G. Chaplain of England, has taken 100.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.—We are informed that the first Provincial Assembly of the Grand Council of the Red Cross Order (which was appointed to be held at Leicester, in connection with the Byzantine Conclave No. 44,) has been fixed to take place on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 2 p.m., when a large attendance of the principal supporters of the Order, and of representatives from Metropolitan and Provincial Conclaves is expected. A Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, will be consecrated, when members of the Red Cross Order, though not attached to the local Conclave may avail themselves of the opportunity to become acquainted with those little known but very beautiful degrees. We are requested to state that any further information may be obtained from the Recorder of No. 44, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

We are glad to observe that Surgeon-Major T. M. Bleckley, *M.A., M.D., LL.B.*, Army Medical Department, late Secretary to the Inspector General of Hospitals, H.M. British Forces in India, and now of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, has been presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel and apron, (manufactured by Bro. Kenning) by the brethren of Lodge "Himalayan Brotherhood," No. 459, E. C., Simla. This is, we understand, the second valuable presentation received by Wor. Bro. Dr. Blackley, from the Simla brotherhood, during the period of his connection with the above lodge.

THE ART GALLERY FOR LIVERPOOL.—The proposal to raise £20,000 by voluntary subscription for the erection of a Fine Art Gallery in Liverpool, was moulded into a practical form on the 29th ult., when a public meeting was held at the Town Hall, under the presidency of Bro. E. Samuelson, the Mayor, for the purpose of carrying out the scheme. Nearly £6000 have already been subscribed, and therefore there now seems little doubt the object will be accomplished in the course of a few weeks, when Liverpool, like the mediæval cities of Italy, will be placed, by voluntary effort, in possession of "an inexhaustible source of pleasure."

FUNERAL OF AN EX-POLICE OFFICER OF THE CITY.—The funeral, on Monday, of Superintendent White, of the Gravesend police force, was attended by thousands of spectators, the deceased having been much respected. The procession included the clergy, the Freemasons, the Coastguard, and others. The deceased was formerly in the City force, and Sergeants Webb, Brett, and Spittle attended from that body.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the R.S.Y.C.S. for London and Metropolitan Counties will meet in Council at 53, Golden-square, on the 16th inst. Eight brethren are on the list for promotion.

ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°.—This distinguished brother honoured our sanctum last week, and in his own person satisfied us that foreign travel does not militate against the physical condition nor interfere with those possessing rare intellectual gifts. His official report to the Supreme Council at Chicago, in November next, will be awaited with great interest.—*New York Dispatch*.

Mullum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT PHILADELPHIA.—Bro. Woodford has received Bro. G. W. Chirnside's fraternal letter from Liverpool, of October 1st, for which he is much obliged. Bro. Bradford will be very glad to receive the *Philadelphia Ledger*, of August 29th, and also the later paper, kindly offered by Bro. G. W. Chirnside.

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Answers to Correspondents.

The following communications stand over:—

Reports of Lodges 192, 673, 710 1225, 1309, 1331.

Mark Lodge No. 158.

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hants and Isle of Wight.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire.

The Red Cross of Constantine in Great Britain.

Consecration of two Red Cross Conclaves.

LETTERS RECEIVED:—T. B. Y.; Lupus.

ERRATUM.—In our article on the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the attendance of the brethren in the year 1870, should have been 1114, not 114.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1873.

GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS
ELECTIONS

At this period of the year, those who are interested in the welfare of our ancient Craft, watch with earnest scrutiny, the elections for our Girls' and Boys' Schools.

For say what the outside world will, assail us as our opponents may, there is no better fruit of our great Masonic tree, fairer in appearance, or sweeter to the taste, than that which now blooms so refreshingly, for us all alike, in these two great and admirable charities of our Order.

Great as is the organization of our English Freemasonry, numerous as are our lodges, improving and increasing as are all those accessories, which serve to throw all of order and grace and living reality around our fraternal assemblies, yet still, in our opinion our chief characteristic and our distinguishing point ought ever to be, the practical development of that abstract charity and good will we profess so much, and laud so constantly.

Hence, for some time, it has been a subject of no little satisfaction, nay rejoicing, to all earnest brethren of our English Order, to observe the increasing interest manifested by English Freemasons generally,—we will even add universally,—in the furtherance and support of all our Masonic Charities.

But the Girls' School and the Boys' School seem to have a special claim on all thoughtful and considerate members of our good old Craft. And for this reason.

Widely contrasted as are the social positions of the respective members of our lodges, not only have we often to provide for the children of those whose circumstances are such as to prevent them properly educating the children God has given them, but as we all know from personal observation and experience, that, very many are the unforeseen changes and chances of this mortal life for us all, and which often are very strikingly displayed in the history of Masonic membership.

We meet, for instance, for many a happy hour, the companions and brethren of our "Mystic Tie;" we associate with them, in the unrestrained moments of heartfelt friendship, of genial mirth, of kindly fellowship, and all seems to be flourishing with them and with us.

But, in an unexpected hour, some sudden reverse of fortune lays low the fabric of their credit, or wealth, or social respectability, and over their hitherto happy life, over the gayer highway of years, have fallen the dark and heavy clouds of gloom, of misfortune, nay of need. Or sometimes in a most unexpected, perhaps an unguarded hour, a sterner visitor than any, draws near, and those we greeted last in lodge, in all the heyday of youth and strength, in all the force of a ripened maturity, in all the genial glow of good spirits and warm hearts, we see no more, we miss from their wonted place, and naught remains but the lonely home, and the silent house, and the bereaved widow, and the orphan child.

It is in such an hour as this, that the best characteristics of our Order ever appear,—that the true genius, as some one has said, of Freemasonry ever shines most brightly, and certainly whatever attractions or interest Freemasonry has for any of us, in the social gathering, or the friendly conclave, it never does so great credit to itself or to us, as when it is intent on works of mercy, and on deeds of good, relieving the helpless, cheering the aged, training up the young, and "causing the widow's heart to sing for joy."

Of late years the interest of the Order in all our charities, and especially the Girls' and Boys' Schools, has largely increased, and long may it continue to augment, and to be manifested, year by year, more and more, in fraternal "largesse," and in ready and discriminating support.

But of course, with this increased interest, has

also come a somewhat more active scrutiny into the practical working of these great Charities, and a somewhat greater appreciation of positive results than in quieter and less active days of old.

It has been for some time a matter of deep regret to all reflecting Masons, that, the "Dead Weight" if we may say so, was so very great in all our elections that the proportion of successful candidates was so small, and the proportion $\frac{1}{2}$ of disappointed petitioners so great.

It almost seemed a scandal to the administrative executive, as well as to our Masonic charity, that candidates should come up fourteen times, and be rejected at last.

Many solutions have been proposed of what appears to be a blot on our arrangements as regards the candidates for our Masonic Schools, but none, so far, are free from perhaps even greater difficulties and eventual objection, and we are prone to believe, that such anomalies must be left to the action of experience and of time, and are, by wiser provisions, at any-rate, let us hope, things of the past.

In future, as the age is properly restricted at which candidates can be admitted at all, all such unsuccessful claimants will disappear from the voting papers, after a given time, and we shall no longer be pained, with the prospect, election after election of many candidates whose expectations have in some cases been fruitlessly raised, for whom nothing is done by anybody, and whose candidature was doomed to disappointment and rejection, apparently even from the very first.

One remedy, and one remedy alone, can be really be found for such a state of things, and it is so to increase the funds of our Educational Charities, that, they may always receive three-fourths of the candidates for admission, and there may be a fair question whether the time be not come to institute a qualifying examination, for all children admitted within our Schools.

We congratulate the Craft and the House Committee of the Girls' School, that nineteen out of thirty one candidates will be admitted at the approaching election, but, we would just say this, that we think a little more openness of publication, a little more freedom in communication of the details of the school operations, would elicit a greater amount of sympathy and interest, in the Craft at large, and further still more materially the interests of an Institution of which, as Freemasons, we may be justly proud.

We expect a great deal from Bro. Little, its energetic Secretary, and we feel sure that we shall not be disappointed.

Out of forty-nine candidates for the Boys' School fifteen are to be elected on the present occasion, but we would fain hope that this is the last election, at which candidates will appear on the paper, who have applied in vain fourteen times, thirteen times, twelve times, eleven times, ten times, respectively. Out of the 49 candidates, five have applied four times, and eleven three times.

We can only conclude this article with the expression of our deepest interest in the welfare

of these two excellent Schools, and with the hope and prayer that they may continue to progress and to expand, for the increasing wants of our Fraternity, that they may receive the still more liberal and systematic support of our entire Order, and may long demonstrate, both to others and ourselves, the genuine principles of that great and benevolent confraternity, to which it is alike our happiness and our privilege to belong.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

RECEPTION OF BRETHREN BY THE LODGE OF HOPE (No 302), AND PENTALPHA LODGE (No. 974), BRADFORD.

The brethren of these two lodges held a Lodge of Emergency on Monday, the 22nd September, in the Masonic Hall, Godwin street, in order to receive and entertain such of the Members of the British Association, then meeting in Bradford, as were Freemasons, and might be disposed to meet their Yorkshire Brethren.

Bro. Manoh Rhodes, P.M. Hope, 302, occupied the position of W.M., and was supported by the following Brethren, namely:—Bros. Bentley Shaw, L.L.D., P.G.D. of E., and D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Hyde Clarke, P.G.M. of Columbia, and P.D.G.M. Turkey; James Glashier, S.G.D. of E.; William Smith, C.E., P.G.S. of E.; Richard James Spiers, P.G.S.B. of E., D.P.G.M. Oxford; C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B. of E.; M. Moggridge, P. Prov. G.M.S. Wales; C. Graham, P.G.S.D. Surrey; J. J. Gasdar (Marquis Dalhousie Lodge) Bombay; Rev. E. A. Pitman, Cambridge; Broughton, P.G.J.W.S. Wales; Cyrus Brook, W.M., 600; Geo. Althorp, W.M., 1018; J. Proctor, W.M., 1034; Fred. W. Booth, P.M., 387; Geo. Richardson, W.M., 302; John Ambler, W.M., 975; D. Salmond, P.M., 302, P. Prov. G.S.B.; D'Angelis, P.M., 974; J. J. Schaeppi, P.M., 302; P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. White, P.M., 439; Thos. Hill, P.M., 302, P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. Barraclough, P.M., 302, P. Prov. G.S.D.; C. H. Taylor, P.M. 302, P. Prov. G.S.W.; A. Briggs, P.M., 974, P. Prov. G.S.D.; Hen. Smith, P.M., 387, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Ibbetson, P.M., 302, P. Prov. G.J.D.; S. B. Walmsley, P.M., 974; M. Rogerson, P.M., 302, P. Prov. G. Org; J. F. Leeson, P.M., 974; J. Rhodes, P.M., 974, P. Prov. G. Org; H. O. Mawson, P.M., 302; W. H. Evans, P.M., 974; Rob. Richardson, P.M., 974; J. D. Sugden, P.M., 302; James Green, P.M., 302; W. W. Barlow, P.M., 302; Bernard H. Woodard, Enoch 11, and numerous others.

The lodge was opened at 7.30, after which the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers entered the lodge, and were received by the brethren with the usual Masonic honours due to their position in the Craft.

The D.P.G.M., on behalf of himself and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, in most courteous and flattering terms, thanked the numerous brethren present for their very kind reception.

After the ordinary business was transacted, Bro. M. Rhodes, P.M., who occupied the position of W.M. for the occasion, invited all the visitors and other brethren to join him in the refreshment room, where he again presided, surrounded by nearly all the brethren who had been in the Lodge Meeting.

The Chairman proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts, which, as is ever the case in such gatherings, were most cordially and heartily responded to.

On the toast of "The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M., and all the Grand Officers," being proposed, Bro. James Glashier, S.G.D. of E. responded, saying that on his own part, and that of all the Grand Officers, he thanked the brethren for the way in which they had proposed and received the toast, but he hoped it would ever be as kindly given and received in West Yorkshire—for how well the M.W.G.M.

performed his duties, and how much he was entitled to our esteem and regard—and (he said) I am sure you will be glad to hear that the Earl of Carnarvon, our D.G.M., told me when last I saw him, that he was sufficiently recovered to attend to his duties for the future. The duties of Grand Officers make that no idle post, and I can assure you they are pretty onerous. It has afforded me much pleasure to visit this town. I am no stranger to many of you; there is one kind brother I have been hunting up ever since I came to Bradford—Brother C. Gott—and I am delighted to see him here to-night. He is a Mason at heart of the right kind. How strange the coincidence that I should be mourning to-day for the Earl of Zetland, and that 22 years ago, this very day, he should have been laying the Foundation Stone of the very St. George's Hall, where we, the British Association, are holding our meetings. I have been revolving how strange that on a Monday 22 years ago he should have been here, and been endeavouring to make out, but have not yet succeeded, how many 22 years will elapse before this date again falls on a Monday. The meeting of the Association in this town, I have no doubt, will be of the greatest advantage; the very meeting of the various classes of philanthropists and eminent men will have the greatest advantage. The change I see in Bradford is marvellous. If all Londoners knew as much of Yorkshire as I do of your Wharfedale and Airedale, there would not be so much running about for scenery. Now, to come to Masonry, is it not a great thing that I, as a stranger, come here and receive such a welcome? It is a noble institution, and I have often reaped its advantages. I have been in great difficulties, and Masonry has helped me out of them. Even in the balloon at Derby, when in extreme difficulty and danger, I remember receiving the greatest aid from Brother Freemasons who happened to be there, and who to a man came to my assistance on my showing myself a Mason. At that time, had it not been for them, I feel that my life might have been sacrificed, therefore, do I say, let Masonry flourish. In conclusion, I cannot tell you how pleased I am to be here, and on the part of Earl Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers, I thank you, and trust that you will never have cause for less affection for them than you now show towards them.

Bro. Richard J. Spiers, P.G.S.D. of E., D.P.G.M. Oxford; was also called upon from the chair, and said I had hoped that you would have been satisfied with what Bro. Glashier has said, I can tell you I should have been disappointed if I had gone away without meeting you, and I can assure you I go back with great pleasure, after this evening's meeting. I feel much pride in coming amongst you and feel that Yorkshire, like Oxfordshire, has much to be proud of. Fourteen Grand Officers have been educated at Oxford. And Yorkshire is celebrated for its charity, no county is so much so, and I am glad you have done us the honour of inviting us to be with you, I am also proud to see here Bro. Bentley Shaw, who has done us the honour of being present. We had had an invitation to the Alliance meeting, but there was no "Hope" for the Alliance; the Lodge of Hope, had the preference. I thank you for your kind reception.

The Chairman, in a few well chosen words, and in the most complimentary manner, proposed the "Health of Bro. Hyde Clark," P.G.M. of Columbia, and D.P.G.M. Turkey, who in responding said, without impropriety I can return thanks on the part of the Foreign Lodges, for I am an officer in the four quarters of the Globe, and I may say that I am the only one who has held the office of W.M. in the Holy Land since King Solomon himself. You are aware that in Jerusalem a lodge has been opened, and we may hope to see Freemasonry flourish there. I can well perform the duty of responding for the Foreign Lodges, because I stand an accredited officer from the Lodge of Columbia. Bro. Glashier has impressed upon you the great advantages of Freemasonry, but some of us may give grander ones, for the advantages you enjoy are small compared with those of Foreign Countries. Yours are peaceful gatherings, compared with those abroad. It was my province to preside or a lodge where eight dif-

ferent languages were spoken. That will give to you an exemplification of the advantages of Freemasonry. This lodge was held under the warrant of the Grand Lodge of England. Many members of that lodge, owing to caste, could not meet in the outer world, but could do so in lodge meetings, and without some such common meeting ground could not be brought together, as they are in our great possessions in India, where the Grand Principles of Freemasonry are practised. In the battle field and elsewhere, Freemasonry is a positive safeguard and it is to that many a man has owed his life. We are inevitably brought to the conclusion that we owe much to the Grand Lodge of England, beyond that we owe much to lodges like these. It is certain you have not so much inducement as we have abroad, yet you attend well to your duties, and it is such great lodges as yours that contribute to the advantage of Freemasonry, far more than you can imagine. There is a brother here who was initiated in India, and who can bear testimony to the same effect, and you can rely upon it that these advantages, great to yourselves are greater to the world at large. I thank you heartily for the Foreign Lodges, and for the kindness manifested to me.

Bro. William Smith, C.E., Prov. G.S. of E., being called upon by the Chairman, said I should indeed be wanting in common courtesy if I did not thank you, along with my other brothers, for your hospitality to-night. Twenty years I have had the honour of seeing this kind of Masonic feeling displayed in connection with the British Association. In Brighton last year at the British Association we had not the same opportunity, I cannot pretend to extend my arm Masonically so far as Bro. Clarke has done, nor to ascend so high as Bro. Glashier, but we have had the pleasure of long working together. It has been usual for the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge to have a meeting during the sitting of the British Association, and I must take some blame to myself for there not having been one, but am delighted with the very agreeable meeting you have afforded us the opportunity of enjoying. I am glad Bro. Glashier is placed in such a high position by Grand Lodge, but not satisfied; he has soared above "the upper ten thousand." Going back to Bro. Hyde Clarke, than whom I know of no one who has done so much for Freemasonry, I cannot help thinking, that, kindly as he speaks of Grand Lodge, it has not done so much for him as it might have done. I am glad to see the progress of Freemasonry in foreign countries. I have travelled, often in countries where Freemasonry is under the ban of the Government or the priests, I have met in lodges where the police have stood at the door to report our names to their superiors in civil and military authority sitting inside with us. Brethren, I thank you on my own behalf and on behalf of the visitors, for your kind reception, and I wish to express to you how much it has delighted me once more to meet here our estimable Bro. Bentley Shaw, who so ably fills the post of D. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire.

The W.M. of the Lodge of Hope, on rising to propose "The Health of Bro. Bentley Shaw, D. Prov. G.M.," said, before giving the toast which I have the honour of proposing, allow me to say how much we of the Hope, conjoined with the Pentalpha, feel indebted to Bro. Bentley Shaw for honouring us with his presence this evening. We feel it to be a most auspicious occasion, and one we shall reflect upon with very great pleasure and pride. I call upon you to join with me in drinking "The Health of the Right Worshipful the D. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire."

The W.M. of the Pentalpha said, before the brethren drink this toast I wish on the part of the brethren of the Pentalpha to express their thanks to the brethren, members of the British Association, for their presence this evening, and in supporting the proposition, he could only say that the D. Prov. G.M. was so well known that his name need only be mentioned to ensure for it a hearty welcome and response; and as we have the honour of his presence amongst us I need only ask you to drink his very good health.

Bro. Bentley Shaw, L.L.D., D.P.G.M., on rising to respond, was received with repeated

rounds of cheering. So soon as he could gain a hearing, he said, Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, Officers of the two Lodges, and Brethren, it affords me very great satisfaction to respond. I do assure you it is an evening of very great gratification. No small effort was needed to get here, but I am more than compensated by your reception. I can assure you it has been a great honour to meet with such brethren as our visiting friends; Members of the British Association. Although I cannot lay claim to the merits of Bro. Hyde Clarke, who has spoken so effectively and eloquently on the advantages of Freemasonry, and which he described as a sort of "Freemasonry Militant" in the distant countries where he held jurisdiction, yet I feel to possess the ardour of a soldier, and I yield to none in my desire to promote the best interests and prosperity of our time-honoured Craft. Bro. Glaisher referred to the thrill of pleasure it gave him to meet his brethren in Freemasonry. I confess to the same delightful feeling, and never mingle in an assembly of Freemasons, or ever meet with an individual brother, without realising the happy consciousness that a chord is struck on which vibrates the key-note of sympathy, charity and brotherly love. It has given me much pleasure to meet Bro. Glaisher, to whom I have no doubt Freemasonry has, in the lofty regions in which he has soared, given many a solace and hope of safe return. I am also glad to meet Bro. Spiers. He occupies the same official position in Oxfordshire that I do in West Yorkshire. I have heard of his great hospitality, when Mayor of Oxford, and how he entertained the literati of that renowned university. Brotherly love gives us the great privilege and pleasure of meeting our brethren, and from what has fallen from Bro. Smith, I fear there has been some remissness on the part of our Provincial Grand Lodge, with respect to the meeting of the British Association, but, if guilty of such remissness, that omission has been nobly supplied by the brethren of the Hope and Pentalpha. The Lodge of Hope is ever foremost in works of charity. I can truly say that no lodge that I know of stands out so nobly. I say this in no invidious manner, but as an incentive to other lodges to follow its beneficent example. Brethren, allow me to thank you most heartily for your invitation and reception this evening.

The D.P.G.M. resumed his seat amidst the long continued plaudits of the brethren.

On again rising, he said, I fear you will tire of hearing me, but in obedience to the commands of the W.M., I beg to give you "The Visiting Brethren," and I have much pleasure in proposing this toast to you in all kindness and brotherly feeling.

Bro. Moggridge, P. Prov. G.M. S. Wales, on being called upon to respond, said that he had been congratulating himself in the secret satisfaction that he should not have to speak. That it should be a bold man to come after those who had spoken, and he regretted being in that position. There is one who has had the advantage of being in the university, and has done so much for Freemasonry. There is another who has travelled the whole world. One who has shown us that intellect comes before all else. I need hardly name Bro. Hyde Clarke. And there is one here who, as Bro. W. Smith, C.E., has said, has not been content with this sublunary sphere, but who has been up amongst the stars. One who really represents the Upper Ten Thousand. You will therefore sympathise with me being called upon after those brethren, and will, I am sure, excuse me, and permit me to tender you my hearty thanks. I come from South Wales, a long way, but wherever I have been throughout my travels, I have always found that the most true-hearted amongst my friends have been Freemasons, and that in any emergency they were the ones I could rely upon. I can only wind up with thanking you for myself and in the name of my province.

Bro. T. Broughton, Prov. G.J.W. S. Wales also shortly responded, excusing himself from saying much in the presence of such a company besides this not being the first time he had had the pleasure of replying in these rooms on the part of the visitors.

Bro. J. J. Gasdar, Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, Bombay, being called upon for the

chair, said, I am afraid I am but a very young Mason, and not very learned in the Craft, besides that I have (not voluntarily) absented myself from the duties of the lodge, yet I can bear testimony to what Bro. Clarke said, for he has in a way been my godfather in Freemasonry, for he called me, and therefore I stand here as a living testimony of what he said. If any expect to hear anything of India they will be disappointed, for it was in this country I was initiated, yet I can assure you that Freemasonry is making rapid progress in that country. I have received very flattering accounts of it; and that I am addressing you in such an assembly as this is an evidence of the importance of it. I should not say anything beyond Freemasonry, yet I may say that I have met with nothing but the greatest kindness whilst in this country, and I can say that if the Indians could be brought here they would return with the feeling that they were fortunate in being governed by such a country, but England must not expect to rule by the sword. I conclude by thanking the united lodges for their courtesy.

Bro. Thompson of the Kilwinning Lodge, Scotland, in responding on behalf of both Scotland and Ireland, said that personally he was a stranger, and little did he think he should have such a reception, not only by the brethren of the Craft, but he could say that never had the members of the British Association been better received, and in the name of Mother Kilwinning, and of all Scotland, he thanked the brethren for the reception given the visitors.

Bro. Glaisher, again rose and said, I am proud to give you a toast, but permit me to take this opportunity to say I have looked with great interest on your ceremonies before and after banquet this evening, you know it is different to what we do in London. I may say I have been a student to-night, and I feel glad of it. I would also take this opportunity to say a few words respecting the balloon trip over the Atlantic, as first one brother and then another has been making enquiries of me all the evening. As to whether the start has been made I have no intelligence. Two months ago I was consulted about this enterprise, and I have paid particular attention to the subject of the winds at great heights. Some inferred that there was a wind similar to the Gulf Stream, but as we had no observations I recommended not to start and added if you do start, take great precautions, don't go high. I have not heard the balloon has started, and if not I hope it will not. Now to my toast. The visitors feel thankful to you, and wish to propose to you in the same frankness "The Health of the Worshipful Masters and also the Past Masters of both lodges."

Bro. M. Rhodes, in responding, said at this hour I am not going to say much, but it has been a great gratification to me to meet so many eminent brethren who are doing so much for the good of their fellow-men. I am thankful to you for the honour you have done me in placing me in the chair to-night. Brethren, I can tell you it is a source of the highest gratification to me in seeing here the D. Prov. G.M. and the other eminent brethren. Although I have spent some most happy evenings with my brethren, this has been, I think, the happiest of all. I can only say that wherever my lot is cast, and whenever any of you will visit us, you will ever find that kindness amongst the brethren, and I pray you accept my most heartfelt thanks for your kindness.

The W.M. of the Hope, said the time has passed so quickly and so pleasantly that I wish it had to begin again. The honour I take to my lodge; many times has my health been drunk in these rooms, but never more heartily than to-night. I trust that the visitors will take away an agreeable recollection of their visit. It is only right to the other lodges in the town to say that it was the wish of every one to join in giving the members of the British Association a hearty welcome, but there was not a room disengaged in the Town large enough for the purpose. I thank you heartily for the compliment paid me.

The W.M. of the Pentalpha, said, I won't detain you more than a moment, but on the part of myself and the lodge, I thank you most heartily for your presence here. It has given me the greatest possible pleasure to have men amongst us, not only of such eminence in the Craft, but in

science and in the world. We look upon this as a red letter day in the history of Bradford, and I hope the members of the British Association will take away a favourable estimate of our Town. I regret the meagre arrangements here to night, but you will be aware that all the large rooms of the town are engaged. I can assure you you receive a hearty welcome and your visit will never be forgotten, I thank you all, brethren, for your kindness in proposing and receiving the toast.

The usual concluding Masonic Toast brought the proceedings of the evening to a close, and we must not omit to allude to the efforts of Bros. Atkinson, Rev. Richardson, P.M.; F. Broughton, P.M., and Cumberland, who added much to the pleasure of the evening by their excellent harmony.

Original Correspondence.

SPIRITUALISM.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having observed letters upon this subject in your papers of the 20th and 27th ult., I would like to call your attention to the enclosed letter upon the same subject, cut from the *American Herald*, published by Bro. Leitnam. As it gives an entirely new view of the subject I would suggest to your correspondents the desirability of making some experiments with a view of testing the feasibility of two mediums holding communication with each other by the power of their wills, mutually pre-arranged. Let them first try to communicate from one room to another, then from one town to another.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. KEET, 1356.

"SPIRITUALISM OR?"

(To the Editor of The American Herald.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"With your kind permission, I would like to draw the attention of scientific men and others to a few points in this phenomenon which require elucidation, and which I think may possibly lead to important results. In the first place I believe that mesmerism, biology, and spiritualism arise from one and the same cause, viz., a certain condition of the mind and body of the human being. The question to be decided is whether the condition is natural or abnormal.

"Secondly, we have to account for certain facts, viz., the production of certain sounds in various parts of a room at the will of the "medium," the lifting of tables by the joint wills of several "mediums," &c. The question here is how are these phenomena produced? Is it magnetism, or electricity, or some, as yet, undiscovered element of force?

"Now, it is to the discovery of these points that the attention of scientific men should be drawn, and if some of those "mediums" who have these extraordinary powers would frankly come forward and place themselves at the disposal of scientific men, to be experimented upon, I am of the opinion that something far more practical than intelligence from the spirit would be the result, viz., the discovery of a new mode of telegraphy to all parts of the world, without cables! Simply by the intelligent exercise of the latent force now existing between the so-called spiritual "mediums," who, being en rapport, will be able to communicate their ideas to each other at whatever distance apart! It is on record that such communications have passed from one person to another, widely separated, in moments of agony and great danger, thus showing the possibility of what I have above advanced. The only question to solve is,—On what conditions of mind and body can this power be exercised? It remains for the so-called spiritualists and scientific men to do it.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"X. O."

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 17, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, October 11.

- Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Election. Lodge 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
- " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton-court.
- " 1426, Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, October 13.

- Quarterly Meeting, Boys' School, at 12.
- Lodge 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 879, Peckham, Maismore Arms Tavern, Park-road, Peckham.
- " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- Mark Lodge, No. 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, October 14.

- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
- " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.
- " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- " 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
- " 1185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- Supreme Council of the 33rd degree, 33, Golden-square.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, October 15.

- General Committee, Grand Chapter, at 3.
- Lodge 140, Trafalgar, St. George's Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
- " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
- " 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

- Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Bon Accord Mark Lodge, Freemason's Tavern.
- Supreme Grand Council, 33rd degree, 33, Golden-square.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, October 16.

- Lodge 49, Gibon, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street.
- " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
- " 1287, Great Northern, Great Northern Hotel, King's Cross.
- " 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Stockwell.
- Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Arglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
- Higate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, October 17.

- Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
- Invicta Rose Croix Chapter, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (No. 140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms Grange-road, Bermonds ey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M. Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 18, 1873.

- Monday, October 13.
- Lodge 447, Mersey, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
- " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
- Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
- Tuesday, October 14.
- Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
- " 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
- " 537, Zion, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
- Wednesday, October 15.
- Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 537, Zetland, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
- " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.
- Thursday, October 16.
- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
- " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.
- Friday, October 17.
- Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Liverpool Red Cross Conclave, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

- For the week ending Saturday, October 18, 1873.
- All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.
- Monday, October 13.
- Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
- Tuesday, October 14.
- Lodge 412, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-st.
- " 440, Robert Burns, Bailiston.
- " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st.
- Chap. 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-st.
- Wednesday, October 15.
- Lodge 115, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
- " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
- Thursday, October 16.
- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
- " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
- " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
- Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
- Friday, October 17.
- Lodge 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-street.
- Chap. 109, Sir William Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

- For the Week ending Saturday, October 18, 1873.
- Monday, October 13.
- Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.30.
- Tuesday, October 14.
- Lodge 1, Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.
- " 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.
- Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
- Wednesday, October 15.
- Lodge 112, St. John's Fisherrow, Masonic Hall, Bridge-st., Fisherrow, at 8.
- " 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicholson-st., at 8.
- Thursday, October 16.
- Lodge 48, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.
- " 226, Portobello, Town Hall, Portobello, at 8.
- Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles's, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.
- Friday, October 17.
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AGED NINE AND A HALF YEARS.

His Father, Bro. Edward Dove, formerly a Builder, at Scarborough, was initiated in the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, No. 200, in May, 1857, and continued a Subscribing Member for nearly ten years.

Through failure in business he left Scarborough, and subsequently was appointed Inspector of Buildings on the North Eastern Railway. After a short illness died (of inflammation of the lungs brought on by exposure to cold in the discharge of his duties) on the 16th November 1870, leaving a Widow and three Children; since which time the mother has deserted them, and they are by the kind assistance of friends now being supported. This case is deserving of the utmost sympathy and support of the Craft generally.

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ELECTION—OCTOBER, 1873.**

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HARRIET DAVIS,
AGED EIGHT YEARS.

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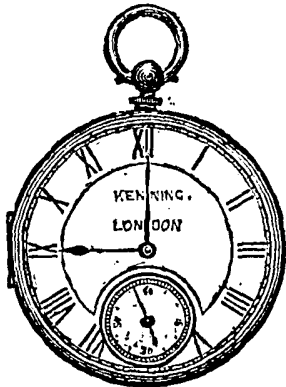
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ETHEL IDA MARGARET SEATON,

AGED NINE YEARS.

Her Father, Bro. George Seaton, formerly Master Mariner and Ship Chandler at Hull, was for 10 years a Subscribing Member of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull (also a Companion of the Humber Chapter), and after a very short illness, died on the 19th February, 1868, leaving his Widow with five Children, three of whom are entirely dependent on her for support, and with very small and inadequate means to educate and maintain them.

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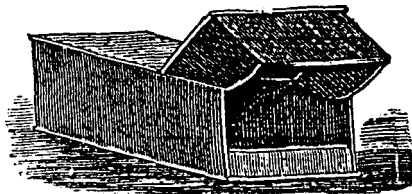
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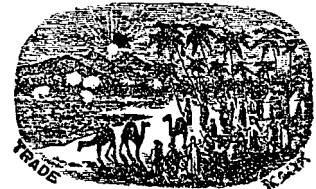
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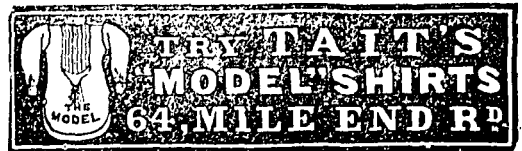
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Bro. Trott, W.M., occupied the chair, the other officers present were:—Bros. George Abbott, S.W.; George Newman, J.W.; W. Goodyer, P.M., Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Secretary; C. Arkell, S.D.; E. Jones, I.G.; and George Parker, Dir. of Cers. The remaining Past Masters present were:—Bros. George Mager, J. J. Harris, E. King, E. Roberts, and Geo. Kenning. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge having been duly opened, the following brethren were raised to the third degree, Bros. Regan, Fauvet, Graindorge, Perkins, Alfatt, and Hunter. The following were passed to the second degree; Bros. Geo. Hall, and John G. Dunn. The lodge having been resumed, William T. Rickwood, Esq., (having been ballotted for at the last meeting) was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Sidney Spencer, (City Terminus Hotel), was unanimously elected a joining member. The notice of motion by Bro. Alfatt, S.W., having been disposed (*viz.*, increasing the initiation fee to ten guineas and the joining fee to five guineas, also another motion limiting the number of members,) the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The whole of the brethren present appeared in Masonic mourning in accordance with the command of the M.W. the Grand Master. The brethren, numbering about sixty, adjourned to dinner, served in the pillar-room at which the W.M. presided. After the cloth had been removed, the usual Masonic toasts were given including the visitors many being present), which were most heartily responded to. The meeting having been a comfortable and happy re-union, the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. Amongst the members the following were present:—Bros. W. Ramsey, G. Taylor, J. G. Chillingworth, jun., F. R. Jarvis, F. Fellowes, W. Figes, W. Waring, Jno. H. Fuller, H. Legg, T. Gardner, T. Fisher, S. Edwards, Jno. Curle, R. E. Bright, S. Haynes, T. Perrin, John Mayo, C. M. Selby, J. B. Clements, Chas. Cann, Henry Child, Henry Davis, F. Jackson, R. G. Putnam, J. Cook, and A. G. Marks. Visitors, Geo. Bartholomew, 871; H. Bethell, S.W. 1257; W. Jaques, P.M. and Sec. 28; B. Hill, 212; T. Massa, P.M. 59; J. T. Dimsdale, 715; Chas. F. Motheram, 901; Mark Hornsey, 73; and Charles Tighe, P.M. 28.

OLDHAM.—*Friendship Lodge* (No. 277).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham. The officers present were Bros. J. Z. Hollingworth, P.M.; Joseph Braddock, W.M.; T. Midgeley, S.W.; H. Thomas, J.W.; C. Schofield, J.D.; J. C. Lees, I.G.; Lees, Org.; John Wood, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. at 6.30. p.m. The minutes of the previous regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Robert Jackson, who had been previously ini-

tiated into this lodge, presented himself as a candidate for the degree of M.M., and being approved of, the ceremony was performed in the most impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Joseph Braddock. The lodge was honoured on this occasion by the presence of several visiting brethren, some of whom had received their degrees on the other side of the Atlantic. To these the right hand of fellowship was most cordially extended, and after the remaining business had been transacted, the lodge was closed and adjourned till Wednesday, the 29th of October. The refreshments which followed labour were of the most substantial character, and reflected credit on the manager of the Freemasons' Hall, which building, we may remark, was erected and opened for Masonic purposes in 1871, and consists of a spacious lodge room, ante-room, banquetting room, billiard and reading rooms, and is altogether a credit to the Masonic body of the town.

LYMINGTON.—*New Forest Lodge* (No. 319).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Lymington. The lodge was opened at 3.0. a.m., by Bro. Doman, P.M. and Treasurer, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. S. S. Pearse, W.M., soon afterwards arrived and took the chair. He was supported by Bros. J. Houshome, S.W.; Le Roy, J.W.; W. C. Austin, acting S.D.; Wilkins, acting J.D.; Sims, I.G.; Bush, P.M. and Sec., and others. The work performed was conferring the third degree on Bros. J. W. Imber, and D. Duncan, the second degree on Bros. Westley and Turner, and the initiation of Bros. Warren Peness, McSpanow, and Hills. The whole of the ceremonies were carried out in a very efficient and able manner by the W.M., assisted by the Immediate P.M., Bro. Doman, and called forth marks of congratulation from several of the brethren. An explanation for the first degree was given by Bro. W. C. Austen, J.D., in a very able manner. The W.M. also reported to the lodge the business of the Charity Council, recently elected under a new scheme adopted in this province, and to which the W.M. was, at a previous meeting of the lodge elected to represent. It was then moved by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Houshome, S.W.; and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Austen, J.D. for the efficient manner in which he gave the explanation of the tracing board, much to the gratification of the brethren present, the business of the lodge usually being so great, that until the present occasion, it has not been given before. A copy of a musical ritual was presented to every brother present by the W.M. for their serious consideration with a view of its being adopted in this lodge. Several propositions and suggestions were offered, of minor importance relative to the well being of the lodge, by various brethren. One gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation. The lodge was closed in due form at 6.30. A most sumptuous banquet was then served in the lodge-room, under the superintendence of the Stewards. After the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic toasts were given and drank with cordiality and enthusiasm, although somewhat hurried on account of several of the brethren having to leave by train.

VALETTA (MALTA).—*Zetland Lodge* (No. 515).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th September, to present a testimonial to W. Bro. Robert Mowatt, I.P.M. The lodge having been opened, the Worshipful Master presented to him the regalia of a J.D.G. Warden of Malta, with an inscription, as a very small token of the affectionate regard of the lodge, and the great value attached to his constant zeal during the whole period of his residence, to which the lodge owed much of its prosperity. W. Bro. Mowatt, having replied in very feeling terms, the proceedings were concluded by the W.M. wishing him a very warm farewell from his brethren, who deeply regretted his departure from the field of his well won honours. The lodge was then closed.

LIVERPOOL.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 673).—On Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., the usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, where there was an

unusually large gathering of the brethren. The W.M., Bro. E. Kyle, opened the lodge in due form, supported by Bros. J. T. Callow, I.P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; H. Nelson, P.M.; M. Coriess, S.W.; J. K. Digges, J.W.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; S. Johnson, P.M., Sec.; T. Roberts, S.D.; J. Mealor, J.D.; T. Garratt, I.G.; Alvarez, S.; D. Jackson, S.; and W. Crawford, Tyler. Amongst the members present were:—Bros. W. A. Hamilton, E. C. Cooper, J. Seddon, J. Farmer, E. Browne, R. Hulme, W. Roberts, J. H. Jones, R. Holt, C. H. Jones, J. Heggie, J. Buckley, W. Quayle, G. Nixon, W. Brackenbury, C. Haigh, R. Price, A. Milledge, H. Burrow, J. Dawson, J. Capell, J. Parry, S. T. Cockerill, J. Smith, W. Williams, and others. The visitors present were:—Bros. J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; R. Ing, P.M. 594; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. A. Edgington, S.W. 1182; J. Williams, J.D. 1112; E. C. Jones, 1356; T. A. Jackson, 1264; W. F. Dawson, 1264; W. H. Hignett, 1356; J. Bathgate, 1182; J. D. Sutherland, 220; and others. After the lodge had been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and one candidate was initiated with the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M. The after lodge proceedings were of a highly interesting character, inasmuch as occasion was taken to present Bro. J. T. Callow, I.P.M., with a very handsome time-piece and vases to match, as tokens of the esteem in which he is held by the members of St. John's Lodge. It may be stated that Bro. Callow's services as W.M. were recognised in July last, when he vacated the chair, by the presentation of a valuable Past Master's jewel, and this further testimonial to his many excellent qualities was given because he is about to enter the "United States" of matrimony. The time-piece bore the following inscription, "This time-piece and vases were presented to Bro. James T. Callow, I.P.M., by the brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 673, of Free and Accepted Masons, as a token of respect, and in recognition of past services, July 2, 1873." In making the presentation, Bro. Kyle, W.M., said the brethren were aware that it was the original intention to present an illuminated address to the I.P.M., but the subscription took such a form as to warrant them presenting even something more valuable. As Bro. Callow was about to step out of the bachelor into the married state, a clock was thought a very appropriate gift. He hoped that their I.P.M. would long be spared, and that he would continue to render the same valuable assistance to their Order in the future as he had done in the past. Bro. Callow, in acknowledging the testimonial, said he not only admired the articles, but especially the spirit in which they had been given. Any past services he might have rendered were given with the greatest pleasure, and he could assure the brethren of St. John's Lodge that this presentation, and the remembrance of their kindness would only lead him to increase his activity and earnestness. During the evening, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to, that of "The Rulers of the Craft, Supreme and Subordinate," being acknowledged by Bro. J. Thornton, P.M. Bro. Callow proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in eulogistic terms, and in reply Bro. Kyle assured the brethren that he would use his best endeavours to uphold the dignity of the position in which he had been placed. The toast of "The Past Masters of the St. John's Lodge" was acknowledged by Bro. S. Johnson, P.M., Sec., in eloquent terms; "The Visitors," by Bro. J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; "The Officers," by Bros. Garratt, Hulme, Alvarez, Mealor, Price, Johnson, and Pearson, P.M., Treas. During the evening a subscription was raised on behalf of the Seamen's Orphanage, when a substantial sum was spontaneously raised.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Lodge* (No. 710).—Thursday, the 2nd of October, being the day for installing the W. M. Elect into the chair, a large number of the members of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, at 1 p.m. The lodge was opened in the first degree and the minutes of the previous lodge read and confirmed. The Installing Master, Bro. Dr. Henry

Hopkins, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. for Warwickshire, &c., &c., having taken the chair, Bro. Henry Jardine Presswell, S.W., W.M. Elect, was presented in a suitable manner by Bro. William Cuming, P.M., for installation. The usual charges having been read by the Secretary, to all of which the W.M. Elect assented, the lodge was opened in the third degree. All brethren not having attained the rank of W.M. then retired. The Board of Installed Masters was opened in full form, and Bro. Henry Jardine Presswell, having been admitted, was duly installed W.M. of Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, for the ensuing year. The Past Masters present were Bros. Dr. Henry Hopkins, Rev. James Powning, John Heath, John Marks, Richard Harris Watson, William Cuming, Arthur Browse Niner, Rev. Robert Bowden, and Henry Couch Creagh; also Bro. William Henry Stafford, W.M. 710. The Board of Installed Masters was closed, the M.M.'s admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed and saluted. The F.C.'s were admitted and the W.M. again proclaimed and saluted. The E.A.'s were admitted and the W.M. again proclaimed and saluted for the third time. The W.M. appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, viz. Bro. William Henry Stafford, I.P.M.; Bro. James Westhead, S.W.; Bro. William Bennett Maye, J.W.; Bro. Rev. James Powning, P.M., P. Prov. G.C. for Devon, Chaplain; Bro. Peter George David, Secretary; Bro. Henry De Schmid, S.D.; Bro. William Cuming, P.M., J.D.; Bro. Edward Seale I.G.; Bro. Henry Ash Hawke, Stwd.; Bro. Augustus Richard R. Preston, Stwd.; Bro. William Henry Taylor, Organist. The W.M. also invested Bro. Arthur Browse Niner, Treasurer. Bro. John Crocker was unanimously re-elected; Tyler, and on being invested by the W.M. received well merited praise for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his Office for the past year. The charges were each and severally delivered in a most able and impressive manner to the I.P.M., W.M., Wardens, and the Craft generally, by Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, who conducted the whole of the Installation Ceremonies. The remaining business of the day having been transacted, the brethren retired to the Seven Stars Hotel to partake of the annual banquet, supplied by Bro. John Heath, when various toasts were proposed and responded to, some capital songs were sung, thus concluding the day's proceedings in harmony and brotherly love.

LIVERPOOL.—*Croxteth United Service Lodge* (No. 786).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, at which there were present. Bros. Capt. W. J. Newman, W.M.; G. Owen, P.M.; G. L. Blindell, P.M.; P. Coulter, P.M.; G. G. Stopford Taylor, J.W.; J. B. Wallace, Treas.; W. B. Caw, Sec.; E. C. Stevenson, S.D.; W. H. Holt, J.D.; W. H. Tyreman, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; Serg. R. Neville, Tyler; J. Bernham, J. Anderson, H. Tomkinson, W. Tomkinson, Jun., J. Dale, W. R. Thomas, W. Marwood, J. S. Harris. The visitors present were Bros. S. P. Brabner, P. Prov. S.G.W., West Lancashire; A. C. Mott, P. Prov. S.G.W., Cumberland and Westmoreland; T. Haynes, P.M. 823; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724; T. Chick, W.M. 1013; T. Roberts, 1013; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1003; C. Peet S.D. 241; R. H. Evans, J.W. 1393; J. C. Robinson, 249; G. Woodward, and others. Two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., by Bro. P. M. Blindell, and the W.M. (Bro. Newman) afterwards initiated Mr. E. W. Parnell, into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, in a highly creditable and impressive manner. After business the brethren sat down to an to a recherché and sumptuous banquet, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with that enthusiasm which is so characteristic of the gallant members of the United Service Lodge.

ALDERSHOT CAMP LODGE (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Aldershot, on the 2nd inst., the chair of K.S. being occupied by the W.M., Bro. Captain Richardson, R.E., who was supported by the following officers, viz., Bros. Hole, P.M. and Prov. G.P. Kent, W.M. 1424,

as P.M.; A. McKenzie, S.W.; R. White, J.W.; R. Bennett, S.D.; F. Anderson, J.D.; T. Walton Mayer, I.G.; E. Harper, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. James Irvin being present, was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. J. Pain, a candidate for the second degree, then gave proof of his proficiency in the former degree, was entrusted with a test of merit and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Pain duly passed as a F.C. The lodge of that degree was then closed, and the brethren, whose attendance was pretty numerous, proceeded to the annual election of the W.M., Treasurer and Tyler. Six brethren appeared upon the agenda paper as eligible for the chair of K.S., but upon the proposition of the W.M., the brethren unanimously chose Bro. A. McKenzie, S.W. as their W.M. elect, Bro. Capt. Richardson being re-elected as Treasurer, and the O.G. of the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, as Tyler. The installation ceremony will be performed by the retiring W.M. Among the visitors on this occasion were Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, Surgeon Major, Royal Engineers, who has recently returned from Gibraltar, and Bro. Samuel Cole, P.M., &c., W.M. 1424, Quartermaster, Royal Engineers, both of whom the W.M. had the pleasure of proposing as joining members. After the transaction of some other lodge business, it was closed with solemn prayer, about a quarter to nine p.m.

ORMSKIRK.—*The West Lancashire Lodge* (No. 1403).—The first anniversary of the consecration of this lodge took place at the Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, on Wednesday, the 8th inst, when the festival of St. John was celebrated, and the installation of the W.M. elect took place. There was a large and highly influential gathering of brethren on the occasion, several from Liverpool being present. The West Lancashire has made excellent progress during its first year's existence, and special credit is due to the lodge for the generous spirit which they displayed on the occasion of the visit of Duke Teck and Princess Mary of Cambridge to Lathom House (the seat of Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale), when they entertained all the visiting brethren at a substantial banquet. The working of the lodge on Wednesday last was of a creditable character, and the spirit of unanimity and concord which marked the brethren was of the most admirable nature. The lodge was opened, according to ancient form by Bro. S. Wylde, W.M., who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. T. Ashmore, P.M.; W. C. Edge, J.W.; J. B. Forshaw, Treas.; I. Simm, Sec.; P. B. Foreshaw, S.D.; J. Goodman, J.D.; J. B. Lambert, P.M., D.C.; and J. Taylor, acting Tyler. The brethren present were Bros. R. Chamberlain, W. G. Watts, J. Ormisher, W. Tyrer, T. Bridge, Jun.; J. Winnard, P. Draper, J. Hornby, T. Yeatman, H. Brown, A. Wilkinson, W. H. Crabtree, G. Gould, J. Chisnall, E. Rimmer, J. Sutcliffe, and J. Hilton. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Pemberton, P.M., 1264; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; W. Boulton, W.M., 823; J. Wells, S.W. 580; H. Ashmore, J.W., 823; H. W. Nicholas, I.G., 249; A. Collins, 1178; H. Hughes, S.D. 1086; J. Burrows, 249; W. Gamble, 249; J. Glover, 580, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Ashmore, P.M., took the chair of W.M., and passed Brother G. Watts to the degree of F.C. After this portion of the work had been completed Bro. T. Ashmore proceeded to instal Bro. W. C. Edge as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by him in a most complete, impressive, and thoroughly effective manner. The newly-installed W.M. next invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. S. Wylde, I.P.M.; P. B. Forshaw, S.W.; J. Goodman, J.W.; J. P. Forshaw, Treas.; P. Draper, Sec.; G. Gould, S.D.; T. Bridge, J.D.; W. Tyrer, I.G.; W. G. Watts, Org.; J. B. Lambert, P.M., M.C.; and A. Wilkinson and J. Ormisher, Stewards. Bro. Nunnerly was unanimously elected Tyler. The ancient charge to the W.M. was given with great unction and spirit by Bro. Lambert, and the other charges by Bro. Ashmore. On the motion of Bro. Chamberlain, Wigan,

seconded by Bro. Winnard, it was unanimously agreed to elect Bro. I. Simm an honorary member, in recognition of his services as the first Secretary of the lodge, and as a tribute to his great exertions in its foundation and establishment. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served in capital style by Bro. H. Brown, landlord of the Commercial Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Edge, W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in eloquent terms, and cordially responded to by the brethren. Bro. Lambert next gave "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so, said that as a Mason of 34 years standing, he would advise the brethren to give him that hearty support and cordial co-operation which he so well deserved. He concluded by paying a high compliment to their newly elected W.M., and by their regular attendance contribute to the good working and prosperity of the lodge. The W.M. thanked Bro. Lambert for the very flattering terms in which he had spoken, and the brethren for the very cordial manner in which they had received the toast. He assured them that it would be his constant endeavour to fulfil the duties of the chair with credit and satisfaction to the members of the lodge, and with a deep sense of the high honour they had conferred upon him. The W.M., then gave "The Past Master and the Past Officers of the Lodge," and in doing so presented a very chaste and handsome P.M.'s jewel (supplied by Bro. G. Kenning) to Bro. Wylde, to whom he paid a high tribute of praise for the urbanity, courtesy, and zeal which had marked his conduct during his year of office. Bro. Wylde made a suitable reply, after which the toast of "The Installing Master" was given, which was felicitously acknowledged by Bro. T. Ashmore. A number of capital songs were given during the evening by Bros. Nicholas, Glover, Gould, Taylor, &c.

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—*St. John's (time immemorial) Lodge*.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton, on Wednesday, 8th October, when there were present Bros. W. Hamer, W.M.; James Newton, S.W.; E. C. Gilbert, as J.W.; Jones, M.O.; P. G. Brockbank, Past. G. Mark Warden, Treasurer; Martin Rutter, Secretary, Richardson Cendr.; Markland, S.D.; Greenhalgh, J.D.; Thomas Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master; Daniel Stansfield P. Prov. G. Mark Director of Ceremonies; Thomas Morris, Prov. G. Mark Sword Bearer; and others. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the preceding meeting confirmed. The ballot was taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year the result being that Bro. James Newton, S.W., was unanimously elected to that office. Two candidates were proposed for advancement and the lodge was duly closed.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

BOLTON.—*Mount Ararat Lodge*.—The M.W. Grand Mark Master, has recently granted a warrant for working the Ark Mariner Degree in Bolton, and the first meeting of the new lodge (which is denominated the "Mount Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners" attached to the Rose and Thistle Lodge, No. 158, of Mark Masters, was held on Saturday the 4th October. Amongst those present were Bros. Thomas Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master Lancashire; G. P.; Brockbank, Past. G. Mark Warden; C. F. Matier, Past. G. Mark Warden; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G. Mark Sec. Lancashire; James Newton, Martin Rutter, and others. The lodge was formally inaugurated and dedicated by Bro. Matier, and Bro. Brockbank was then enthroned as W. Commander, N., who afterwards appointed and invested his officers, viz.:—James Newton, J.; Thomas Wilson, S.; J. W. Taylor, Treasurer (elected); J. W. Brockbank, Scribe; Martin Rutter, S.D.; James Horrocks, J.D.; Robert Horwood, Director of Ceremonies; James Brown, Guardian. A number of joining members were elected and the lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A large number of members of this degree of Freemasonry assembled at the Phoenix Lodge, High-street, Portsmouth, on Friday afternoon, the 3rd inst., on which occasion the M.W. Grand Master of M.M. Masous (Earl Percy, M.P.), was present.

At the commencement of the proceedings the M.W. Past Grand Mark Master, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., (the Grand Mark Master of the Province) presided, being supported by Bro. H. Emanuel, as S.G. Warden, and S. D. Forbes, as J. G. Warden, the following being amongst those present:—Bros. the Rev. G. Portal, M.A., Past Grand Mark Master, F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, J. R. Stebbing, Grand Treasurer, Col. Metham, P.G. Warden of England; Captain Tower, P.G. Warden Devon; Captain Hooper, P.G. Warden; W. Hickman, J. E. Le Feuvre, E. M. Wells, J.P., H. Cawte, Hillman, W. H. Ford, M. E. Frost, W.M., Portsmouth Lodge, No. 17; C. Wilkins, W.M., Phoenix Lodge, No. 2; W. C. Redward, S. S. Pearce, E. Sheppard, H. R. Trigg, Parnell, Faulkner, W.M., Medina Lodge, No. 240, Coles, W.M., Carnarvon Lodge No. 62, Loveland; H. G. Guy, A. Cudlipp, H. M. Green, F. Court, E. G. Holbrook, J. Clay, E. Bunting, F. N. Cunningham, A. E. King, Austin, &c., &c.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., having tendered his resignation as P.G. Mark Master, Earl Percy, who was cordially received on entering the lodge, presided as Grand Master, and expressed his regret and the regret of the Province at losing the services of Bro. Beach, adding that he was glad to find that he would still render assistance in connection with the general working of the Degree.

Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, then read the patent of appointment of Bro. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., as Grand Mark Master of the Province, and Bro. Portal was admitted and installed by Earl Percy.

Bro. W. Hickman, Mayor of Southampton, who had been recommended as D. Prov. G. Mark Master, was then presented to Earl Percy by Bro. Portal, and having taken the usual obligation, was invested by his lordship, and addressed by Bro. Portal.

On the motion of Bro. M. E. Frost, seconded by Br. H. M. Emanuel, Bro. W. C. Redward, of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 2, was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The following were appointed Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and invested by the Prov. Grand Master:—

- Bro. S. D. Forbes,..... Prov. G. S.W.
- „ E. Sheppard,..... Prov. G. J.W.
- „ J. N. Hillman,..... Prov. G. M.O.
- „ Wilkins, Prov. G. S.O.
- „ Faulkner, Prov. G. J.O.
- „ Rev. Scott,..... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- „ W. H. Forn,..... Prov. G. Reg.
- „ Le Feuvre,..... Prov. G. Sec.
- „ S. S. Pearce,..... Prov. G. S.D.
- „ H. M. Green, Prov. G. J.D.
- „ G. Rake, Prov. G. I.W.
- „ Cawte, Prov. G. D.C.
- „ L. Emanuel,..... Prov. G. A.D.C.
- „ Austin,..... Prov. G. S.B.
- „ E. Good, Prov. G. S.B.
- „ Bradbear, Prov. G. O.
- „ M. E. Frost,..... Prov. G. I.G.
- „ Cooper,..... Prov. G. Steward.
- „ Ellis,..... „ „ „
- „ Bath,..... „ „ „

Bro. Portal, P.G.M.M., proposed that the thanks of the P.G. Lodge be respectfully tendered to the M.W. Grand Master for his kindness in attending that day

Bro. Beach, M.P., in seconding the motion, assured the Grand Master that he would render him every assistance in his power, and he hoped Mark Masonry would soon reach the position it ought to occupy. The brethren in this Province were, he felt certain, glad to be honoured with the presence of the Grand Master.

Earl Percy, G.M., said it was at all times pleasant to receive a kindly welcome from those over whom he was called upon to preside. He thanked them for their kindness, and for the vote

of thanks they had passed. He said he could hardly hope to emulate the conduct of some of the former possessors of the chair, but at the same time he would do his utmost to promote the best interests of the Order generally.

Bro. J. R. Stebbing proposed, and Bro. H. M. Emanuel seconded, that a vote of sympathy with the family of the late Bro. C. E. Deacon (formerly Town Clerk of Southampton, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master), be entered on the minutes.—Carried.

The brethren subsequently partook of a *recherche* banquet, which was provided in capital style by Bro. G. Bond, of the Castle Hotel, Southsea.

CONSECRATION OF A MARK LODGE IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Nearly one hundred and fifty years ago Freemasonry was known in Cowes to take substantial footing by the formation of a lodge, and during that time the Medina Lodge has continued to work with more or less prosperity. Like all other societies or orders, it has had its difficulties to contend with, but proud are we to say never a blot against it has been recorded at Grand Lodge.

During the past few years more active steps have been taken for the welfare of the Medina Lodge, and exertions have been made to establish a Mark Lodge in connection with it. These exertions have met their reward, and a petition having been signed, praying the Grand Master to grant a Mark Lodge at Cowes, the petition was favourably received, and on Thursday last Bro. J. Binckes, Grand Secretary of the Mark Grand Lodge, was deputed to attend and consecrate the lodge.

The ceremony commenced at about 1 p.m., and certainly we have never been more delighted. The oration delivered by Bro. Binckes will have a lasting impression upon the minds of the brethren assembled.

As many as eight candidates were admitted and received the degree of Mark Master.

Bro T. W. Faulkner was then duly installed in the the chair as the Worshipful Master for the year, and at the conclusion of the ceremony proceeded to invest his officers.

This being concluded, and there being no other business to transact, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Fountain Hotel, where Bro. Jones provided a cold collation that for choice viands and excellence of quality we have never seen surpassed in Cowes. About twenty of the brethren sat down, and a truly enjoyable afternoon was passed.

Amongst the company were several brethren who had come from various parts to assist in the ceremonies, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to him, as well as to Bro. Binckes for the masterly manner in which he discharged the by no means easy duties devolving upon him. At about seven o'clock the brethren separated, having passed a very happy day Bro. Binckes and others being engaged to attend the meeting of the Phoenix Mark Lodge at Portsmouth in the evening.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.

We wish to draw the attention of our numerous readers to the advertisement of the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-book for 1874.

Among the many valuable additions made in the issue for the coming year, we may mention that the London meetings of every degree appear in the memorandum space of each day, the country lodges in towns, alphabetically arranged.

The Charge and Entered Apprentice's Song, has also been added.

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ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EBURY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1348.

The first annual festival of the Ebury Lodge of Instruction, was held on Thursday week, at the Morpeth Arms, Ponsonby-street, Millbank, and was attended by above 50 brethren. There was a good Masonic treat in store for them, as Bro. W. Watson, P.M., P.Z. &c., was to rehearse the ceremony of consecration, and Bro. Wm. Bourne, W.M. of the parent lodge, was to give the ceremony of installation. Both the brethren rehearsed the ceremonies with the skill of accomplished professors, and obtained great applause, when they had completed them.

Bro. Matthew Cooke, P.M. in No. 23, then delivered an "Oration on Masonry," which was listened to with great attention, and thanks having been voted to him for the address, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Palmer, of the Morpeth Arms, who also acted as Secretary of the dinner committee. Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P., P.M., presided.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk.

Bro. Coutts proposed "The Grand Master, the Past Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master," and passed the customary compliments on their Masonic abilities and worth.

Bro. W. Bourne proposed "The W.M., Bro. John Coutts," a worthy and esteemed brother, who had always rendered every assistance that lay in his power to do the lodge good.

The toast having been heartily received,

The W.M. returned thanks, and said he thought he had been awarded more praise than was his due. Still, if he was not altogether worthy of their praise he would endeavour to become so. It was a pleasure to him at all times to be among the brethren of the Ebury Lodge, to promote their welfare, and to impart what instruction he could. It was a peculiar pleasure to him because he was one of the promoters of the lodge, and it was also a great pride to him to see not only the parent lodge, but the lodge of instruction flourish as they did. His services would always be at their disposal.

Bro. Matthew Cooke, in responding to a toast which was proposed specially for himself and Bro. Wm. Watson, said it was a pleasant duty to respond for Bro. Watson, because as an instructor he deserved all the eulogiums they could bestow on him. Those who were his pupils knew his work. In his character of masonic instructor he had passed a quarter of a century of his life, and when any one went back to that time and reflected on what Masonry was at that time and what it was now, a philosophic thought suggested itself whether it was now what it should be. Taking it altogether he supposed it was as good as could be expected. Working both for regular lodges and lodges of instruction, Bro. Watson had taken an immense amount of interest in both, and had coached up a large number of young members to a par with their seniors. Speaking as a Mason who had seen a great deal of Masonry, he (Bro. Cooke) must say that there were more letter perfect Masons in the present day than when he was initiated. In that time a Mason had to find out Masonry as best he could, a bit here and a bit there; whereas now hardly a lodge was started without having its own particular lodge of instruction attached to it. Yet he believed that old things were not to be despised, and to walk worthily in the track of old Masons was a thing in Freemasonry much to be desired. The brethren of the Ebury Lodge had done so. They had trodden in the track of one of the greatest and oldest who yet remained among them, who knew anything of the working that came down from the Lodge of Reconciliation. Bro. Watson received his knowledge of Freemasonry from the late Peter Gilks, who was one of the original brethren who were on the Lodge of Reconciliation in 1817, when the working of the two antagonistic sections became one, and their differences, became merged in one ritual and into a United Grand Lodge of England. Under these circumstances he did not like to hear all manner of petty things said about how this brother and that brother improved upon the working. He had a hankering perhaps after grey

locks, and a belief in the oldest being the best. The Ebury Lodge had gone to the fountain head for instruction, and it had done well in so doing. It had taken up with no novelty, but had gone a straightforward way to get instruction. The brethren had learned of Bro. Watson, what he was ready to impart and he (Bro. Cooke) was sorry Bro. Watson was obliged through indisposition to leave them that evening, before he had seen how highly they appreciated him. It would of course be a lamentable thing if Bro. Watson were ill; but he (Bro. Cooke) had often said "God send that Billy Watson was laid up for a year, and then the brethren would be compelled to do their own work." If however he was, the brethren of the Ebury Lodge would not suffer, because there were plenty of brethren in it who could do Masonic work well. He hoped they would continue to keep others in the right path. Bro. Watson was dear to them all. He had been a tutor, an adviser, a friend; and there were many brethren in his (Bro. Cooke's) own lodge who venerated Bro. Watson as their best friend to fly to in cases of difficulty and doubt. He was a popular man, but he had never taken a part that had stamped him a position in anything. Consequently he had always swam with the stream and was likely to do so to his last home. Himself and Bro. Watson had worked together for years, in lodges, chapters, lodges of instruction, and all places where Masons "most do congregate." Though they had received his name warmly and kindly, they had not done him fair justice. Bro. Watson was not present to thank them himself. He (Bro. Cooke,) would on his behalf return thanks for him as warmly as it was in his power to do it.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. W. Bourne," who had worked the ceremony of installation that evening, and in doing so said that the excellence of that brother's work augured well for the way in which he would instal his successor in the chair of the Ebury Lodge, when the time came round.

Bro. W. Bourne, in reply, said that he was pleased his efforts had given satisfaction to the brethren, but he assured them that he undertook his duties with much gratification, and had done the best he could. If he had given satisfaction he could not wish to do more.

The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Officers," announced that the Ebury Lodge, was well officered, whether by the Senior and Junior Wardens or by the Deacons or Secretary.

Bros. Elliot, Summer, and Roberts, having replied, the business of the evening was shortly afterwards brought to a termination by the Tyler's toast.

Original Correspondence.

SPIRITUALISM AND SPECTRAL ILLUSIONS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When the history of this nineteenth century comes to be written it will present some curious pages, as well as some most striking contrasts, and amongst these contrasts few will be more prominent than the great advances made in scientific knowledge on the one hand, coincident with the rise and progress of Spiritualism. Science seems to appeal in vain to Spiritualism for either a satisfactory or rational explanation of anything. When Science does take the matter in hand these phenomena, said to be the work of disembodied spirits, are found to be a curious compound of trickery, credulity, animal magnetism, nervous disorder and spectral illusion. The spiritualistic trickster comes to the seance fully prepared. To night at the mere wish of one of the company a "spirit" will there and then pluck a bunch of grapes from a Portuguese vineyard and lay them upon a British table in a minute, to morrow a dove will be brought in without either breaking a window or turning a feather, and the next day a tortoise will be carried in right through the keyhole and still appear on the table as large as life and all alive and a kicking. All of course the work of disembodied spirits. The credulity which believes these phenomena will believe anything. As to the phenomena experienced by Bro. Carpenter, these

if not assisted by trickery, are the effect of the nervous action of the parties present. Bro. Carpenter may imagine that he has held a conversation for three or four hours with a disembodied spirit, but that does not really prove that he did so. In my opinion it only shows that there is something wrong with his nerves, and if sufficiently prior to the time at which he held this supposed conversation, he had got a dose of the proper medicine, the conversation referred to would never have been held.

In my opinion there is considerable relationship between dreaming and spiritualism in certain of its phases, as the poet says.—

"Dreams are but interludes which fancy makes,
When monarch reason sleeps, this mimic wakes,
Compounds a medley of disjointed things,
A court of cobblers, and a mob of kings;
Light fumes are merry, grosser fumes are sad,
Both are the reasonable soul run mad;
And many monstrous forms in sleep we see,
That neither were, nor are, nor e'er can be.
Sometimes forgotten things, long cast behind,
Rush forward in the brain, and come to mind,
The nurse's legends are for truth received,
And the man dreams but what the boy believed;
Sometimes we but rehearse a former play;
The night restores our actions done by day,
As hounds in sleep will open for their prey;
In short the farce of dreams is of a piece.
In chimeras all, and more absurd or less."

So with spiritualism, reason is sent to sleep and fancy allowed full play. Things are not what they are, but what they seem. The imaginary spirit may be nothing more than the scratching of a mouse, the shadow on the wall, or a mote in the eye, but with such a rational or materialistic explanation, spiritualism will of course have nothing to do.

I am yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and brother,—

By the book of Constitutions, pages 18, 68, and 118, no Jewel shall be worn in any lodge &c., unless such as are connected with those degrees recognised by the Grand Lodge as part of ancient Freemasonry.

By the articles of 1813 it is declared that it only recognises the degrees of E.A., F.C., and M.M., together with the R.A., but this article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding a meeting in any of the degrees of the Orders of Chivalry, according to the constitutions of those Orders.

Now at that period the Knights Templar and the Knights of the Red Cross and K.H.S. were the only organized chivalric orders existing in England, and consequently it would appear that the above permissive clause applies solely to their members.

I would therefore ask your numerous readers whether a member of the K.T. or Red Cross &c., can, as a matter of right, insist on wearing the jewel of these latter orders in a Craft Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OF THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

It is painfully obvious that Bro. Holmes has no knowledge whatever of the subject on which he assumes to write, and as he now thinks it well to supplement unsupported assertion, and bold misrepresentations, by the element of insult, I decline any further participation in a controversy involving weapons to which I am, happily, a stranger.

I must however crave space for a distinct and emphatic denial that this discussion was originated by me, as stated by Bro. Holmes. He full well knows that it was commenced by himself, on the 16th of November last, and continued by him at the meeting of Grand Conclave on the 13th of December; and that notwithstanding an explanation by me, in your columns, of the valid Constitution of the English Order, and a remonstrance against the course pursued by Bro. Holmes, he wilfully pursued the same action on the 4th of January last, and thus in-

voiced the humiliating consequences to which your readers saw him exposed; consequences unhappily extending far beyond the personal defeat he so well merited.

Bro. Holmes adds one last grievous blunder to the long catalogue of his mistakes. He thinks the Order of St. John is dedicated to the Almoner, a dedication which has been abandoned for the not very short period of about 750 years. The Order has been, during that time, as still is, dedicated to the Baptist.

In common with many others, I deeply lament the indiscretion which has provoked this controversy, and whilst I deplore its unfortunate results, I am glad that the responsibility rests not on my hands.

Fraternally yours,

LUPUS.

[We have inserted the above communication at the earnest request of our esteemed correspondent. But we now must positively state that no further correspondence upon this subject will be published in *The Freemason*.]

Masonic Tidings.

A warrant has been granted for a Council of Royal and Select Masters, to be called the Carnarvon Council, and to meet at Havant, Hants.

The consecration of St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 1447, will take place at the Volunteers' Hall, Barton-on-Humber, on Monday, 20th instant. The W.M. designate is Bro. Robert Taylor.

St. John's Gate, which, it was stated, had become the property of the Knights of St. John, whose meeting place it was to be, still remains as a tavern, with all its antiquarian and literary features unchanged. Mr. Gay has succeeded Mr. Wickens in the proprietorship.

A meeting of the members of the Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, and the Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, will be held at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at seven p.m., precisely, to confirm resolutions for their amalgamation under the title of the Metropolitan Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, and their removal to the Jamaica Coffee House; also to revise the scale of fees.

The annual banquet of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (No. 55) will be held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand Court, Holborn, on Tuesday the 28th inst., at 7 p.m. Bro. J. R. Stacey will preside.

The fifteen sections will be worked on Friday, the 7th proximo, at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction; held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. J. L. Coulton, W.M. 382, will preside.

The fifteen Sections will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction (No. 1275,) at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road, on Saturday, October 25th, by Bro. H. Sadler. Lodge will be opened at half-past six, punctually. We have reason to believe that Bro. Sadler will be assisted by several brethren from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

We are informed that Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Tenterden, Past S.G.W., has been appointed to succeed the Rt. Hon. Edmund Hammond, as Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (No. 1288,) commenced its meetings for the winter season, on Wednesday last.

The last moveable assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, 21st inst., at two o'clock.

Bide your time without anxiety. Changes of temperature prevalent in autumn frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health and most particular in their diet. Holloway's corrective purifying and gently aperient pills are the best remedy for all defective action of the digestive organs. They augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare "balsamic matter," and on that account are particularly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. The field of beneficial work done by Holloway's well known and widely appreciated pills, is too large for any attempt to catalogue all the diseases and distempers remediable by them.—ADVT.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT BIGSBY.

The obituary of *The Times*, of the 1st instant, records the death on the 27th ultimo, of Robert Bigsby, G.C.J.J., L.L.D. Dr. Bigsby died at at his residence at Peckham Rye, after a short and painful illness, retaining to the last the powers of a vigorous intellect. The Daily News states that he was the third oldest member of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England now living; the seniors being, we believe, Sir John Philippart, K.G.V., and Macpherson of Cluny.

Dr. Bigsby was a Knight of St. James of the Sword of Portugal; he was formerly a Fellow of the Royal Society, and of the Antiquaries; and at the period of his death was a Fellow, Associate and Member of a large number of distinguished literary and philanthropic associations at home and abroad. He was the author of numerous works, antiquarian and chivalric, and of many poems. His history of Repton is a valuable contribution to archaeological topography, and his dramatic composition "Ombo," has been characterised by Longfellow as one of the finest epic poems of the day. Shortly before his death, Dr. Bigsby had completed and published his latest work, "The Spirit of Chivalry," a fine disquisition upon past chivalric sentiment, as bearing on our modern philanthropy, and duties, dedicated by permission to the Earl of Shaftesbury. Dr. Bigsby had received a pension from the civil list in recognition of his literary merit, and had also received distinguished notice from the late Prince Consort.

Our late Bro. Bigsby had resided only a short time at Peckham Rye, but had previously attended Craft lodge meetings as frequently as his health permitted. Increasing weakness of constitution had however of late compelled him to refrain from joining the gatherings of his brethren. He had never attained any higher lodge rank than that of Master Mason, and was not a member of any of the other degrees.

BRO. CHARLES HENRY PALMER.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., Bro. Charles Henry Palmer, after a short illness, departed this life in the 71st year of his age. He was much respected, while holding a very humble station in life. His cheerful deportment, in the midst of the heavy trials he passed through, in connection with a correct Masonic spirit, gave him the esteem of all who knew him. He was initiated in the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, at Romsey, on the 7th day of July, 1830, and was raised in the same lodge, on the following 20th of Oct. Little is known by the writer as to his early career, owing to the nature of his occupation, which was latterly that of an agent for the sale of standard works, issued by some of the London and Edinburgh publishing houses.

A serious illness, some few years ago, rendered our brother unable to grapple with the claims of his domestic arrangements, and it was a task that his brethren gladly accepted to make him comfortable during the close of his life. He had resided for some 30 or 40 years in Torquay, and it was in the same place where he passed away to that lodge where his peace will be perfect. Little is known as to his official position in the Craft; but with the brethren in Torquay, he was regarded as a worthy recipient of their favours. His end was peace. He was interred at the General Cemetery, Torquay, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., the funeral was attended by his widow and only son, with other friends. A number of the brethren were at the grave, to pay a tribute of respect to his memory, among those present we noticed, W. Bros. J. Chapman, W.M. 1402; David Watson, I.P.M. 328; J. Giles, S.W. 328; J. C. Parker, S.D. 328; J. Piggott, J.D. 328; C. Watts, Steward, 328; J. Morgan, J.D. 1402; J. Dodge, I.G. 1402; Tripe, J. Rositer, J. Paish, and J. Chenneour, and others.

The service was beautifully rendered by the Rev. C. H. Kelly, after which W. Bro. D. Watson consigned the body of our brother, to

the grave, and committed his spirit to God who gave it. Each of the brethren then threw a sprig of acacia into the grave, and Worshipful Bro. John Chapman, gave the following oration, which was listened to with deep emotion.

THE ORATION.

"We meet this day, to pay 'the last sad office of respect, to departed merit.' Amidst the chastening influences of life's trials, our brother learned the useful lesson of resignation.

"The recollection we have of his cheerful smile, as he rested by the wayside, to enjoy the warm genial rays of the summer sun:—the fraternal greeting:—the pleasure he manifested, as he recounted the happy influences of Freemasonry, on his drooping spirit. These, we shall never forget.

"Forty-three years ago our brother was raised in the Lodge of 'Peace and Harmony' at Romsey. He was then directed 'to that bright morning star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race.' He has by the guidance of its holy ray, been able 'to trample the King of Errors' beneath his feet; and he is now raised to the Grand Lodge above, where 'Peace and Harmony' are perfect. He rests from his labours. He has lived his threescore years and ten; his faltering foot has passed thro' the valley and shadow of death; he now shines, as the stars for ever and ever.

"This ceremony, has its solemn warning for us. Death, is the harbinger of life! the antechamber of immortality. The soul purified by the holy principles of our sublime Order, is led to those mansions of happiness, 'where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest.'

"The lease of life with some is short, while others run their allotted term. We gain by the delay, if we improve the moments as they pass. Our Masonic duties performed correctly, we retire, and our works do follow us. Life is not a dream, 'tis a serious trust, for which we must give account. Masonry, by the practice of its virtues, forms a holy life, and points to a happy future. The Volume of the Sacred Law is our chart, its teachings our standard, and its promises our only hope. By brotherly love; the head, heart, and hand is devoted to practice of that which S. John considered the acme of all the virtues, charity! We signally fail, if this virtue does not rule our thoughts, words and actions.

"Then let the sad office of respect we pay to the memory of our departed brother encourage us (ere we waive an adieu to this world) to practice all the Masonic virtues, so that on our departure from this frail life, we may be welcomed with the joyful salvation, of 'well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

In consigning the mortal remains of our Bro. Palmer to the silent grave, may we not say:— 'And oh! when both broken our bowl and our token, In that Home, where dwell Honour, Virtue and Love; These stamp'd in each soul, be our pass to the goal, And we shall meet once more in the Grand Lodge above.' "

CRYSTAL PALACE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.—the half yearly meeting of the above Company was held on Tuesday, 23rd ultimo, at the London Tavern, Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., in the chair. The balance sheet for the half-year shows a profit £7361 1s. 1d. A dividend of 6 per cent. on the preference capital, 7 per cent. on the ordinary 7 per cent. capital, and 10 per cent. on the original capital, was declared, free of Income Tax. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the salary of the Secretary (Bro. Magnus Ohren A.I.C.E.) be increased by the amount of £50. The shareholders expressed their great approval and satisfaction with the report. Votes of thanks to the Directors, Auditors, Officers of the Company, and the Chairman, closed the proceedings.

LINES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT PHILADELPHIA.

Erected by the Brethren working under the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, September, 1873.

At length we see the Fabric clear
Which loving hearts have raised;
At length a Landmark far and near
In majesty, God be praised!
To the workmen without danger,
Amid the thronging street,
Rises to tell each stranger
Where true Freemasons meet.

There the Grand Architect's skilful hand
Has each classic Order traced;
Here the tried Craftsmen's sturdy hand
Have each solemn symbol chased;
What'ere we scan—wher'ere we cast
Our startled gaze around,
We see how in proportions vast
That Temple fills the ground.

Oh! mighty art of Mason's skill;
Oh! goodly work and true,
Which to adorn, enrapture still,
Arrests each spell-bound view;
Around thee group the ages old
Of legends quaint and rare,
Which oft to us have calmly told
Our Craft is everywhere.

And you who come to join to-day
In mystic words and rites,
You whom, and others far away,
One sacred bond unites,
My all of happy greeting,
And friendship's changeless vow,
Attend your joyous meeting,
Your goodly gathering now.

And may this great and stately Hall
Whose opening now endears
To loyal Masons, one and all,
The memories of past years,
Recall some smaller, humbler room
Where you saw Masonic light,
And found in dimness and in gloom
Both Love, and Truth, and Right.

Yet some, alas! are no more here
Who graced that ancient scene;
Some loyal hearts, some faces dear,
Are now mid what has been;
And you who throng so gladly
To obey your summons now
May mourn perhaps all sadly
Warm heart and loving brow.

But still to you this mighty show
Speaks in full-voiced tone,
And tells you, if in accents low,
Of truths you call your own;
The open hand and kindly face,
Friendships which never cease,
Soft sympathy's all gentle grace,
And unity and peace.

Oh happy Brotherhood to-day
Of Masons all sincere,
Of loyal hearts and loving way,
Of friendship ever dear;
We greet you now in all good will
With a Craftsman's heart and hand,
And mid each earthly good or ill
We hail thy gallant band!

Yes, across the Atlantic ocean,
Athwart the billowy sea,
In full and deep devotion
We send a greeting kind to thee;
From this great land of our's
From many a Craftsman true,
Who amid all pleasant hours
Has doted the good old "blue!"

May then our ancient Order here
March on its tolerant way,
Without a doubt, without a fear,
In its glorious array.
May its banner as it floats above
Still proclaim in grace and light,
That Freemasonry is Universal Love,
And Honour, Trust, and Right.

Sept. 29, 1873.

A. F. A. W.

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Answers to Correspondents.

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Reports of Lodge 279, Prov. G. Lodge of Jersey.
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Chapters 50, and 144, Glasgow.
Cambuscah Knights Templar Encampments.
Letters from G. F. (Leicester), W. C., F. B. Y., W. J. H. NERBO.—No name or address sent.
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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1873.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

It seems, as if almost everywhere there was at this moment in our good Order, not only a dearth but a difficulty of Masonic Literature. In the little kingdom of Portugal, indeed, with its 81 lodges, under the Lusitanian Orient, we hear of two Masonic papers, and it is just possible, that, our excellent Portuguese brethren give to those journals a warm and united support.

In the United States Masonic papers are many, but some no sooner appear than they disappear, like fire-flies in some woodland glade, and even there, the complaints are many that the readers are few.

In France, as the able editor of the *Chaîne de l'Union* says, Masonry does not pay; it entails expenses, and from Germany we hear the cry that more readers are wanted to encourage and support their able Masonic Press.

In our own free and favoured land our great and flourishing Craft patronize,—we can hardly say support—two Masonic publications, the hebdomadal *Freemason*, and the Monthly Serial the *Masonic Magazine*, but if we should seem to convey that either or both these publications received due and befitting encouragement from the Order at large, we should be greatly misleading our readers. On the contrary, there is a large and needful margin due, on every ground of fraternal goodwill and literary encouragement, to be obtained from the Craft of liberal and regular support! Not that we wish to speak complainingly or repiningly.

We seek to do our duty to the Craft and by the Craft, and cheered and supported by the fraternal goodwill of many zealous and enlightened brethren, in our always arduous, often unremunerative efforts, we shall persevere in these our endeavours, believing that we are, in our humble measure, advancing the cause of Freemasonry amongst us, and paving the way for the eventual reward and recognition of such endeavours, in the diffusive spread of a cultured and enlightened study of our history, and teachings, and archæology.

But it might be a curious enquiry why there should be this want of appreciation of our Masonic Literature, why, here as elsewhere, though the Press is ready, the readers and subscribers are wanting, why in short, do what we will and labour as we may, the history of our Masonic literature is but the repetition of the old story of praiseworthy efforts, but little return, continued sacrifices, but no success.

Since 1793, when the first Masonic Magazine appeared, there is nothing to record but a succession of appearances and disappearances of our Masonic serials; all flourishing for a while, and then vanishing down the stream of time.

Even as we write, the ghosts of departed editors seem to remind us that our labours, like theirs, are only temporary, and that, in a little time, we shall probably say, as they did.—

"Yet all these things are only transient,
And with this fleeting age expire
Alike forget the precept sage,
The historian's tale, the poets lyre."

Now it has been said that one of the reasons why our good brethren have little time, either for poetry or prose, for Weekly Journal or Monthly Magazine, is that they are too busy. No doubt a large proportion of our good Craft, are "bread-winners," in all of honest industry and legitimate toil, for their families and themselves. To some, no doubt, the opportunities of literary recreation are few, and to others far between.

But yet there is a large class of Freemasons, to whom the perusal of our Masonic literature could be a matter of no doubt or difficulty, and that is just the class which has not yet accorded a warm, a full, a sympathetic support to Masonic literature. For though the most expect to have some Masonic serial or journal provided for them, they often forget that, as Bro. Hubert says in *La Chaîne de l'Union*, and as Henri Quatre said before him, "il faut vivre," and that those who provide the literature deserve to be supported and encouraged.

We believe, as we said before, that the great

hindrance to the encouragement and support of Masonic Literature amongst us lies in the fact that our lodges make little—rather, no provision for literary studies or Masonic libraries.

If every lodge had attached to it a good reading-room, the library would soon be forthcoming by donations of books or money, and the taste for literature once encouraged, it would soon increase, and we should, by reading the Masonic literature of other countries besides our own, emerge from that insular contentedness of knowing little or nothing of intellectual Freemasonry, and which we, good Freemasons as we are in England in other respects, seem rather to esteem a credit to ourselves than otherwise.

Now we, on the contrary, hold that if we are thoroughly to realize the truths and teachings of our benevolent Order, we must endeavour, by an intellectual study of our records and our antiquities, to remove from us that unjust aspersion which the outer world are often so good as to cast upon us, that we read nothing but our own historians, and that we don't believe them.

We trust, however, that a movement is beginning amongst us to introduce and encourage reading-rooms and libraries in our lodges, whenever it is possible so to do. We feel sure that nothing will so tend to advance a scientific Freemasonry amongst us, or to increase our own appreciation and support of Masonic Literature.

We almost feel tempted, like our eloquent Bro. Hubert, to say to our many friends to day:—"Loges, Chapitres, Macons, reveillez! Sortez de votre indifférence à l'égard de la Presse." Lodges Companions, Masons, at last awake. Come out of your indifference as regards the Press.

Or as the Irishman said, when he saw his wife in a bad humour, "Come out of that!" Come out, we would say, like genial Paddy, to our good brethren, of that indifference to the interests and progress of Masonic Literature which has marked us far too long in England, and aid those who seek perseveringly and patiently to offer to to the Brotherhood the valuable and improving influences of a sound and wholesome Literature.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Masonic Girls' School was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a very large attendance of brethren. Bro. Major J. Creaton, V.P., took the chair.

The usual long list of minutes of previous committees was read by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the Secretary, and unanimously confirmed by the brethren, who then proceeded to elect Trustees of the General and Sustentation Funds.

Dr. Ramsay proposed, and Bro. John Symonds seconded, Bro. Major Creaton as the Trustee of the General Fund, to which of course there was no opposition, and Major Creaton was duly elected. Major Creaton, in returning thanks, said he would not allow a moment to pass without offering his best acknowledgments for such a compliment. However light the duties might be which were imposed upon him by the brethren, he could not but feel highly flattered by such a mark of their confidence. It was almost unnecessary for him to tell them, as they knew him so well, that he should always be at his post, but he could add that whatever was required of him in his character as Trustee of the General Fund, he should do as well as it was in his power. He concluded by thanking them again for their confidence.

Bro. John Symonds proposed and Bro.

Joseph Smith seconded, the Marquess of Ripon, and the Earl of Carnarvon, as Trustees of the Sustentation Fund.

The brethren unanimously elected both these noblemen.

Dr. Wharton P. Hood, was elected Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, in place of Dr. Bridge, deceased.

The election of 19 girls out of a list of 31 approved candidates for admission to the School was then proceeded with, and at the declaration of the poll, the following were declared to be successful.

	Votes.
Duke, Jessie	1351
Oates, Lousia C.....	1202
Emery, Katharine.....	1135
Hinson, Ethel.....	1095
Day, Mary Ann.....	1081
Scurr, Catherine J.....	945
Jay, Charlotte A.....	943
Chapman, Ada G.....	913
Briggs, Katherine B.....	897
Brindon, Beatrice A.....	897
Morris, Mary.....	884
Seaton, Ethel I.M.....	882
White, Charlotte.....	878
Wheeler, Octavia H.....	827
Reeds, Lilius E.....	794
Coleman Charlotte.....	789
Nash, Agnes A.....	757
Taylor, Louisa M.....	705
Faithfull, Florence C.....	678
Roberts, Elizabeth.....	622

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, Secretary.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, the 13th inst., in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. There was a very scanty attendance of brethren. Bro. H. Browse, V.P., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. S. Rawson, John Symonds, Thomas W. White, A. H. Tattershall, Samuel May, H. Massey, J. L. Hime, S. Rosenthal, H. Muggeridge, and a few other brethren.

Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary, read the various minutes of the committees which had met since last Quarterly Court, the most important item in which was the rendering vacant by the House Committee of the office of Head Master, at Christmas next, and the advertising for a successor at a salary of £400 a year, with an unfurnished house free of rates and taxes. Such of the minutes as were put for confirmation were confirmed, and the brethren then proceeded with the election of 16 boys out of an approved list of 49 candidates. At the declaration of the poll the following were found to be duly elected:—

	Votes.
Sargant, Sidney Herbert.....	1227
Rowlstone, Albert Edward.....	1214
Sessions, John Griffiths.....	1181
Tyler, William Bott.....	1141
Barnes, Richard Edward.....	1091
Pullman, Henry Percy.....	1071
Moon, James Hardwick.....	1005
Dancy, Harry Esmond.....	1002
Arundale, John Haughton.....	986
Wiseman, James Hyde.....	976
Cole, William Elmer.....	942
Evans, Walter Blood O'Brien.....	937
Wood, Henry Wallis.....	927
Dove, David.....	912
Saunders, Ernest John.....	906
Meggison, Thomas Turner.....	875

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and Chairman concluded the proceedings.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual assembly of the Freemasons of the Province of Staffordshire took place at Stafford on Wednesday. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Grand Jury Room, at the Shire Hall, about one o'clock in the afternoon, by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Shrewsbury, in the presence of about 100 brethren from the various lodges in the county.

Amongst the brethren present were the following:—G. S. Tudor, 419, D. Prov. G.M.; C. W. Marsh, 460, Prov. S.G.W.; H. Howells, 347, Prov. Treas; W. Cartwright, 460, Prov. S. Sec.; F. S. Wright, 546, Prov. G.J.W.; Henry Woodhouse, 726, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Samuel Hill, 546, Prov. G.D.C.; F. R. Ryles, 98, Prov. G.P.; T. Bedsmore, 1039, P. Prov. G.O.; Edwin Yates, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Frank James, 539, P. Prov. S.G.W.; R. W. Little, Prov. G. Sec., Middlesex; H. Parker, 451, P. Prov. G.J.W.; C. Matthews, 526, P. Prov. G.J.W.; R. Dain, 98, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. Dale Hewson, 726, P. Prov. J.D.; W. S. Pearson, 451, P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. H. Hales, 418, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; F. N. Seyde, 419, P. Prov. A.D.C.; J. Baker, 966, P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. Webberley, 546, P. Prov. G.P.; the Rev. J. H. Iles, 526, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; W. Bayliss, 539 P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. F. Wileman, 556, P. Prov. J.G.D.; James Symons, 539, Prov. G.S. B.; J. Warner, 460, P. Prov. G.P.; E. Palmer, 546, P. Prov. A.D.C.; G. H. Hawley, 546; F. Allen Wilson, 482, and others.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read by Bro. Cartwright, the Prov. G. Secretary. The R.W. Prov. G.M. spoke of the Prov. D.G.M., Bro. Tudor, as one of the best Masons in the province, acknowledged his indebtedness to him, and explained that it had been decided to appoint Bro. Frank James to be the Provincial Deputy Grand Master. He also expressed his high regard for Bro. Howells, who had for some years held the important position of P.G. Treasurer. He regretted that they were about to lose the valuable services of Bro. Howells by reason of his removal to a distant part of the country. His lordship highly complimented other officers.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed:—

Frank James, 539.....	Prov. D.G.M.
T. Taylor, 418.....	Prov. G.S.W.
F. Derry, 482.....	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. H. Iles, 526.....	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rev. Mundy 1060.....	Prov. G.A. Chap.
J. H. Meredith, 624.....	Prov. G. Treas.
J. Bodenham, 726.....	Prov. G. Reg.
W. Cartwright, 460.....	Prov. G. Sec.
H. Woodhouse, 726.....	Prov. G.S.D.
A. G. Prince, 546.....	Prov. G.J.D.
G. Higham, 526.....	Prov. G.S. of W.
Samuel Hill, 546.....	Prov. G.D. of C.
Thompson, 451.....	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
F. Arkinstall, 662.....	Prov. G.S.B.
T. S. Bedsmore, 1039.....	Prov. G. Organist.
R. Bindley, 1050.....	Prov. G. Purst.
J. W. Thomas, 637.....	Prov. G. St. B.
H. Bagguley, 460.....	Prov. G. Tyler.

Immediately after these appointments were made a procession was marshalled, and the brethren walked to St. Mary's Church, where a sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. J. H. Iles, from the words "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (1st Cor. xiii.). In an excellent discourse the preacher spoke of the religious character of Freemasonry, and showed how the aim of the Craft was to lead the members on to a knowledge of the unwritten Bible, the Bible of nature—the Bible written in every man's own conscience—without pretending to have power over the heart, but leaving that to God, whose name Freemasons invoked in all their proceedings, and whose words they took as the foundation of all their principles.

On the re-opening of the lodge after service it was stated that the collection in the church amounted to £14 7s., which was increased from the funds of the lodge to £15 15s., and was presented as follows:—£8 8s. to the North

Staffordshire Infirmary; £5 5s. to St. Peter's Collegiate Schools, Wolverhampton; and £2 2s. to St. Mary's, Stafford. It was also decided to present £26 5s. out of the lodge funds towards the Masonic School for Girls (London) funds.

The banquet was served in the Assembly-room, on the west side of which the principal chair was placed. The R.W.P.G.M., when seated, had the South Staffordshire brethren on his right and the North Staffordshire brethren on his left, and he was supported by the R.W.P.D.G.M., Bro. F. James; the P. Prov. D.G.M., Bro. G. S. Tudor; the P. G. Ch., the Rev. J. H. Iles; Bro. H. Meredith, P. G.R.; Bro. J. Bodenham, P.G. T.; Bro. W. Cartwright, P.G.S.; Bro. R. W. Little, P.G.S., Middlesex; Bro. F. Derry, P.J.G. W.; Bro. C. Matthews, P. Pro. J.G.W.; &c. Choice fruits and flowers from the R.W.G.M.'s gardens at Ingestre were tastefully arranged on the tables; a fine collection of plants was arranged on a table in the centre of the room; the walls of the room were decorated with Masonic emblems and flags; and a number of ladies so far graced the banquet with their presence as to occupy the galleries on three sides of the room. The room thus had a very pleasing effect, and Mr. Wood, of the North-Western Hotel, provided a sumptuous repast, which gave general satisfaction. The speeches after dinner were brief, and they were interspersed with music supplied by Bro. Barlow, P. Prov. G.O., who was assisted by the Burslem Vocal Union; and the evening was very pleasantly spent.

After the health of her Majesty had been drunk, the R.W.P.G.M. proposed "The M.W.P.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family," remarking that his Royal Highness had Masonry thoroughly at heart. The toast was cordially honoured.

In proposing the next toast, "The M.W.G. M., the Marquess of Ripon, and the M.W.D.G. M., the Earl of Carnarvon," the R.W. Prov. G. M. mentioned that those exalted brethren had agreed that the P.G. Lodge of Staffordshire was worthy of a visit, and the Prince of Wales had promised to pay the lodge a visit—an announcement which was received with manifestations of satisfaction.

The R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. James, proposed the health of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, observing that he had had many years' experience of the working of Freemasonry in that hall, and he must say the zeal and interest of the noble lord by his side in the cause of Freemasonry was as great as any of his predecessors in the office he held as ruler of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The quarterly meetings inaugurated by the noble lord during the past year were calculated to promote the interests of the Masonic institutions of the province. His lordship was a jovial and heartily good mason; he possessed the true attributes of an Englishman, and he was sure they wished the noble lord would remain, at the head of the lodge for many years. The toast was drunk with much heartiness.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. acknowledged the toast, and said that during the past year he had been suffering very much from ill-health, which had prevented him attending to his masonic duties as he had desired to attend to them, if he should have known more of the various lodges in the country. He had remained in the county longer than he should have done in order to attend that day's gathering; the proceedings of the day had given him satisfaction; and he was sure that it needed only due attention on the officers to ensure the Province of Staffordshire being equal to any in the country. He hoped the appointments of officers that day had been satisfactory. They had been made with great care and consideration, but if any improvement could be made next year he should be happy to make it.

Bro. Marsh, P. Prov. S.G.W., who officiated in the absence Bro. Taylor, the newly-appointed P.S.W., proposed "The Health of the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Frank James," who had been a Mason 25 years, who had held a very distinguished position in the province, and who was eminently qualified to assist the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province. They might be sure that the interests of Freemasonry would

not suffer in his hands. His heart was in the work, and he was actuated by a desire to advance the interests of Freemasonry in Staffordshire.

The R.W.D. Prov. G.M., in responding, said he had never undertaken any office in Masonry which he had not endeavoured to carry out to the best of his ability. The duties were arduous, but they had been lessened; and if, as in days of yore, it had been necessary to visit every lodge in the province, he must have remitted that duty to a younger brother. But during the past year there had been inaugurated a system of holding periodical meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge in different parts of the province, where the assistance of the Provincial Grand Officers was given; and thus there would be an opportunity for the members of the several lodges becoming more acquainted with the several lodges in the district in which each quarterly meeting was held. He heartily thanked Lord Shrewsbury for the appointment of himself as Deputy, and he hoped he should not prove himself unworthy of the position.

Bro. Derry, Prov. J.G.W., proposed "The Health of the P. Prov. D.G.M., Bro. Tudor," who made a suitable acknowledgment.

Bro. C. Matthews, P. Prov. J.G.W., gave the toast of "The Provincial Grand Chaplains," which was followed by that of "The Provincial Grand Wardens and other Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. Seyde, P. Prov. A.D.C.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. spoke of the welcome always accorded to visiting brethren, and proposed the toast of "The Visitors and the Masonic charities."

Bro. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, and Secretary to the Girls' School, responded. He said that after the admirable discourse of the Provincial Grand Chaplain that day it was unnecessary for him to expatiate upon the principles of Freemasonry, but with reference to one of those great principles—charity—it was his duty to say a few words, more especially illustrative of the practical results achieved by the Fraternity. There were three Masonic Charities, the Girls' and Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution for the Aged. Of these the Boys' School had for the last ten years received the largest measure of support from the brethren, inasmuch as the magnificent sum of nearly £100,000 had been contributed by the friends of that Institution, and it was only fair to add that the benefits afforded by the School had been proportionately extended by the admission of a largely increased number of pupils. During the past year alone donations amounting to upwards of £21,000 had been announced at the festivals of the three Masonic Charities, and he now claimed for the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution the same liberality and concentrated support which the other Institutions had so long enjoyed, and that claim was founded upon a similar foundation of strength, namely that as the Craft increased in numbers and influence, so the Charities must increase in usefulness, and in extending their benefits to the deserving objects of their bounty. He was happy to say that this was being done, (cheers) the committees were fully alive to their responsibilities, and by January twenty additional children would be received into the Girls' Schools, the building now being enlarged for their accommodation (applause). It was the fashion in some parts of the provinces to call their great national Masonic Institutions the "London Masonic Charities," as if they were restricted to the metropolis, but he maintained that the Charities were for the benefit of no particular section, but for the whole of the English Craft. (Applause). In conclusion, Bro. Little expressed his thanks to the Earl of Shrewsbury for having kindly consented to preside at the anniversary festival of the Masonic Institution for Girls in May next, and finally expressed his acknowledgements as a visitor, and as Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, for the hospitable greeting and reception given him by the Staffordshire brethren, particularising the noble Chairman, and Bro. Bodenham, Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The R.W.P.G.M., in complimentary terms, proposed the toast of "The Prov. G. Treasurer and

the Prov. G. Secretary," which was drunk with applause, and which was duly acknowledged by Bro. Bodenham and Bro. Cartwright respectively. The other toasts were "The Ladies," whom Bro. Marson and Bro. Frank James asked the brethren to honour, and on whose behalf Bro. Yates and Bro. Seyde acknowledged the compliment; "The Provincial Grand Stewards," proposed by Bro. F. James, and responded to by Bro. Fairhead; and the Tyler's toast.

CONSECRATION OF TWO RED CROSS CONCLAVES.

It has been our privilege for some time past to chronicle the continued success of all sections of the Masonic Order in England, as evidenced by the repeated reports of the inauguration of new lodges, chapters, conclaves, and preceptories in the several degrees, and we have now great pleasure in recording the advent of two twin branches of the Red Cross Order, which were inaugurated on the same day, in Wales and on the border of the Principality. For a considerable period the Red Cross Order has held its own, not only in the mother country, but wherever it has been established, through good and through (mistaken) evil report, and the plainest proof of the vitality of its organisation is to be found in the fact that its jurisdiction now extends over Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia, where its principles and rites are cherished and promulgated by some of the best and brightest Masons in existence. Without unduly exalting this Order above other developments of the original plan of Freemasonry, a course which is neither necessary nor desirable, it may safely be said that few Masonic degrees have exercised such a powerful influence, or exhibited such a marvellous fecundity of membership within so brief a period as has elapsed since the revival of the Knightly Order of the Red Cross of Constantine in Great Britain.

No less than one hundred and twelve conclaves have been founded since 1865, in all quarters of the globe, and by a consistent perseverance in the path of honour, the Grand Council has won for itself the respect, if not the recognition of the other governing bodies in Freemasonry.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., the St. John's Conclave No. 105, was inaugurated at the Bute Masonic Hall, Cardiff, by Sir Knight R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas., as M.P.S., assisted by Sir Knights J. G. Marsh, P. G. Architect, as V.; Thomas William White G. A. Treas., as H.P.; S. Rosenthal, G.S.B.; W. Williams, Int. Gen. Com.; Sladen, M.P.S., No. 23; and G. Alexander. The chamber was most beautifully decorated and presented a brilliant appearance, the appointments being very complete. After the solemn rite of dedication the following Masons were installed Knights of the Order. Bros. L. A. Homfray, W. Williams, J. Hughes, Sidney Hurford, T. W. Jacobs, W. H. Davies, J. Matthews, O. Hurford, P. Thomas, C. Edmonds, and J. Waters. Also Bro. Davies (2nd), as Sentinel. The grade of Viceroy was conferred on Sir Knights Homfray, Williams, Hughes, and Jacobs, and that of Sovereign upon the first three, it being understood that other conclaves will soon be founded in the locality.

The Commission of Sir Knight Homfray as an Intendant General was then read and presented to him, after which the rank of honorary members was awarded by acclamation to Sir Knights Little, Marsh, and White, for their services, and the conclave was closed.

The Knights then returned to Newport, and proceeded to the Masonic Hall, where the St. Mark's Conclave, No. 96, was to be opened, and in addition to those already named, a considerable number of visiting Knight Companions assisted at the inaugural ceremony, including Ill. Sir Knights W. R. Woodman, M.D., Grand Recorder, who attended specially from Exeter; Major-General Gore B. Munbee, Intendant General for Somersetshire; G. F. Tuckey, M.P.S. Elect No. 17; J. Rogers, V.E. No. 23; O. D. Thomas, P.S. No. 23; H. T. Davies, Hon. V.E. 23; W. West, Hon. V.E. 23; T. E. Guest, 23; and D. Davies, 23.

In this instance the whole of the magnificent ceremony of dedication was rendered with the most impressive effect, the hall being well adapted for scenic display, and hung round with the banners of the Knights, and garnished with the roses and lilies emblematic of the Order, it formed a *coup d'œil* of surpassing beauty.

Our space will not permit us to record in detail all the proceedings of the day, and we must content ourselves with stating that Bros. W. Pickford, H. Hellyer, R. B. Evans, C. Denton, T. Duckworth, Blandford, Jacobs, Roper, and Flood, were installed Knights, with H. Fletcher, as Sentinel.

The rank of Viceroy was conferred on Sir Knights Pickford, Hellyer, Evans, and Tuckey, M.P. elect, No. 17. The officers appointed for No. 96, were G. Alexander, V.E.; W. West, S.G.; H. J. Davis, I.G.; Roper, H.P.; Guest, Prefect; Hood, Orator; Pickford, Treas.; Evans, Recorder, Denton, S.B.; Duckworth, H. and Jacobs, Steward. For 105, J. Rogers, V.E.; J. W. Jacobs, S.G.; S. Hurford, I.G.; W. H. Davies, H.P.; O. Hurford, Prefect; Williams, Treas.; Matthews, S.B.; Thomas, Orator; and Edmonds, Steward. Sir Knights Little, White, Woodman, Marsh, Williams, Homfray, and Rosenthal were elected Honorary members. The Conclave was then closed, and the Mount Moriah Sanctuary K.H.S., opened, and Sir Knights Homfray, Tuckey, Hellyer, Pickford, Evans, T. W. Jacobs, Rogers, D. Davies, West, H. S. Davies, Williams and Thomas were created K.H.S., and greeted in the Holy Order of St. John the Evangelist.

The Sanctuary and Commandery were then closed, and the fratres adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a capital banquet was served, Sir Knight W. Williams, Intendant General, presided, supported by General Munbee, Dr. Woodman, Homfray, Little, White, Marsh, Rosenthal, and a large number of Knights. Lord Bective's health was proposed by General Munbee, in highly appreciative terms, and due honour was paid to the other members of the Grand Council, for whom the G. R. responded.

In fact great enthusiasm prevailed with reference to the entire success of the day's proceedings, and the Chairman expressed to Sir Knight Little the thanks of both conclaves for having reserved a portion of his holiday on purpose to pay them a visit and perform the important ceremonies of opening the two Conclaves. The name of Sir Knight Little was coupled with the Masonic Charities, and in reply he made a powerful appeal to the Knights to vindicate the high claims that the Order had to support by identifying it more thoroughly with the cause of Masonic charity. (Applause). Sir Knight Williams subsequently stated that both the conclaves would at once become subscribers to the Girls' School, which their honorary member so well represented as Secretary. The Red Cross Song was sung with great fervour, and after a most pleasant evening the "Sentinel's Toast" was given, and the company separated.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 24, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, October 18.

Audit Committee, Boys' School.
Lodge 329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Town Hall, Hackney.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, October 20.

Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 720, Panemue, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, October 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Stepney, at 8. Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement and Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, meeting to confirm resolution for amalgamation and removal, Jamacia Coffee House, at 7 p.m.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishops-gate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, October 22.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Lodge 212, Euphrates, Mason's Hall, Mason's-avenue.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, The Knights of St John Hotel, Queen's-terrace, St. John's Wood.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
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Thursday, October 23.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishops-gate-street.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.

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 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
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 House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.

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 For the Week ending Saturday, October 25, 1873.

Monday, October 20.
 Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
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 Tuesday, October 21.
 Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Wednesday, October 22.
 Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 " 220, Harmonic, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Thursday, October 23.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1313, The Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
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 Friday, October 24.
 Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, at 5.

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 Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street at 8.
 Tuesday, October 21.
 Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
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 Thursday, October 23.
 Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemason's Hall, George-street, at 8.

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 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 427, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan. Wednesday, October 22.
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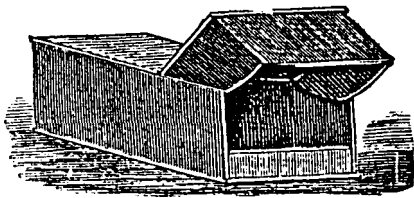
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MARGATE.—*Union Lodge* (No. 127).—On Friday evening, the 17th inst., this lodge met at the King's Head Hotel, High-street, Margate, the chair of K.S. being occupied by the W.M., Bro. Alfred Wootton, Prov. G.S., who was supported by his officers, Bros. E. H. Thompson, S.W.; G. Harnett, J.W.; T. M. Compton, I.P.M.; Bro. Brasier, P.M.; Smith, Wallace, Aubrey, Matthews, Spurrier, Trewe, Chancellor, Searle, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. M. Alfred Style being present, was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of antient Freemasonry. The ceremony of initiation was most beautifully and faultlessly rendered by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Aubrey on the harmonium, and it is seldom we ever witnessed the ceremony of initiation performed more impressively than by the W.M., and the members of the lodge ought to congratulate themselves on having so efficient a Master as Bro. Wootton. After the lodge was closed Bro. Smith, at the request of the W.M., gave the charge after the initiation to the newly initiated brother, which was listened to with the greatest attention, and at its conclusion Bro. Smith was greeted with a burst of applause from the entire lodge for his faultless delivery of the charge. The visitors present were.—Bros. J. T. Moss, P.M. 169, 1326, W.M. 1423, Z. 73, Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex, F. Adlard, P.M. 7; Saunders, W.M. 887; Wells, 86.

IPSWICH.—*St. Luke's Lodge* (No. 225).—The usual meeting of the St. Luke's Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when a goodly number of the brethren were present, amongst whom were:—Bros. A. Gamman, W.M., Prov. G.S.B.; N. Tracy, P. Prov. G.S.W.; S. B. King, P. Prov. G.D.C., Secretary, G. S. Findley, P. Prov. G.D.C.; and several other members of the lodge. Bro. Emra Holmes, Prov. G. Reg., and S. Wright, S.W. of the British Union Lodge attended as visitors. There had been an initiation, passing, and raising on the lodge summons, but neither of the candidates had been able to attend. Bro. N. Tracy, therefore, in order that the brethren should be profitably employed gave the lecture on the tracing board appertaining to the first degree which was much appreciated by the brethren present, as that able brother is one of the most expert Craft Masons in the province, and holds the office of Preceptor jointly with our learned brother the Rev. R. N. Sanderson (without doubt the most distinguished Mason in Suffolk) of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction recently formed in connection with the British Union Lodge. The routine business of the lodge having been completed the brethren retired for refreshment. Bro. Gamman presided at the banquet and proposed in due course "The Queen," "The Grand Master" and

the other customary toasts. Bro. N. Tracy responded for the Past Provincial Grand Officers, and Bro. Emra Holmes for the present holders of office in the province. Bros. Churchyard, Holmes and others, contributed to the harmony of the evening, and the brethren separated before twelve, after enjoying a very pleasant social hour.

LEICESTER.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 279).—The working of this lodge, after the summer recess, was resumed on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Bro. Clemon Stretton, P.G.W., W.M., ever zealous in the discharge of his important duties, had taken a special run from Brighton, in order to preside. There were also present Bros. E. J. Crow, I.P.M.; A. Palmer, S.W.; J. W. Smith, J.W.; W. Weare, Treas.; J. M. M'Allister, Sec.; G. W. Statham, S.D.; C. E. Stretton, J.D.; S. Tebbutt, Org.; Rev. J. H. Smith, Chaplain; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G.S.; F. A. Wykes, Sec. 523; and E. Mason, 1391. Owing to an unfortunate accident to one of the candidates, and the unavoidable absence of others, the ordinary business set forth in the agenda could not be transacted. The W.M. therefore embraced the opportunity to impart instruction to those present who had recently devoted themselves to our ancient, and honourable Order, by the further elucidation of those secrets which consist in the exercise of every social, and moral virtue, not only in their ostensible actions of our conduct, but also in private life, our latent springs being science and truth, our Craft reason and good sense, our plots and contrivances sincerity and benevolence, and our revenge against our enemies—as Pythagoras tells us—labouring to convert them into friends.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—The usual meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at the London Bridge House Hotel, when in the absence of the W.M., Bros. Forbes and Williams were raised by Bro. Hyde, P.M. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and Bro. Viner Bedolfe, M.D., the W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of the lodge, and the charter or warrant committed to his keeping for the ensuing year. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. P. A. Nairne, Hon. P.M. of the lodge. The new W.M. immediately proceeded to invest Bros. Vorkins, Sugden, Abbott-Dunbar, and the other officers, with their respective collars, after which three candidates being proposed, and the usual business transacted, the brethren adjourned to partake of the well-known hospitality of the Bridge House Hotel. Since the previous meeting the lodge has had to mourn the death of its chief ornament, Bro. Thomas, and the "Thomas Memorial Fund" was responded to by brethren of the lodge. The excellent Treasurer, Bro. Reynolds, also by the application of that old instrument of torture, the charity box, succeeded in extracting some pounds from the members' pockets on behalf of the "distinguishing" virtue. The Masonic Hall Company was well represented on the occasion by Bro. Stevens, W.M. Great City Lodge, and Bro. Larham, both directors of the company, whilst the acceptance of the office of Architect to that proposed institution by Bro. E. Clark, P.M., P.G. Sup. of Wks. Middlesex, was felt to be very satisfactory, both out of respect to him, and as a pledge that under his able and business like management, it would be carried to a successful issue, for it is to the persevering influence of Bro. Clarke, as founder and first W.M., that the Sphinx Lodge owes much of the success which attends it at the present day. Healths were duly given and harmony prevailed, when the brethren, in obedience to the retarded Tyler's Toast, and like Gray's Ploughman, plodded their homeward way leaving the world to its "darkness."

COLCHESTER.—*St. Edmund's Lodge*, (No. 1008).—The first monthly meeting of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, 1008, since the summer recess, was held at the Angel Hotel, on Wednesday 8th inst. The meeting possessed unusual interest, as on this occasion a very handsome testimonial, consisting of an elegantly chased silver salver, weighing forty-four ounces, and a purse of 30 guineas, were presented to the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. W. H. Lucia. The testimonial was the result of a subscription set

on foot among the members, and there were over 70 contributors. The presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. W. W. E. Bailey, who alluded to the great services which Bro. Lucia had rendered in the cause of Freemasonry since his initiation into the Craft in 1845. In conjunction with Bro. Diver he succeeded in resuscitating Lodge 100 at Yarmouth, and afterwards served as its Master. During the time he had the honour of filling the chair in that Lodge, he formed one of a deputation who waited upon Bro. B. B. Cabbell to request him to take the vacant Grand Mastership of Norfolk. They were successful in their object, and Bro. Cabbell is still the highly esteemed Grand Master of the neighbouring Province. On Bro. Lucia's removal to Bury, he, finding that there was then no Masonic Lodge in the town, exerted himself, with a few other brethren, to establish one, and the result was the consecration of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, 1008, which has since prospered exceedingly, and is now one of the largest and most influential in Suffolk. Bro. Lucia took pleasure in visiting neighbouring lodges, and his exertions in the cause of Freemasonry were rewarded by the offer of the chair of the Junior Warden of the Province, which he accepted, and filled for the exceptionally long period of three years. On the retirement of Bro. Marriott, Bro. Lucia was appointed P.G. Secretary, an office which he still holds with the greatest credit to himself and the satisfaction of the brethren. He has also acted as Secretary of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, ever since its foundation, and has twice passed the chair. It was as some acknowledgment of these long and varied services that this presentation was made by the brethren of his Lodge. The salver bore the following inscription:—

"Presented, with a purse of thirty guineas, to Bro. W. H. Lucia, Past Master 100 and 1008, Past Prov. G. J. W., and Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk, and Sec. 1008, by the Brethren of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, 1008, as a mark of their appreciation of his exertions for the establishment of the Lodge, and of his lengthened and valuable services in the cause of Freemasonry. Bury St. Edmund's, 8th October, 1873."

HAMPTON.—*Era Lodge* (No. 1423).—The brethren of this lodge met on Saturday, 11th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex, Bro. F. Walters, P.M., Sec., P.G. Steward Middlesex, opened the lodge, and presided over the meeting. The Rev. Bros. M. Holden, P.M. 907, and Bro. J. H. Milburn, 80, were elected joining members. All the candidates were unanimously elected, and as no one in this Province can be balloted for and initiated at the same meeting, the initiations were deferred until December, which will be the next regular meeting. The raising of Bros. J. H. Milburn, and E. G. B. Holder, of Lodge No. 673, to the third degree was most ably performed. The Rev. Bro. Holden, P.M., was unanimously recommended to the office of Provincial Grand Chaplain in 1874. Bro. S. Woolf was elected Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School, in March, 1874. Notice of motion was given to vote ten guineas from the lodge funds for a testimonial to Bro. John Thomas Moss, for services rendered to the lodge. Several candidates were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, after which Bros. J. H. Milburn, E. G. B. Holder, and others, greatly contributed to the evening's enjoyment by some capital songs and recitations. There were present Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.G. Steward Middlesex, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P. G. Chaplain, Middlesex, P.M., Chaplain; E. H. Thiellay, S.D.; J. Baxter Langley, I.G.; A. F. Loos, S. Woolf, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Smeed, P. Prov. G.W. Middlesex, P.M.; H. C. Abraham, and E. G. B. Holden.

DAWLISH.—*Salem Lodge* (No. 1443).—Such of our readers as follow the reports of proceedings in Devonshire will remember that in August a meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Dawlish, when the Salem Lodge was

consecrated. There was not time however, after all the business of the Province had been transacted, to instal the first W.M., Bro J. S. Short, and consequently the ceremony was deferred till September the 9th, when it was performed by Bro. Cann, of Exeter. The officers were appointed and invested, and no reason remained why operations should not be commenced forthwith. The W.M. did not long defer the performance of his duties, for he summoned his brethren to meet at the rooms in the Town Hall, appropriated to the purpose, on Wednesday, September the 17th, when all who had been concerned in forming the lodge met to work the ceremonies for the first time. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., a ballot was taken for four candidates, which proved unanimous in their favour, and they were at once conducted through the ceremony of initiation, which was very creditably worked by the W.M. and his officers, most whom were quite new to their duties. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.W., at the request of the W.M. delivered the charge to Bros. S. J. Whidborne, J. D. Smith, H. L. Friend, and R. Tripe, and also the lecture on the first tracing board. Some arrangements were made in reference to the compilation of bye-laws, a candidate was proposed, and no other business offering, the first labours of the lodge terminated in peace and harmony. The members of the Salem Lodge assembled for their second meeting on Wednesday, October, the 15th, all the officers being in their places, viz.:—Bros. J. S. Short, W.M.; S. Loram, S.W.; W. Ball, J.W.; Tomes, Sec.; G. B. Avant, S.D.; C. W. H. Spencer, J.D.; Hullett, W.M. 303, I.G.; P. Haggerty, Tyler. By request of the W.M. Bro. Dr. Hopkins occupied the chair of I.P.M. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. James Horsham, as a candidate for Masonry, which proved unanimously favourable. Bros. Widborne, Smith, and Friend were then examined as to their proficiency in knowledge of the 1st degree, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, the candidates were re-admitted, and passed to the rank of Fellow-Craft, the ceremony being commenced by the W.M., but, owing to his sudden indisposition, completed by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who also gave the charge and the lecture on the second tracing board. The lodge was then closed in the second degree by Bro. Short, who had resumed the chair of W.M. The candidate for initiation named above was admitted properly prepared, and received the benefit of the first step in Freemasonry at the hands of Bro. Dr. Hopkins, (owing to the continued indisposition of the W.M.) who also gave him the charge. Again the W.M. took his position and conducted the remainder of the business, which consisted mainly in the reading and adoption of the proposed bye-laws, and the consideration of some communications on Masonic business from various quarters. Several candidates were proposed, whose claims for the privileges of Masonry will of course be considered at the November meeting. The lodge was finally closed and the brethren dispersed at about ten o'clock.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—A meeting of the Lion and Lamb Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst. Present Comps. Roberts, M.E.Z.; Newman, Copstick, Birdseye, Cook, Muggeridge, Yeoman, Cann, Figes, Jones, Cox, Chapman, and Kenning. Visitors, Comps. Boyd, Little, Thiellay, Archer, Taylor. Bro. Bartholomew of the Vitruvian Lodge was exalted, the officers for the ensuing year was then balloted for, the result being unanimous in favour of Comps. King, M.E.Z.; Roberts, and Newman, the usual banquet and toasts followed.

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—*Rose and Thistle Lodge*, (No. 158).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Thursday, 2nd

October, when there were present Bros. G. P. Brockbank, Past G. Mark Warden, W.M.; John Tunnah, P. Prov. M.O., S.W.; Robert Harwood, P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon, as J.W.; Thomas Entwistle, P. Prov. Mark Master. (Lancashire,) Wilson, Rutter, Sharples, Newton, Brown, James Horrocks, Thomas Morris, Prov. G. Mark Sword Bearer, and others. The lodge being opened in due form and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. John Tunnah, P. Prov. Grand Mark Overseer, was installed into the chair by Bro. Entwistle, P. Prov. G.M.M., and the following brethren appointed and invested as officers of the lodge viz.—Bros. T. H. Winder, S.W.; Thos. Wilson, J.W.; Martin Rutter, M.O.; Jas. Brown, S.O.; Jas. Pillington, J. O.; Rev. E. J. Bolling, Chaplain; John Sharples, Treas.; Robt. Harwood, Reg. of Marks; Jas. Newton, Sec.; R. Knill Freeman, S.D.; Samuel Crowther, J.D.; Thomas Entwistle, Dir. of Cers.; J. W. Taylor, Org.; Frank Ainsworth, I.G.; Wm. Dawson, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Entwistle for his services as Installing Officer. A Past Mark Master's Jewel was ordered to be presented at the cost of the lodge, to Bro. J. P. Brockbank, the retiring Master, as a mark of appreciation for his valuable services in the chair. A candidate was proposed for advancement and the lodge was then closed.

Knights Templar.

CAMBUSCAN.—The Knights Templar of the No. 3, Encampment here (by virtue of charter from the Grand Conclave of Scotland, dated 1812) held their annual meeting on Friday, the 10th inst., for the election of office-bearers for ensuing year. The Sentinels being posted, the encampment was opened in due and ancient form, when the election took place, and stands as follows:—Sir Knts. W. Jarvie, M.N.C.; J. Jarvie, P.C.; G. Brown, C.G.; Jas. King, First A.P.C.; J. Fulton, Second A.P.C.; Jas. Twaddell, Third A.P.C.; Wm. Burns, U.C.; E. Rennie, Treasurer; A. M. Young, Recorder; John Paterson, Prelate; Robt. Weir, Standard Bearer; Jas. Punn, Sword Bearer; Jas. Burns, P.C.; John Jarvi, Janitor. The Sir Knights were afterwards called from labour to refreshment, and spent the night harmoniously together until high twelve, when the encampment was closed in due form, and the Sentinels called in, the encampment broke up, each one being seemingly well pleased.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

BOLTON.—*St. Peter's Chapter*, 18°.—A convocation of this chapter of Rose Croix was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, where there was the largest gathering of the Order yet held in this part of the country. The chapter was opened, according to the old established ceremonial of the Order, by Bro. Thomas Entwistle, 18°, M.W.S., shortly after four o'clock, supported by the following officers and members of the Order:—Bros. G. P. Brockbank, 31°, P.M.W.S.; the Rev. P. Hains, acting P.; C. F. Matier, 30°, 1st Gen.; Dr. J. D. Moore, 30°, 2nd Gen.; R. Harwood, 18°, Raphael; Reginald Young, 18°, C. of Guard; J. W. Taylor, 18°, H.; J. Martin Rutter, 18°, Registrar; J. Newton, 18°; J. Brown, 18°; S. Chatwood, 18°; J. Lloyd, 18°; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, 18°; J. E. Hall, W. Pennington, Joseph Wood, J. T. Poulter, A. Midgley, F. Ainsworth, T. Clark, W. Doyle, J. E. Jackson, T. Morris, 18°; T. Ashmore, W. Shortis, T. W. Brockbank, J. T. Poulter, and others. The records of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The following candidates for installation were balloted for and declared duly elected:—J. C. Lunt, T. Ashmore, T. Clark, W. Doyle, J. E. Jackson, and W. Shortis (Liverpool), W. Hewitt, W. H. J. Jones, and R. K. Freeman (Bolton), J. Hall, (Salford), A. Midgley (Huddersfield), and J. K. Poulter (Leeds). Eleven candidates being in attendance, were duly installed, the principal portion of the work being done by Bro. C. F. Matier, assisted by Bro. Entwistle. There being no other

business of importance the chapter was closed and the sovereign princes sat down to an excellent and substantial tea.

Red Cross of Constantine.

EDINBURGH.—*St. Giles's Conclave* (No. 103).—The second monthly meeting of this new conclave was held on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., when there were present Em. Sir. Knts. H. E. Jones, M.V.S.; R. Irlam, E.V.E.; Sir. Knts. A. M. Bruce, S.G.; J. M. Thuson, H.P.; A. W. Rennie, Treasurer; D. Shearer, Rec; J. Clark, Prefect; E. Sellentin, S.B.; W. Schintzter, S.S.; and a large attendance of Sir. Knights. There were also present as visitors V. Em. Sir. Knts. J. B. Mercer, K.G.C., P.S. No. 4; and Em. Sir Knts: J. Taylor, E.V.E. No. 4.; The Conclave having been opened by the M.P.S., the following brethren viz.—Thomas Davie, M.M. No. 39, S. W. Haywood, M.M. No. 145, and Brownlie M.M. No. 392, were after due examination admitted and duly installed as Knights Companions of this illustrious Order. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Recorder submitted a code of Bye Laws prepared by the committee appointed for that purpose, which after careful discussion and some slight alterations were finally adopted. The altar, a very chaste piece of workmanship, presented by the E.V.E., was greatly admired by all present, as was also a handsome Testament, presented by the High Prelate. Several proposals for admission were then made, and the conclave thereafter closed in ancient form.

LEICESTER.—*Byzantine Conclave* (No. 44).—The regular meeting took place on Wednesday, the 8th instant, at Freemason's Hall, Leicester, when there was a full attendance of officers and members. As however none of the candidates on the roll were in attendance, the time was principally occupied with arrangements for the forthcoming visit of the Grand Council on the 21st instant.

LIVERPOOL.—*Skelmersdale Conclave* (No. 77).—An assembly of the Masonic Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, connected with this flourishing conclave, was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Monday, 6th inst. Em. Sir. Knt. Henry Nelson, M.P.S., occupied the throne, and in the conclave chamber were assembled the following members of the Knightly Order:—Sir. Knights J. T. Callow, V.E.; J. Banning, S.G.; W. Cottrell, J.G.; H. Jackson, H.P.; T. Ashmore P.S., Treas.; J. McCarthy, Rec.; J. Skeaf, P.S.; W. H. Corbin, S.B.; H. Morris, O.; C. Leighton, Org.; W. Quayle, H.; P. Ball, S.; J. C. Lunt, M.P. S. 97.; J. Dawson, W. Oldham, C. Clements, H. Jones, H. Burrows, J. Lolley, J. Atkinson, and J. Wood, Treas. Ill. Sir. Knts. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Dep. Int. Gen. for West Lancashire, and Past Sov. 55; and Sir. Knts. R. Washington, H.P. 55; were present as visitors. After the records had been read and confirmed and the muster roll called, several candidates were balloted for and approved, and Bros. Large and Gordon, being in attendance, were installed as Knights of the Order. The whole of the ceremony was admirably performed by the M.P. S. and his officers, but special mention is due to Sir. Knt. H. Jackson, H.P., who gave the oration and historical lecture in a manner which could not possibly have been excelled. After the labours of the evening the Knights sat down to refreshments, and during the evening after the loyal toasts, Em. Sir. Knt. Nelson, M.P.S., proposed "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Bective and the Supreme Grand Council." In responding to the toast, Ill. Sir. Knt. Smith, D.I.G. for W.L., referred with great satisfaction to the progress which the Order had made in West Lancashire, the manner in which the work of the conclave was done, the furnishing, and the clothing, all of which were most unquestionably the best out of London. He had also the greatest pleasure in notifying the fact that the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale had kindly consented to take the Intendant Generalship of the two provinces of West and East Lancashire. Ill. Sir. Knt. Smith then proposed "Em. Sir. Knt. Nelson, M.P.S.," to whom, he

said, they were indebted for much of the prosperity and progress he had referred to. The M. P.S. replied in suitable terms, and then gave the "Em. Past Sov., Sir. Knt. T. Ashmore," who responded. "The Officers," "The Newly Installed Knights," "The Private Members," were amongst the other toasts of a most enjoyable and harmonious assemblage. Songs and recitations were contributed by Sir. Knts. Jackson, Banning, Mc'Carthy, Large and others.

CENTENARY BANQUET OF THE FORTITUDE LODGE, TRURO.

The monthly meeting of this ancient Lodge, on Tuesday last, was of a very interesting nature, from the fact that on that day was celebrated the rooth anniversary of its existence.

For some time past Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M., has been hard at work in obtaining evidence of its uninterrupted existence for 100 years, and has succeeded in securing a recognition of the fact from the R.W. the Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon, in the shape of a warrant from the Grand Lodge, authorizing the members to wear a Centenary Jewel, commemorating the event. A large number of brethren assembled at the lodge, among whom were the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Sir. F. M. Williams, M.P.; the Past D.P.G. Master, Bro. Reginald Rogers; Bro. W. Tweedy, P.M., P.G. T.; and many Past Masters and brethren from other lodges. During the evening a very interesting presentation was made to Bro. W. J. Hughan, consisting of a beautifully illuminated address, and a gold jewel. The address was as follows:—

"To the Worshipful Bro. W. J. Hughan, P. M. 131, P. Prov. G. Sec. for Cornwall, &c., &c.

"Dear Sir and Bro.—We, the undersigned, on behalf of the brethren of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro, in pursuance of a resolution unanimously passed at a lodge meeting, held this day, desire to offer you our hearty thanks and warmest congratulation on the success that has attended your arduous efforts to obtain from the Grand Lodge of England a warrant conferring on us the distinguished privilege of wearing a centenary jewel.

"We are justly proud of this mark of distinction obtained no less by your persevering efforts in rescuing the obscure and scattered records of our lodge from oblivion than by the influence and weight which your position in the Craft as an author and historian has given to the evidence you have been able to adduce of our antiquity.

"We have always felt, as a lodge, greatly honoured in numbering so distinguished a Mason on our Roll of Past Masters; and the example you have shewn of self sacrificing zeal in advancing the cause of Charity, and the noble principles of our Order, will, we trust, be an incentive to us to aim at the highest point of Masonic honour and virtue.

"In conclusion, we would express our most fervent hope that T.G.A.O.T.U. may long spare you to pursue your researches 'into the hidden mysteries of nature and science.'

(Signed) "W. Middleton, W.M.

"N. B. Bullen, S.W.

"J. C. R. Crewes, J.W.

"H. Hosking, Sec.

asonic Rooms, Quay Street, Truro,

Oct. 13, 1873."

On completion of his Mastership in 1868, Bro. Hughan was presented with a gold lever watch and a gold Past Master's jewel, from the manufactory of Bro. Kenning.

The W.M., Bro. Middleton, who has also devoted a great deal of time, and worked energetically with Bro. Hughan in this matter, was also presented with a gold jewel by the officers of the lodge. After the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet was prepared, presided over by the W.M., Bro. Middleton, and supported by the D.P. Grand Master, and many distinguished brethren. During the evening Bro. Hughan gave a most interesting history of the lodge, from its formation at Chatham, in 1772, to the present year, and intimated his intention of publishing a small

volume on the subject, which the growing taste for Masonic antiquarianism will cause to be eagerly welcomed.

The whole proceedings were most heartily entered into by all present, and it can safely be affirmed that no more pleasant gathering of the lodge, during its 100 years of existence, has ever taken place.—*Cornish Weekly News.*

PRESENTATION TO BRO. G. B. ADAMS, IN GLASGOW.

Bro. G. B. Adams, the worthy Treasurer of Lodge 360, Proxy Master of 187, and a very active member of the Royal Arch and K.T. degrees, who for many years had filled the onerous position of Manager of the Western Club, the most aristocratic establishment in the city, having resigned his position, a few friends determined to present him with some tangible mark of their esteem, but out of respect to his well known feeling, it was determined to keep it private.

The presentation took place on Friday, Oct. the 3rd, at Bro. McKenzies, the Athole Arms, who had provided a sumptuous banquet. In the absence of Bro. J. Davison, the Chairman of the Committee, Bro. G. W. Wheeler presided, while Bro. J. Balfour ably filled the office of Croupier.

As some present were not Masons, no purely Masonic toasts were given, but the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had full justice done to them. Capt. Farquarson, of the Reserve Force, Editor of *The Greenock Advertiser*, replied on behalf of the Army, Navy and Volunteers; Bro. Fox, on behalf of the Clergy; Mr. Bissett, for the Lord Provost and Town Council, proposed by the Croupier; Bro. McCrewe, replied for the Trade and Commerce of Glasgow.

The Chairman said they had now come to the toast of the evening, the "Health of their esteemed guest, Bro. G. B. Adams." His only regret was that their proper chairman was not there to fulfil this duty, for he had not had the privilege of knowing Bro. Adams so long, but he could say that the longer he had known him the more he had respected him. (Cheers). He was one of those men who improve upon acquaintance, one of those who did good by stealth and then blush to find it fame, but in the present company it would be a work of supererogation to rehearse his many good qualities, and the very fact of this testimonial being got up in less than three weeks, and without it ever being mentioned either in a lodge room or any other public place. Had it been otherwise the amount might have been larger, but he knew their friend would value it the more as the offering of a few of his private friends—that the feeling thus evinced would be prized more than the money value of the gift. He would now hand him a silver snuff box with a suitable inscription. As a business man he had shown that he was "up to snuff," and from the kindness of his heart he hoped he would never want a friend "at a pinch." He had also to present him a purse, containing 75 sovereigns; they were bright pure metal, and of intrinsic value, and therefore a very appropriate testimonial to one who had proved that his virtues were of a similar character. (Cheers). At this moment Bro. Davison entered. He appealed to the company, explaining that in consequence of the break down of a mineral train, himself and friends had been obliged to stop at a siding for three hours and a half, knowing all the time that his friends would be wondering at his absence from the post he had promised to fill, but he was deeply indebted to his friend Wheeler for stepping in to fill his place.

Bro. Adams then replied in a very feeling speech, saying he was quite overpowered by this unexpected proof of their regard and kindness; he could not think that his past conduct had earned it, so that he must endeavour in the future to show that their kindness had not been misplaced, but would redouble his efforts to be serviceable in his day and generation.

Bro. J. Davison having assumed the chair, Bro. R. Stewart rose to propose "The Health of Bro. Wheeler," who had very kindly got them out of their difficulty by so efficiently filling the

chair. As one of Mr. Adam's most intimate friends, he thanked him, and when he informed the meeting that on Mr. Wheeler's list was the largest sum that had been given by any single individual, viz., that by Mr. G. Kenning, proprietor of *The Freemason*, and that this was given, not because Bro. Kenning was a friend of Bro. Adams, but simply because the late chairman had vouched that he was a good and true man. This spoke volumes for the heart and conduct of both, and would commend the sentiment he had to propose to them now. (Cheers.)

Bro. Wheeler replied in suitable terms, and proposed "The Health of Bros. Bell, Tweed, and Munro," who were absent through illness.

The Croupier gave "The Members of the Western Club," who proposed this testimonial. Messrs. Fox and Stewart responded.

The Chairman, in a very eloquent speech, gave "The Ladies."

Mr. Adams responded in felicitious terms, saying he yet hoped to be blessed with some good man's daughter.

Bro. Fox, in a highly humorous speech, in which he alluded in happy terms to the narrow escapes of their friend, then proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who replied, and proposed that of the "The Host," for the excellent way in which he had catered for their enjoyment that evening.

Mr. McKenzie acknowledged the compliment.

The last toast was "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again," after which Auld Lang Syne was sung by the company, thus closing in harmony this truly social gathering of the friends of Mr. G. B. Adams.

Bros. Davison, Balfour, Fox, Ure, Farquarson and Graham, by their excellent singing, added considerably to the pleasure of the evening.

Masonic Tidings.

The death is announced of Mr. George Ormerod, of Sedbury Park, Gloucestershire, F.R.S., F.S.A., D.C.L., &c., a well-known antiquary. He was eighty-seven years of age.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, held at the Restaurant, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., on Tuesday evening, October 28th, 1873, at half-past six o'clock precisely. W. M. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, G.P. The annual banquet will take place on Tuesday evening, November the 4th.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on Wednesday, the 29th instant. The Lodge will be opened at 7.0 p.m. by Bro. Lattreille, P.M. 1056, who will occupy the chair on this occasion.

The St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, No. 144, has removed from 33, Brompton-road, to the Rose Tavern, 86, Fulham-road, where its meetings will be held, every Friday evening at 7.30.

BATH ABBEY.—A window for the south transept of this church, which is in course of restoration, was promised by a friend in Bath in 1872, in commemoration of the restoration of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The window, which is by Messrs. Clayton and Co., is just completed, and adds greatly to the adornment of this ancient and beautiful edifice.

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Answers to Correspondents.

The following communications stand over:—

Letters from "Lupus," "True Blue."
Reports of Lodges 73, 1327, 1326, 606; Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex; Mark Lodge 161; K.T. Preceptory Prince of Peace; Grand Conclave Red Cross of Constantine.

G. T.—Your communication arrived too late for insertion last week, as also did that of the present week.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

CAVE-BROWNE-CAVE.—MARSHALL.—Oct. 14, at the Parish Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, by the Rev. T. K. Finch, Rector of Stafford, and the Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave, vicar of Ethel, Bro. the Rev. Edward F. Cave-Browne-Cave, M.A. rector of Bretherton, Lancashire, to Sarah Maria, daughter of the late William Marshall, Esq., of Penwortham Hall, Lancashire.

HALPIN—MUNN.—Oct. 14, at Christ Church, Southport. Bro. Captain Halpin, of the S.S. "Great Eastern," to Jessie, youngest daughter of the Hon. J. Munn, of Newfoundland.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1873.

THE OPENING OF THE MASONIC HALL
AT PHILADELPHIA.

The accounts of the opening and the consecration of the new and magnificent Temple at Philadelphia are not only very interesting in themselves, but seem to show pretty conclusively that the labours of that eventful day for the Pennsylvanian Masons were most truly crowned with all the success and completeness that all true Freemasons could wish.

The 26th September was to those who witnessed its advent and its departure, and will be for many a long year, to the loyal Masons of Philadelphia, a red-letter day indeed!

Indeed the word "Philadelphia" itself seems to suggest thoughts and feelings most congenial with fraternal unity and brotherly love.

To use the words of a somewhat gushing but excellent reporter "daylight dawned this morning" (the 26th) "bright and salubrious, and Philadelphia was made happy, for this was to be a day of days in the annals of the city's history."

We need not carry our readers through long details and longer columns of type, as some of us have seen Masonic processions before, and have read of a good many Masonic dedications, but we will shortly sum up the account of the large gathering and "impressive ceremonies," as our contemporary, *The New York Herald*, terms them, which duly marked the inauguration and dedication of the great Masonic Temple at Philadelphia.

It seems that 300 lodges in the State were represented at this assembly of the Pennsylvanian Grand Lodge, besides 50 lodges of other jurisdictions, and that 12,000 brethren marched in the procession, the route of which was carefully guarded by 900 police, under the command of Captain Thompson of the detective department, and amid numberless crowds of spectators.

"To form some idea of the grand pageant, almost countless," says the same active reporter quoted above, "from a description on paper would be a faint picture. It had to be

seen to be fully realised. Fully 12,000 men were in line. Each person was attired in full black evening dress, white gloves and aprons; every ostentation was strictly eschewed, not a banner was to be seen in the entire line, except such as were displayed from the buildings. The entire route marched over is estimated to have covered nine miles."

The arrangements inside the temple seem to have been as excellent and as effective as those without.

Of course, as it was impossible to accommodate 12,000 brethren within the hall, the dedication ceremonies were proceeded with in the presence of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge members, and the visiting brethren alone. These were such as are customary in like cases in the Craft, but we are struck with the presentation of the Architect, Bro. Windam, to the Grand Master, and the emphatic encomiums he passed on that skilful brother, and which, from the account of the building itself, and the print of it we have seen, appear to be most fully merited.

These needful ceremonies were concluded at last, and that great building now remains dedicated and consecrated, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe to Freemasonry. And long may it happily so continue, and minister to the peace and happiness and comfort of the Philadelphian brethren, and the progress and prosperity of the Pennsylvanian Grand Lodge.

We therefore feel it our duty, as English Masons, to congratulate our brethren in Philadelphia and in America on the completion of this, their gigantic undertaking, and the happy success which has attended their labours, their devotion, and their sacrifices. They have the gratification of believing and knowing that they have so far the most elaborate, and the most extensive, and the most ornate Grand Lodge buildings in the world, and such as will undoubtedly serve to enhance the value and importance of Freemasonry in the eyes and feelings of their countrymen in America.

Now we look on the erection of all such "stately and superb edifices" to be most truly, not only for the good of Freemasonry, but the welfare of mankind.

Wherever "Freemasons most do congregate," there we find the liberal arts and sciences are sure to find friends and patrons, and we see goodwill, peace, charity, and toleration, the distinguishing ornaments of those who boldly avow their fealty to their Supreme Grand Lodge, and adherence to their own Masonic principles.

Freemasonry has had opponents in past times, and has its impugners now, but no one can deny that there is, that there must be, some bond of constraining power and efficacy which thus brings men together, greatly different and differing other respects, whether in political views, or denominational teaching, for one common purpose of fraternal concord, active benevolence, and sympathising good will.

And thus, beyond the mere gathering at Philadelphia, on September 26th, for the purpose of dedicating that new and goodly building to Masonic uses and purposes, that firm march of 12,000 united brethren tells a remarkable tale to

the thoughtful mind of the unity of our great Masonic system, and the active power of its great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

But besides this, we feel that we in England are bound ever to hold out the warm hand of fellowship and the genuine welcome of true Freemasonry to our brethren and the lodges in America.

For not only may we claim American as the child of English Freemasonry, and therefore we all ought to feel the deepest interest in its progress and prosperity, but the American Masons, as it seems to us have deserved indeed well of the Masonic Fraternity at large, for they have surmounted great difficulties and dangers, they have lived down open persecution, they have adhered faithfully to the principles of Freemasonry, and now they have their reward in the peaceful yet rapid expansion of their Order, throughout their great country.

Few of us there are, we think, in respect of the United States, who do not often echo the words of that anonymous poet, who sang so well and so truly:—

Land of the Pilgrim Fathers, the refuge of the free.

With what forgiving tenderness our hearts have beat for thee

The ancient feuds were banished, and the battle-fields o'ergrown

And thy heroes to our history were as precious as our own.

Thy sons and ours have walked abreast as kins-folks and as friends.

As men who seek the same high goal and choose the same pure ends.

Thy sons and ours we thought should teach the world to hold in awe,

The cloudless face of liberty, the level gaze of law.

And hence with this record fresh before us of Pennsylvanian Masonic enterprise, and with an appreciation of the zeal and energy and earnestness of our American brethren, we are glad to be permitted to day to offer them, in all heartfelt sincerity, the assurance of our warm congratulations and of our fraternal goodwill.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.

We wish to draw the attention of our numerous readers to the advertisement of the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-book for 1874.

Among the many valuable additions made in the issue for the coming year, we may mention that the London meetings of every degree appear in the memorandum space of each day, the country lodges in towns, alphabetically arranged.

The Charge and Entered Apprentice's Song as also been added.

We feel assured that this year's issue will prove of far greater value than any of its predecessors.

The editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Acciajoli,

THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

SIXTH ARTICLE.

(Continued from page 339.)

THE HIGH GRADES.

The change in the Constitution of the Templar Order, lately completed, will tend to modify considerably the relations existing between Craft Masonry and the High Grades in this country, and until time has tested the new arrangements, it is almost a matter of speculation to what extent the modification may reach.

The new Order, with its sounding title, and absurdly incongruous costume, patronised as it is by Royalty, and commanded by the Heir Apparent, may attain to a lustre, before which the scintillations of "Sovereign Princes," "Grand Inspectors," yea even of "Holy Emperors" shall wax dim, or it may continue to be here, what it has hitherto been, a kind of stepping stone to those "ineffable" degrees, which the rank and file of Masonry, however worthy as men and as Masons, may hope to reach, but not to pass, the good things beyond being reserved for the chosen few who come up to the required standard of fitness, appointed by the happy monopolists above.

Our business just now is simply to see in what way the influence of the "High Grades" has been brought to bear on our proposed new constitutions, the final settlement of which has been fixed for the ensuing month of November.

There are just two laws to which it is necessary to direct the attention of our brethren, so that they may be prepared to expunge or modify, if they think it fit so to do—statutes that if passed as they stand, are intended to protect, and perpetuate a state of things that has been, and if continued must always be, most injurious to the true interests of Freemasonry.

Proposed rule 30 reads thus:—

"The Grand Lodge strictly prohibits as unlawful, all assemblies of Freemasons in Ireland, under any title whatever, purporting to be Masonic, not held by virtue of a warrant or Constitution from the Grand Lodge, or from one of the other Masonic Grand bodies, recognised by, and acting in Masonic union with it. Any brother being a member of any lodge on the Registry of Ireland, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, who shall take part in such unlawful assembly, or shall join or become a member of any body or society purporting to be Masonic, and not in connection with or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge or other Masonic grand body recognised by it, shall be liable to suspension, or such other penalty as Grand Lodge may think fit."

There can be no reasonable objection to the first clause of this proposed law, which, with some slight verbal alterations, is identical with one of the existing rules, but the second clause is entirely new and has evidently been inspired by a desire to bring the power of Grand Lodge to bear for the protection of the monopoly of certain high degrees, which in its character as governing body of Craft Masonry, it has nothing to do with, and of which in fact, in such capacity, it officially knows nothing.

It is not necessary now to narrate the history of what is known here as "The Manchester Movement" Some of these days if I have time, and feel so disposed, I may have something to say on that subject, and if all the facts of the case were fairly stated, probably many brethren, who are very imperfectly informed in the matter, might see reason for changing their views. At present we have to consider the bearing of the proposed new law on the Order generally, although there can be little doubt that the movement to which I have alluded gave birth to the objectionable clause in the proposed new law. Let it be clearly understood that the omission of the words "in Ireland" after society, is not accidental. Their insertion has been suggested in the proper quarter, and has been deliberately rejected.

As the proposed addition to the existing law stands, it is a most unwarrantable attack on the individual liberty of the members of our Order. It is quite right, having regard to the position of Freemasonry in Ireland, and to the various sur-

rounding circumstances, that Grand Lodge should take every precaution to guard against the introduction of societies purporting to be Masonic, but not under its jurisdiction, or that of any governing body with which it is allied, But by what right would it attempt to interfere with its members joining any society, in England or Scotland for example, sanctioned by the laws of the land, and friendly to Freemasonry. For instance:—

Probably the oldest and most respectable representative of the "high grades" will be found in "The Royal Order of Scotland." A call to membership of that Order would justly be considered a high honour to receive. But as "The Royal Order" is not, I believe either "in connection with or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge or other Masonic Grand body recognised by it," it follows that any member on the Irish Registry accepting such honour, would, if this law be passed, "be liable to suspension or such other penalty as Grand Lodge may think fit." The same remark of course applies to the English "Order of Rome and Constantine." It is not however applicable to "The Rosicrucian Society of England" as they preface their rules by the statement "The Society of Brethren of the Rosy Cross, is totally independent, being established on its own basis, and as a body is not otherwise connected with the Masonic Order, than by having its members selected from that Fraternity."

"En passant" I would commend this statement to the attention of the heads of the "New United Orders." Altering the title, it would admirably suit their position, and would honestly define it.

If Grand Lodge should think it right to pass the proposed new law in its entirety and unlimited as to locality, I believe the result will be most mischievous. Practically, I am inclined to think it will be inoperative, and therefore weakening to the general authority of Grand Lodge. It is one thing to submit to laws as to the mere expediency of which we may differ. It is another thing to obey those whose inherent injustice makes it almost a duty to disregard them.

The other rule to which I call attention is No. 133.

"Any brother expelled, suspended, or restored by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the Grand Priory of High Knights Templar, the Grand Chapter of Prince Masons of Ireland, or the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree for Ireland, shall on the case being officially communicated to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, be expelled, suspended, or restored, as the case may be, without any further enquiry or investigation."

I still maintain the view I long since stated, that strictly speaking both of the last named above Orders are unrecognized, and consequently illegal, but waving that point we have to consider is it for the advantage of Craft Masonry, that the Grand Lodge should be compelled, without enquiry to suspend or expel a member, at the bidding of the so-called "High Degrees?"

I cannot, I think, do better than quote the statements of one who is justly regarded as a very high authority in Masonry, and who cannot be considered as otherwise than friendly to the "High Grades," holding as he does their highest honours.

Bro. Albert G. Mackey, in his "Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence," in dealing with the subject of "Expulsion," rules thus, (page 538, et seq.)

"An important question remains to be discussed, which refers not only to the penalty of expulsion, but also to that of suspension. Does suspension or expulsion from a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council of Royal and Select Masters, or an Encampment of Knights Templar, carry with it, as a necessary consequence, suspension or expulsion from Symbolic Masonry? To this question, reason and the general usages of the Order lead me unhesitatingly to reply that it does not. The converse of the proposition is, however, true, and suspension or expulsion from a Symbolic lodge is necessarily suspension or expulsion from all the higher bodies.

"The principle upon which this doctrine is based is a very plain one. If the axe be applied

to the trunk of the tree, the branches which spring out of it, and derive their substance through it must die. If the foundation be removed the edifice must fall. But a branch may be lopped off, and the trunk will still live; the capstone may be taken away, but the foundation will remain intact.

"So Symbolic Masonry, the Masonry of the lodge, is the trunk of the tree, the foundation of the whole Masonic edifice. The Masonry of the chapter or the council is but the branch which springs forth from the tree, and receives all its nourishment from it. It is the capstone which finishes and ornaments the building that rests upon Symbolic Masonry. Hence there is an evident dependence of the higher on the lower degrees, while the latter are wholly independent of, and may exist without the former.

"Again, from the very organisation of the two institutions, a chapter is not recognisable as a Masonic body by a Symbolic lodge. A Master Mason knows, technically, nothing of a Royal Arch Mason. In the language of the Order 'he may hear him so to be, but he does not know him so to be' by any of the modes of recognition used in Masonry. 'We cannot conceive,' says the Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Texas, 'by what sort of legerdemain a lodge can take cognisance of the transactions of a chapter, an entirely independent body.' But chapters, on the other hand, are necessarily cognisant of the existence and the proceedings of lodges, for it is out of the lodges that the chapters are constructed. And if a Master Mason were expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry, and if this expulsion were not to be followed by a similar expulsion from the chapter, then all Master Masons who should meet the expelled Mason in the latter body would be violating the law by holding Masonic communication with him.

"Lastly, under the present organisation of Masonry, Grand Lodges are the Supreme Masonic tribunals over all Master Masons, but exercise no jurisdiction over chapters, councils, or encampments. If, therefore, expulsion from either of these bodies involved expulsion from the lodge, then the right of the Grand Lodge to hear and determine causes, and to regulate the internal concerns of the institution, would be interfered with by an authority outside of its organisation, and beyond its control.

"The law may, therefore be explicitly stated in these terms:—suspension or expulsion from a chapter, council, or encampment, does not involve a similar sentence from a Symbolic lodge. But suspension or expulsion from a lodge carries with it, ex necessitate, suspension or expulsion from every higher degree."

I shall not occupy space by re-stating what has been so admirably put by our Bro. Mackey, but may mention that in the recently confirmed new laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, which came into operation on the 1st of July last, the above principle has been adopted, and the former compact with the Templars, Prince Masons, &c., no longer exists. It will be well if Grand Lodge follows the example.

It would I think 'be very desirable, if Grand Lodge would also adopt another rule recently enacted in the Royal Arch Order, and would prohibit its subjects from wearing, at any meetings of subordinate lodges, whether for labour or at refreshment, any apron, device, or decoration, other than those permitted to be worn in Grand Lodge.

By this means we would be assimilated on that subject with the English practice. Our members would not be so anxious to obtain "high degrees" for the purpose of gratifying the unmasonic vanity of flaunting their jewels in the presence of those whom they profess to meet "on the level." And other brethren would not be likely to be tempted to go to "a foreign jurisdiction" to obtain degrees, the insignia of which they would not be permitted to wear at any purely Masonic meeting.

In conclusion, let me express an earnest hope that when we meet next month, for our most important purpose, we shall have well considered and duly weighed the bearing of the various matters under discussion, that the good of Free-

masonry, pure and simple, will be our leading desire, that neither time-serving nor expediency will be suffered to interfere with principle, and that those who have the power, will exercise it well and wisely, for the general welfare of our Institution.

"May Prudence direct us, temperance chasten us, fortitude support us, and justice be the guide of all our actions." So mote it be.

JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH,
P.M. Commercial Lodge No. 245.

Dublin, Oct. 12, 1873.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

The annual Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of the province of Norfolk was held at Yarmouth, on Friday, the 10th inst., and the day being beautifully fine, there was a numerous attendance of brethren in full Masonic Craft clothing, at the Hospital School, at half-past 11. At high twelve the lodge was opened in due form by Bro. the Hon. F. Walpole, D.P.G.M. The lodge was in mourning in consequence of the death of the late Grand Master of all England, the Earl of Zetland. Among the brethren of the province present, in addition to the Worshipful D. Prov. G.M., Bro. F. Walpole, M.P.; Bro. Major Penrice, S.W.; Bro. G. W. F. Loftus, and Bro. A. M. F. Morgan, Secretary; there were Bros. G. Brittain, H. J. Mason, J. Scott, R. Gunn, J. A. Gore, J. E. H. Watson, G. Kersey, T. Lord, F. Wright, R. J. Lord, G. Baxter, H. J. Martin, R. Kiddell, F. W. Lock, G. Green, C. T. Love, G. T. Furse, J. E. Bane, J. F. Boswell, F. Mills, P. Soman, A. Hanlon, G. B. Mickleburgh, J. H. Martin, G. Plumstead, A. T. Death, E. Beeston, W. Standley, C. Palmer, J. H. Christopher, H. Howlett, W. G. Greenwood, H. S. Campling, H. A. Campling, R. Chadwick, G. S. Woodlark, E. Bostock, J. Hodges, F. Mills, H. Bly, D. R. Fowler, J. N. Palk, G. A. Ashley, W. Barnard, T. White, G. W. Pretty, F. Danby Palmer, E. Barwell, J. Hammond, J. W. Smith, C. Bonfellow, H. Brand, C. Chipperfield, W. L. Palmer, J. G. Franklin, G. Harvey, C. Clarke, and others. The visiting brethren were numerous. Those from Suffolk included Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Prov. G. Chap., and there were also present:—Bros. W. A. Bowler, W. W. Walesby, T. C. Blanchflower, G. Fenn, J. F. Hills, J. S. Sterry, G. H. Cooper, S. Pike, and many others.

The following are the appointments made by the Deputy Grand Master:—

Sir W. Bagge,.....	Prov. G. S.W.
R. Cates,.....	Prov. G. J.W.
J. R. Chadwick,.....	Prov. G. Reg.
Rev. T. White,.....	Prov. G. Chap.
J. Barwell,.....	Prov. G. Treas.
A. M. F. Morgan,.....	Prov. G. Sec.
A. Hanlon,.....	Prov. G. S.D.
G. Plumstead,.....	Prov. G. J.D.
G. O. Last,.....	Prov. G. S. of W.
H. J. Mason,.....	Prov. G. D. of C.
George Baxter,.....	Prov. G. A.D.C.
G. Plumstead,.....	Prov. G. S.B.
George Brittain,.....	Prov. G. O.
John Franklin,.....	Prov. G. Purst.
R. Gunn,.....	Prov. G. Tyler.
T. H. Gaze,.....	Prov. G. Steward.
Rev. J. P. Deacon,.....	" " "
J. Parke,.....	" " "
S. Pike,.....	" " "

At half-past two o'clock the brethren attended divine service at St. Nicholas Church. There was a large congregation. The sermon was preached by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. T. White, M.A., in aid of the Yarmouth Hospital. The service was full cathedral. The rev. brother selected as his text Proverbs, iii. 6, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." In commencing his sermon the rev. gentleman dilated upon the wisdom of Solomon, whom he characterised as being one of the greatest Masters of Masonry, and whose noble intellect had been tutored by the Almighty until it became the wonder of his own day and the admiration of succeeding ages. Of this divine wisdom and of all Solomon's morality, the foundation had been the maxim

embodied in the text. Among Freemasons the Book of Proverbs was highly valued, and he would not be revealing their secrets if he said their Order was founded upon the acknowledgment of God in all things, and that this was the starting point of all the ceremonies and the keynote to all its ritual. He urged the brethren to practise what they professed, for without God human enterprise was futile and human philanthropy abortive. Experience and God's worth both proved that their efforts could only be crowned with success when they put their trust in Him. Without this acknowledged dependence on infinite wisdom and love, it mattered not what designs were set on foot, they would meet with failure, but if they adopted this principle they would be, like wise builders, laying down a strong corner stone. The merest tyro in Freemasonry knew that their ancient and honourable Order rested on the fullest acknowledgment of the sovereignty of God. He then referred to the universality of this belief, and dilated upon the connection which this belief in God had with the leading principles of Freemasonry, and urged the brethren to divulge their mysteries only by truth, comparison, and religious devotion. They were assembled in a Christian church; they had joined in solemn praise to Almighty God; there was no antagonism between Christianity and their art; the best Christians would make the best Masons. He compared Freemasonry to a rainbow encircling the earth, beautiful even to those who knew nothing of its formation, but far more to the scientific student. "He is not a Jew who is one outwardly, but he is a Jew who is one inwardly." Let truth be their guiding star on the voyage of life, for this principle alone would enable them to lay out their lives according to the Masonic rule. There was everything in their art to impress upon their minds the truths of religion and morality, and Masons would never forget it was God who had stretched forth the heavens as a canopy and planted the earth as His footstool. They were urged to copy love, because He had so loved them; and pity, because of His infinite mercy towards them. The sick and suffering would never appeal in vain to Masons, and in contributing towards the funds of the hospital they would not forget that "The liberal soul deviseth liberal things." It was not necessary to urge this upon Masons, for none better understood that "The quality of mercy is not strained;" their guiding motive was the doing of good. Let them imitate their gracious Lord, who went about doing good, by showing mercy to all in need; and let them carry into their lives those virtues they were taught assiduously to cultivate.

The collection on behalf of that excellent institution, the Yarmouth Hospital, amounted to £13 4s. 5d.

The brethren having returned to the school-room, some further business was transacted, and the Grand Lodge having been closed in due form, an adjournment was made to the Town Hall, where Bro. Franklin supplied a magnificent banquet, the hall and the tables being beautifully embellished. In addition to the brethren already named, there were present Bros. Sir. E. H. K. Lacon, Bart, M.P., Captain Dods, and Captain Coleman. Altogether 147 sat down. The chair was of course taken by the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master. In proposing the toast of "The Queen," the Chairman said he was sure it would be most heartily drunk by the brethren of the Craft, as it ought to be by all men who valued public worth or esteemed private virtue (cheers). "The Grand Master of England the Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon," was honoured in the usual way, and the Chairman next proposed "The Health of P.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Lord Carnarvon, and other Past Grand Officers," the toast being acknowledged by P.G.C. the Rev. C. J. Martyn who eulogised the personal and Masonic good qualities of the Prince, and the great distinction of the D.G.M. (Lord Carnarvon) both as a statesman, and a Mason. The Chairman then gave "The Health of the venerable Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell," who has so eminently cultivated the first great principle of Freemasonry—charity. Bro. Sir

E. H. K. Lacon proposed. "The Health of the D.P.G.M., which was drunk with great enthusiasm. In responding, the Worshipful D.P.G.M. expressed his great pleasure in welcoming so many young Masons in the province, who would hand down the traditions inherited by the Craft and improve their knowledge of them by assiduous attendance at lodges of instruction. It would, he was afraid, be necessary for them in Norwich to look out for rooms in which finally to locate themselves, for Freemasonry must not be peripatetic, wandering about in search of public-houses wherein to hold their meetings, and he trusted the Committee would be able to make a recommendation on the subject which would be acceptable to all of them. If Masonry had not flourished so much in the province as might have been expected, it was the fault of the Masons themselves, for there never were more energetic and worthy Masons than at the present time. He thanked them most sincerely for a thousand kindnesses he had received from them, and he trusted that Freemasonry would long flourish among us, and that its high principles of morality and of charity would ever be cultivated by them. He then gave "The Health of the Prov. G. C., the Rev. T. White," whom he thanked for his able and eloquent discourse. The Prov. Grand Chaplain, in responding, said he was very thankful that he had obtained the right to participate in the secrecy of Freemasonry. He had a brother who was highly versed in all the arts and secrets of Freemasonry, and the very high opinion he formed of the Craft from the life of his brother had led him to become a member. For the stream of benevolence and goodness which flowed from Freemasonry the world had much to be thankful for, and he was glad to say that the Craft had lived out the unjust aspersions which had been cast upon it. So long as a man was a social being, so long as in his nature there remained a sense of brotherhood with those around him, so long would Freemasonry continue and flourish. Might the benign influence of the Great Architect of the Universe foster their efforts to create good fellowship among all conditions and ranks of men, and might this sinful and suffering world of ours be sweetened by the light of divine truth, and render the Craft, more than it had ever been a means by which men might look up to God as their loving Father, and look around upon their fellow men as brothers in heart and soul.

The Chairman then proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers, past and present," which was acknowledged by P.P.G.S.W. Bro. Major Penrice, who expressed his gratification at having seen the lodge so well attended.

A few other toasts, and most of the brethren (including the D.P.G.M.) departed to catch the mail train. A jovial party, however, stayed, under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. J. Martyn, till a late hour. The worthy host of the Crown and Anchor (Bro. Franklin), although unwell, made (as usual) such excellent arrangements that the brethren will remember with pleasure the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge to Yarmouth.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, October 7th, at the Masonic Temple, when a considerable number of brethren attended to show respect to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dr. John LeCronier, who, owing to the absence of Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M., opened the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, supported by Bros. A. Schmitt, P. Prov. S.G.W., as D.P.G.M.; J. G. Scott, P.G.S.W.; W. L. Pugsby, J.W.; P. W. Benham, Treas.; J. Durell, P. Prov. G.S.W.; C. Kingworthy, P. Prov. S.G.W.; F. Cooke, Reg.; J. O. LeSueur, Sec.; Geo. J. Renouf, S.D.; R. Barrow, J.D.; Elias A. Owen, Supt. of Wks.; Ed. Martel, as D.C.; Major Woodall, S.B.; J. Oatley, Purs.; Prov. Grand Stewards, Masters, P.M.'s and Wardens.

The minutes of the previous Grand Lodge were read and unanimously confirmed. The Secretary then read the minutes of the Com-

mittee of the P. G. Fund of Benevolence, shewing that they were able to alleviate the distresses of several necessitous brethren in the Province.

The Treasurer presented his annual statement, duly examined by the Audit Committee, which was approved and passed. The report of the Board of General Purposes was likewise read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The brethren were now called to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. A. Schmitt at once nominated Bro. Benham; this motion being seconded by Bro. J.G. Scott, was carried unanimously.

The P.G.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—

- Ph. Binet,..... Prov. G.S.W.
- Geo. J. Renouf, Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. C. Marett, M.A. Prov. G. Chaplain.
- C. Dodge, Prov. G. Reg.
- J. O. LeSueur, Prov. G. Sec.
- J. Oatley, Prov. G.S.D.
- F. P. LeMarquand, Prov. G.J.D.
- P. O'Bryan, Prov. G.S. of W.
- Ed. Martel, Prov. G.D.C.
- K. Blamfield, Prov. G.A.D.C.
- Ellias A. Owen, Prov. G.S.B.
- Jos. Gregg,
- G. Grigg Prov G. Purst.
- L. Bennett, W.M. 244 Prov. G. Steward.
- A. Taylor, W.M. 245 " " "
- Jos. O'Flaherty, W.M. 958 " " "
- L. Pitcher, W.M. 1003..... " " "
- Holloway, S.W. 245 " " "
- Levesque, S.W. 244 " " "

This being the regular period of elections of the Board for General Purposes, the Scrutineers collected the balloting papers and withdrew. On their return they handed to the P.G.M. a list of the result of the ballot, when the following brethren were declared members of the Board for the ensuing year:—

Bro. A. Schmitt, President; C. Kingworthy, P.M. 245; J. Oatley, P.M. 590; W. T. Pugsby, P.M. 245; Jos. O'Flaherty, W.M. 958; J. G. Scott, P.M. 491; R. Barrow, P.M. 491; F. P. Lemarquand, W.M. 491. It was moved by Bro. A. Schmitt, seconded by Bro. Benham, and carried unanimously:—

"That the sum of £10 10s. be voted to the Masonic School for Girls."

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in form.

At 6 o'clock the brethren sat down to a dinner presided over by the acting P.G.M. who was supported on his right by Bros: A. Schmitt, Benham, J. Durell, F. Cooke, and J. Oatley; on his left by Bros. Scott, Pugsby, and C. Kingworthy.

Bro. Ph. Binet, occupied the vice-chair, where the usual loyal Masonic toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent in a truly Masonic spirit.

CONVEYANCE OF GOODS BY MEANS OF AIR.—

The Pneumatic Company (Limited) have opened a receiving office in the Post Office Yard, St. Martin's-le-Grand, at the corner of Cheapside, from whence they now dispatch goods to and from the railways. The company have in working a service of cars of some 10 or 12ft in length, and these are forced through the tubes from the Central office in Holborn, at the rate of 30 to 40 miles an hour by a steam engine and powerful pneumatic apparatus. The little air subway can be seen in the vault beneath the office at the Post Office Yard. The office itself is conveniently fitted up for the reception of goods, and the cars will take packages of considerable size. The little building fills up what has hitherto been an ugly blank by Mr. Sweeting's.

It is stated that an Irish club for London is to be established in the City.

WIRE-QUILTED SOLED BOOTS, which save 50 per cent. in wear, may be had from Burgess, 29A, Oxford-street, W; Speak, 13, Broadway, Ludgate-hill; Blundell, 66, Fore-street, City; Lewis, 209, Liverpool-road, N.; and elsewhere. N.B.—Your regular bootmaker can procure soles ready-quilted in every size from the Wire Quilting Company, Limited; or have his own leather quilted by forwarding same to the Company's works, Leicester.—ADVT.

Original Correspondence.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, SOUTH SHIELDS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

One or two slight errors crept into your otherwise excellent report of the interesting ceremony connected with the laying of the foundation stone of the above church, on the 18th Sept., which I am anxious to correct, as they have led astray several of my clerical and lay brethren, who are about to engage in church building, and who have recently written to me for information upon the subject.

The minimum estimated cost of the church is not £4,000, as reported, but £4,513, exclusive of extras, which are already beginning to trouble the Committee. The total cost of the building cannot be much less than £5,000.

The population of the new Parish of St. Mark is nearly three times larger than the number given in your paper, viz., over 8,000, and not 3,000 only.

The people are all, either working men and women, or tradesmen in a small way of business, so that the difficulties experienced by the Committee in raising so large a sum as £5,000 may perhaps be imagined, but certainly cannot be put on paper.

The Committee will have to raise £1,000 during the next twelve months, otherwise the church cannot be consecrated.

I desire very cordially to thank the Masonic brethren who honoured us with their presence on the 18th Sept., also those who have kindly assisted us with their contributions.

I may add that the proceedings left a deep and most pleasant impression on the minds of the inhabitants of South Shields, many of whom have since told me that they never before witnessed such a magnificent procession. The arrangements were evidently the result of considerable forethought and tact, and reflected great credit on the brethren who conducted the ceremony.

Yours Fraternaly

D. EVANS.

Incumbent of St. Mark's, South Shields.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not know whether "X.O.," who writes on "Spiritualism Or?" in the *American Herald*, or Bro. Keet, who sent the communication for publication in the *Freemason*, intended to perpetrate a joke, or seriously meant it as an invitation to "spiritualistic mediums" and men of science. I can hardly suppose the latter, but if so, they can know but little, if anything, on the subject on which they write.

Whatever may be the relation between mesmerism, biology, and the phenomena of spiritualism, all being the result of some imponderable agency, the investigations that have been made, and the facts that stand upon record, afford abundant proof that they are not identical. In mesmerism and biology one person can act upon another, mentally and physically. But it is not so in "spiritual phenomena," and X.O. is altogether wrong in supposing that certain sounds and the moving of material bodies are effected at the will of the medium.

The medium is as powerless in the effecting of any of these phenomena as are the substances operated upon, and "the joint wills of several mediums" are of as little effect as is the will of a single medium.

"The discovery of the points" referred to, are therefore, altogether out of the question. The will of a medium has nothing at all to do with the occurrences which take place, whether the moving of material substances, the utterance of audible voices, the writing of intelligent sentences, the production of drawings, or conversations carried on by the various means familiar to those who investigate the phenomena. If the investigations of scientific men, and the placing of mediums at their disposal, for such investigations, are what is desired by X.O. and Bro. Keet, they may be informed that if there be any lack of such investigations it is not the fault of spiritualists.

Spiritualistic mediums have, over and over again, offered to submit their claims to the strictest test, and have invoked the judgement of scientific men upon them. Mr. Home, for instance, proposed to submit the phenomena which are so often witnessed in his presence, to Professors Faraday and Tyndall, and it is to be regretted that they did not more frankly accept the invitation addressed to them. But there are scientific men who have not refused to investigate the subject, with the acquiescence of mediums; Professor Hare, of Philadelphia, for instance, a scientist of great repute, although believing that the so-called phenomena of spiritualism were the results of trickery, believed the subject to be of so much importance as to be worth the most elaborate investigation; and to guard against the possibility of fraud on the part of the mediums, he contrived an apparatus, which, if spirits were actually concerned in the phenomena, would enable them to exercise their power independently of control. And the results were so conclusive, that he became known as one of the most eminent spiritualists of America. At this moment, we have several fellows of the Royal Society, amongst whom are Messrs. Wallace, Crookes, and Varley, each, perhaps, the most eminent scientist in his own department of knowledge, who have conducted the most patient and searching investigation into the subject, and who have all avowed their conviction of the reality of the phenomena, and of their production by some invisible power; as may be seen in the Report of the Dialectical Society, and elsewhere. These gentlemen know as much of mesmerism, biology, and spiritualism as most men, and they know that although the phenomena of each are of a very marvellous description, they are by no means to be identified as the same. Whether mesmerism be capable of suggesting "a new mode of telegraphy to all parts of the world, without cables," by putting two mesmerised persons *en rapport*, I will not undertake to say; but to obtain this through two spiritualistic mediums being placed *en rapport*, is not, I believe, on the cards.

I concur with Bro. Buchan, in believing that when the history of this century shall come to be written, it will present some curious pages, and I believe that of those not the least noticeable will be the flippancy with which pretenders to knowledge treat things they know nothing of, and the credulity they display in believing things that are utterly incredible. I am quite willing to leave those who know me, and have known me for many years, to determine whether I am the poor fool which Bro. Buchan is pleased to depict me, and also, to determine whether Bro. Buchan is likely to obtain any respect, by misrepresenting what I wrote, in order to furnish the ground whence he might assail me. I spoke of six or seven conversations, of from two to three hours and a half in length. He reduces them to one, which, "if it was not aided by trickery, was the mere result of imagination." It is quite clear that Bro. Buchan is as ignorant of the literature of spiritualism, as he is of its facts, or he would not, at this time of day, write such trash as he does of "Spiritualistic tricksters coming to seances fully prepared," and of the phenomena being "a coarse compound of trickery, credulity, animal magnetism, nervous disorder and spectral illusion," and if he was not as arrogant as he is ignorant, he would not seek to hold me and others up to ridicule and contempt, as the victims of such nervous derangement as to render us only fit for a lunatic asylum.

We are lunatics in good company however, for although he is ignorant of the fact, it is well known that several fellows of the Royal Society, including its president, and each eminent in his own department of science, are all so fully convinced of the verity of what he calls "a coarse compound of trickery, credulity, animal magnetism, nervous disorder and spectral illusion" that they have been, for some months, investigating the phenomena, under conditions which preclude the possibility of any of the causes which Bro. Buchan, in his wisdom, assigns for them.

Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM CARPENTER.

RESUSCITATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AT PAISLEY.

Abbey Chapter, No. 76, which, owing to the death within the last few years of several of its most active members, and the removal from the town of others, has been practically dormant, though still retained in the roll of chapters, was formerly re-opened on Monday Oct. the 20th, principally owing to the exertions of Comp. H. Rowan, the indefatigable Scribe E., and Jas. Anderson, the R.W.M. of the Renfrew County Kilwinning Lodge, No. 370, in whose hall the chapter met, having in, conjunction with Comp. Guy, P.Z. of Chapter 109, invited a member of the Glasgow companions to assist in resuscitating the chapter, and on the appointed day sent out a carriage and pair of greys to convey them to and from their destination. Some others availed themselves of other modes of conveyance, and Johnstone also sent its deputation to assist in the good work.

On the arrival of the Glasgow brethren, they not only met with a fraternal greeting, but found a substantial repast awaiting them, thus having refreshment before labour.

At the request of the Paisley companion the chapter was officered by Glasgow brethren, assisted by Comp. Guy, of Johnstone. The offices were thus filled, Comps. L. Crabb, P.Z. of 50, P.G.S.N. as Z.; John Frazer P.H. 50 as H.; G. B. Adams, P.J. of 50, J.; W. Guy, P.Z. 109, Scribe E.; J. Tweed, J. of 73, Scribe N.; G. W. Wheeler, H. of 73, First S.; D. Robinson 50, Second S.; R. Moss, 50, Third S.; John Crabb, 50, Captain of the Vail; J. M. Oliver, Scribe E. 69, Captain Second Vail; W. Nicholson, 69, Captain of Third Vail; J. Johnson, 109, Treasurer; A. A. Smith, T. 50, I.G.; J. Miller, 50, Organist.

A Lodge of Mark Masters was then opened, and the following five brethren, who had previously taken that degree, were affiliated as members of this Mark Lodge, viz., Bros. J. Anderson, J. G. Drummond, Mark Cook, J. Marshall, W. E. Nevan, having been initiated into the mysteries of this degree and duly passed through the veils, a Holy Royal Arch Chapter was then opened, and the same five gentlemen were exalted to that degree. The whole of the ceremonies were worked with that precision that distinguishes Comp. Crabb's working.

The solemn music, so well rendered by Comp. Wheeler, Z. 60, and the gorgeous robes and head dress of the three Principals, which were supplied by Comp. G. Kenning, combined to produce a deep effect, not only on the minds of the candidates, but also on all the companions present, while the embellishments of the hall and the tracing boards of the Arch, as well as those of the Craft, that were displayed on the walls, while unusual in a Scotch Lodge, yet added much to the effect, and all present will long remember the favourable auspices under which the Abbey Chapter was re-opened. The whole of the visiting companions were then affiliated, and the chapter closed.

After the protracted labour was over the companions proceeded to refreshment, and in the unavoidable absence of the First Principal of the chapter, Comp. Jas. Anderson, R.W.M. 370, was called to the chair. He expressed the great pleasure it had given him to have been instrumental in getting up this meeting, and he was sure that all would be pleased at the successful result, the kindness of the visiting brethren, the correctness of the working, and the magnificence of the dresses, taken altogether, had produced such an effect upon his mind that he must acknowledge his total inability to do justice to it.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, "The Three Grand Chapters" was given by Comp. Jas. Crabb. Comp. G. W. Wheeler, responded on behalf of England, he being a member under that Constitution as well as the Scotch. Comp. Fraser replied on behalf of Ireland, stating it was a favourable augury for the Abbey Chapter that it had been re-opened by Representatives of the three Grand Chapters, Comp. Gray responded for Scotland. The Chairman then gave "The Visitors from Glasgow," Comp. Jas. Crabb replied and pro-

posed "The Five Newly-exalted Companions." Comp. Anderson replied, stating the gratification they had all derived from having been exalted under such very favourable circumstances, and with such accessories. Comp. Wheeler proposed "The Sir William Wallace Chapter, No. 109, and the Companions from Johnstone," which was acknowledged by Comps. J. Johnson, and J. W. Gray, the Z. and P.Z. of 109. The Chairman then gave "69," responded to by W. Nicholson, who said that after traversing all quarters of the Globe, he still loved to visit his native place and mix with the brethren of the Mystic Tie. Comp. J. M. Olive, Scribe E. 69, also briefly acknowledged the compliment. Comp. Gray gave "Chapter 73" which was responded to by Comp. J. Tweed, J.; and Comp. G. Wheeler, H. of that Chapter. Comp. Adams said that the two last speakers, as well as himself, and Comp. Jas. Crabb had left a meeting of Knights Templar to be present to-night that, proving the fraternal feeling that exists in the various grades of Masonry in Glasgow and its vicinity. "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again" was then given, and with "Auld Lang Syne" wound up this truly successful and harmonious meeting. The pleasures of the evening were materially enhanced by the really excellent singing of Comps. James and John Crabb, J. Miller, D. Ross, Robinson, Gully, Fraser, and last and not least, A. A. Smith, who presided at the harmonium at refreshment, as Comp. Miller had officiated during the ceremonies, and the Glasgow Companions returned, well pleased that their visit to Paisley had been so pleasant to all.

FREEMASONRY IN THE WEST INDIES.

It is gratifying to us to observe that in the *Tobago Gazette*, the Government Journal, there is the following notice of the appointment of the Honorable Joseph King Wattley, Chief Justice of Tobago, to the Provincial Grand Mastership of the Province of the West Indian Islands, under the Scotch Constitution. The notice is headed by a device and is in the following terms:—

"GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—A quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held yesterday afternoon, in the Freemasons' Hall, George Street, Edinburgh. The M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the Right Honourable the Earl of Roslyn, occupied the throne, and was supported by the Right Honourable the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., Past Grand Master. After several matters had been disposed of, on the recommendation of the lodges in the West India Islands, Bro. Chief Justice Joseph King Wattley, was unanimously appointed Provincial Grand Master of that Province."—From the *Edinburgh Courant* of 5th August.

The above appointment, it need scarcely be added, gives unbounded satisfaction to the members of the Craft, not only in this Island but generally throughout the West Indies, where Bro. Wattley's services have been for many years known and appreciated, and to the lodge No. 488, it is highly complimentary."

Glasgow is to be the resort next year of the Social Science people. It is a long step from the Wensum to the Clyde. In the magnificent city of steamships and ironfoundries the congress will be surrounded with mightier proofs of industrial enterprise and commercial well-being, but they will hardly receive a heartier welcome than was accorded in Norwich.

SEDABENT.—The only guaranteed cure for Toothache.—This extraordinary application, marvellous in its effects, gives immediate relief, without injuring the tooth, and forms a temporary stopping. 1s. 1/2d. post free 1s. 3d. The CORALITE TOOTH PASTE, for cleansing and improving the teeth, imparts a natural redness to the gums, and gives brilliancy to the enamel. Price 1s. 6d. The ROYAL DENTIFRICE, prepared from a recipe as used by her Majesty, gives the teeth a pearl-like whiteness, and imparts a delicious fragrance to the breath. Price 1s. 6d. Sold by all chemists and perfumers, and by the proprietors, MESSRS. GABRIEL, the old-established Dentists, 72, Ludgate-hill and 50, Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At the election of twenty girls from a list of thirty-one candidates, on Saturday, 11th inst., the following were the unsuccessful candidates:—

	Votes.
Ann Gertrude Tippet.....	347
Helen E. Weedon.....	597
Adela E. Thomson.....	129
Harriet Davis.....	504
Ellen Lambden.....	76
Louisa C. Sirr.....	552
Maude Ada Jay.....	129
Alice M. Newbould.....	288
Maria English.....	164
Agnes K. Chapman.....	504
Alice M. Thornbury.....	542

The votes polled will be carried on to the next election.

A list of the successful candidates was given in last week's *Freemason*.

Obituary.

COMP. DYER. P.Z. 185.

It has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to call another member away from the Jerusalem Chapter, Comp. Dyer, P.Z. and Treasurer. He breathed his last on Thursday, October 2nd, 1873. His remains were interred at Kensal Green Cemetery, on the 9th ult. A number of the Craft attended, to pay the last respects to the deceased Companion, among whom we noticed the following companions of the Chapter: Holbrook, M.E.Z.; Watts, P.Z.; Burton, P.Z.; Shepherd, P.Z.; Arliss, P.Z.; Davage, P.Z.; Harfield, P.Z.; F. R. Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E. pro tem., Gillard, Wagner, and P. Robinson. At the last convocation Comp. F. K. Stevens was deputed to send a letter of condolence to the widow.

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford is greatly obliged to Bro. G. W. Chirnside, Liverpool, for the *New York Herald*, with the account of the opening of the new Masonic Hall at Philadelphia, but will not trouble him to send, kindly, the Philadelphia *Keystone*, or any further account, as he has received the same direct from Philadelphia. Bro. Woodford is much obliged to Bro. Chirnside.

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford is also deeply obliged to the editor of the Philadelphia *Keystone*, for the papers, and description of the Temple and dedication service, which he has received from him. Bro. Woodford has written to Philadelphia.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 31, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, October 25.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 3.30.
- " 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill.
- Red Cross Conclave, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, October 27.

- Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship, Bancroft-place, Mile End.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.
- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, October 28.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
- " 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate.
- " 1341, Ebury, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank.
- Chap. 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Stepney, at 8. Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, October 29.

- Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, October 30.

- General Committee, Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern' Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, October 31.

- Lodge 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-street, St. Luke's.
- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (No. 140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st. Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M. Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, November 1, 1873.

Monday, October 27.

- Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
- Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.

Tuesday, October 28.

- Lodge 393, Hamer, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, October 29.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Royal Hotel, Prescot, at 6.
- " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
- " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
- Alpass Encampment of Knights Templar, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction (573), 90, Duke-street Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, October 30.

- Lodge 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
- " 1384, Equity, Widnes, at 6.
- Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Friday, October 31, 1873.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, October 27.

- Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 119, Star, 12, Trongate.
- " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
- " 541, Marie Stuart, Crosshill.
- Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, James-street, Tradeston.

Tuesday, October 28.

- Lodge 413, Athol, 213, Buchanan-street.
- Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
- " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
- Thursday, October 30.
- Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street, at 8.

Friday, October 31.

- Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollockshaw's.
- " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
- Provincial Grand Chapter for Lanarkshire, 213, Buchanan street.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 1, 1873.

Monday, October 27.

- Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Tuesday, October 28.

- Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.
- Red Cross Conclave No. 4, Edinburgh, Ship Hotel, E. Register-st., at 8.

Friday, October 31.

- Lodge 223, Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, Salamander-street Leitn, at 8.

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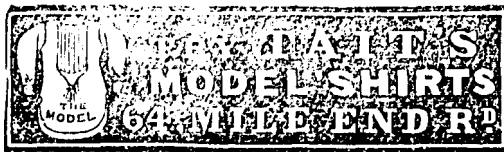
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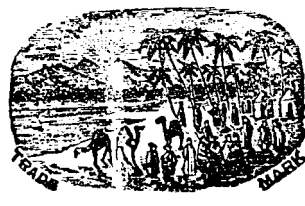
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Craft Masonry.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—After the long recess of six months, this justly celebrated old lodge held its regular meeting at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Tuesday, October the 21st. Bro. G. J. Grace P.M. 1178, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates for initiation into Freemasonry. The agenda paper was relieved by raising Bros. J. J. Hole, and J. E. Stephens to the third degree, passing Bro. E. J. Frisby, to the second degree, initiating Messrs. Whetherly, S. W. Sutton, and E. Buckland into Freemasonry. The work was well and ably done by the W.M. Several candidates were proposed for initiation at the next lodge meeting. The subject of the proposed new bye-laws was deferred until the next lodge meeting. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served under Bro. J. H. Spencer's personal supervision. It was all that could be desired and gave great satisfaction. The routine toasts were given, and a most agreeable evening spent. After dessert the coffee was served and the brethren separated. There were also present:—Bros. A. L. Dussek, S.W.; S. Harman, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, Prov. G. Steward Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Gomme, S.D.; T. J. H. Wilkins, Prov. G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M., I.G.; C. Rayden, D. of C.; G. Free, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M., and forty other brethren. The visitors list included Bros. A. M. Thomas, 134; W. Myatt, W.M. 871; J. G. Willett, 1076; T. Vincent, 1076; D. A. Ross, 1216; A. Alworth, J.D. 2269; F. Bouts, 1036, 1326, and others.

SHEERNESS.—*Adam's Lodge of Instruction* (No. 158).—This old and flourishing Lodge of Instruction held its annual meeting on the 16th inst., at the Britannia Inn, Mile Town, Sheerness, when a goodly number of the brethren assembled together. This lodge of Instruction was established on the 22nd April, 1841, by the principal brethren of Adam's Lodge, at that time for the instruction of M.Ms. These have all past from this lower lodge to the Grand Lodge above, except one, our respected Bro. Issac Townsend, P.M. and Secretary, P.Z., P. Prov. G.R., and P. Prov. G.S. of W. of the Province of Kent. He is the oldest Mason in the Province except one, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thorpe. Bro. Isaac Townsend was initiated in Lodge No. 79, Greenwich, in the year 1815, and joined Adam's Lodge, 158, in 1834, and has been Secretary for 28 years, and is still able to give counsel and instruction to the younger brethren. This Lodge of Instruction fell into abeyance about the year 1855, and was resuscitated in April, 1865, by Bros.

Keddle, J. Townsend, S. L. Townsend, Green Spears, Bagshaw, and Fleming, and its progress has since been marked by many of the brethren being able to take the highest places in the lodge, with credit to themselves and the Past Masters who superintend the working of the Lodge of Instruction. On Thursday, the 16th inst., the lodge was opened at 6.30. p.m. by Bro. A. Spears, P.M. and Treasurer, P.Z., P. Prov. G.O., when the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. Bagshaw, P.M. and W.M. of the Lodge of Instruction, when the financial business of the lodge was examined and found highly satisfactory. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, provided by Mrs. Green, of the Britannia Inn, (widow of the late lamented Bro. I. G. Green, P.M.) in her usual excellent style. The chair at the banquet was most ably filled by Bro. Bagshaw, P.M. After banquet the usual loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair, accompanied by brief, but appropriate remarks. To the toast of the "Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, and its Officers," Bro. Beckwith, W.M. of Adam's Lodge, and P.G.S. of Works, responded in a few but appropriate remarks. The chairman in proposing the "Officers of Adam's Lodge," forcibly urged on the brethren the desirability of attending the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Byston, S.W. of Adam's Lodge in responding to the above toast, made some very appropriate remarks on the necessity of continued and punctual attendance of the officers to their several duties, Bro. Spears, P.M., &c., in responding to the toast of the Past Masters, gave a short but graphic address on the three grand offerings which make the ground work of Freemasonry holy, illustrating them by the Parallel passages in Holy Writ. Bro. S. L. Townsend, P.M., feelingly returned thanks for the Hostess, Mrs. Green.

CARNARVON.—*Segontium Lodge* (No. 606).—This lodge held its annual meeting at the Castle, Carnarvon, on Tuesday, 21st inst., when there was a large assembly of the brethren. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Pool, assisted by all his officers, and he then initiated a candidate who had previously been accepted by ballot. Bro. M. Emanuel, P.M. of the lodge, of Israel, 205, then assumed the chair, and Bro. Bradbury, the W.M. elect, having been presented to him, took the necessary obligations. The W.M. having been saluted in the three degrees, then appointed and invested the officers of the lodge with appropriate remarks. Bro. Emanuel, P.M., then delivered the three addresses in a manner which, at the conclusion, drew forth the long and loud applause of the brethren present. A vote of thanks to Bro. Emanuel, P.M., for his services as Installing Master was then proposed by Bro. Humphrey, who stated that Bro. Emanuel had travelled expressly from London at his own expense to perform the ceremony of installing the new Master, and he proved his zeal for Masonry not only on that occasion, but also the four times he had travelled to Carnarvon to attend to his duty as Z. of the chapter in connection with this lodge. The proposition, on being put to the lodge, was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Sportsmen's Hotel, to a banquet prepared by Bro. Pugh, in his usual well-known style, and where a most pleasant evening was passed by the brethren.

BARROW.—*Hindpool Lodge* (No. 1225).—On Tuesday, the 16th inst., the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of this lodge took place at the Lodge Room, Hartington Hotel. The W.M. elect was P.M. Bro. George Cornfield, and the Installing Officer was Bro. Alpass, Prov. Grand Secretary assisted by Bro. Wade, Prov. Grand Master of Ceremonies, Bro. R. Pearson, P.M. 995; Bro. Dodgson, P.M. 995; and Bro. Bagot, P.M. 1021. The ceremony having been gone through with great solemnity, the W.M. appointed the following officers for the ensuing year, who were also duly installed into office, namely:—Bro. R. Hooker, S.W.; Bro. W. A. Kershaw, J.W.; Bro. W. M. Eckersley, M. of C.; Bro. R. B. D. Bradshaw, S.D.; Bro. E. J. Morgan, J.D.; Bro. J. Jeavons, Sec.;

Bro. B. Woodhouse, Treasurer; Bro. B. Caruthers, I.G.; Bro. Joseph Hill, O.; Bro. G. I. Hillier, Tyler. After the installation, which lasted upwards of three hours, the brethren passed in order from the lodge to the banquet room, singing,

"Hail Masonry divine."

Between 40 and 50 brethren sat down to a banquet which was of the most *recherché* description, reflecting great credit upon Bro. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, the host and hostess. The after proceedings were presided over by Bro. Cornfield, W.M., supported by Bro. Graham, I.P.M.; Bro. Ormandy, P.M.; Bro. Bagot, P.M.; Bro. Worrall, P.M.; Bro. Whiteside, W.M. 1390, and other visitors. After the passing round of the loving cup, the toast list was proceeded with. The first toast, given by the W.M., was "The Queen, the daughter, niece, and mother of Masons." The W.M. next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The W.M. then gave "The most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Earl of Ripon, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England." He said they might be glad in being so fortunate in finding so worthy a successor to the late M.W. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, and they ought also to be equally glad that the present M.W.G.M. had appointed such a worthy nobleman for his deputy, both of whom discharged their Masonic duties to the satisfaction and admiration of everyone concerned, especially when their high and important offices connected with the state were considered, which called for their almost undivided attention. He (the speaker) had not had the pleasure of visiting the Grand Lodge, but from that valuable medium, the *Freemason*, he could gather that the other officers gave that support to the M.W.G.M. which he so well deserved, and which showed they were so fitted for the honours they enjoyed. The next toast honoured was "To the immortal memory of our beloved late Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland," which was drunk in solemn silence. The W.M. proposed in most eulogistic terms "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Provincial Officers of West Lancashire." When he proposed the M.W.G.M., he said they should be glad that they had been so fortunate as to find such a worthy successor to the late M.W.G.M., but in coming nearer home, to their own province, he could say that he had been in the Provincial Grand Lodge at Wigan, Southport, and another place, where he had seen and heard the R.W.P.G.M. speak; and he was also at the Grand Masonic meeting at Manchester last October where he saw him holding a very distinguished office, and he came to the conclusion that the M.W.G.M. could not place the patent in better hands than in those of the present R.W.P.G.M. He also had appointed a worthy deputy, who took a great interest in everything appertaining to the welfare of the Craft. Of the rest of the present officers, especially those who they had met with in Barrow, Bros. Alpass and Wylie, he must say that the R.W.M. had made a very judicious selection, because they were so well acquainted with Provincial Grand Lodge affairs as to render their very valuable assistance, and he could say whenever they needed their assistance in Barrow they had invariably given it with willingness and courtesy. He coupled with the toast Bro. Alpass, P.G.S. Bro. Alpass, P.G.S. responded. Bro. Graham, then proposed "The Worshipful Master of Hindpool, Lodge, No. 1225." He said he need not tell them that he was well known by all, from the oldest to the youngest mason present, and also that the longer they knew him the better they liked him, not only for his Masonic capabilities, but for his private character. He looked upon the proceedings of the day as another honour to the lodge, inasmuch as the Worshipful Master had been elected a second time to fill the chair. He had known Bro. Cornfield for a long time, and he could bear testimony to the fact that his heart seemed bound up in Masonry, and as long as he lived he would give the lodge the help he was so well qualified to give. The toa

was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Cornfield, W.M., in responding, said he thanked them from his heart for the manner in which they had received the toast. He did not wish to be W.M. of the lodge another year, as he wished to see younger brethren in Masonry aspire to the office. He would rather have had the pleasure of installing one of the younger members into the chair than be installed himself, and with that desire in view he had chosen his officers. He hoped therefore he would have the pleasure of installing one of his officers for the ensuing year in the chair he now occupied. To enable him to do this, however, the various officers must be diligent in their attention to the duties of their respective offices. They had given him a promise, which he had exacted from them before their appointment, that they would attend all the lodges and lodges of instruction, unless prevented by urgent business or by sickness. If they would stick to him, he would endeavour to make this lodge second to none in this province. He would not endeavour so much to add new members as to perfect the lodge in its working and performance of the ceremonies. He again thanked them for the toast, and concluded by proposing "The Installing Officers," coupled with the name of P.M. Bagot, of Lodge 1021. Bro. Bagot, P.M., expressed the sense of gratitude he felt at the honour conferred upon him, by coupling his name with such an important toast. He congratulated the brethren on the choice they had made in electing Bro. Cornfield as their W.M. for the next year. With regard to the part he had taken in the installing ceremony, it was very small, but he hoped that it would soon become the invariable custom in this province for the I.P.M. to install his successor, so that at the close of every year they need not go out of Barrow to seek an installing officer. Bro. Baynes then rose to propose the Wardens and Officers of Ke. 1225. He said he was but a young mason, and therefore he felt the honor that had been conferred upon him by entrusting the toast in his hands. In all institutions there must be a certain class of officers, and as we have drunk the health of the P.M., we now come to the other officers. They might remember the words of Pope—

Order is heaven's first law,

Some are, and must be greater than the rest.

He thought they must congratulate themselves on the selection of officers made that day. He had heard that the S.W. had been three years a Mason, and yet he never missed one night in his attendance at the lodge meetings. That was good warrant of what might be expected of him this year. Then there was the J.W. whom he knew well, and from his character he would perform the duties of his office with honor to himself. So far as he knew the other offices were filled by younger brethren, and this, he thought, was as it should be. The duties of each office required a great effort of memory, and young men were just the parties to take office. Their minds were plastic and able to retain the ritual and able to perform the ceremonies. It became to them a labor of love, and the time they spent they would not regret. Whatever society we might belong to there was no doubt that its success depended a great deal upon the respectability, the integrity, and the efficiency of its officers, and we should always remember

Our acts like angels are if good, if ill

Our everlasting shadows that walk by us still. He begged to couple with the toast the Senior and Junior Warden. Song by Bro. Haslam, S.W., 1021. S.W. Hooker was much obliged to the brethren for the toast, and for the very flattering remarks made by Bro. Baynes. It was his intention during the year to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and, if he kept his health, to be in his post every lodge night. J.W. Kershaw also responded, and promised the W.M. all the support he could possibly give in the performance of his arduous duties. Song by Bro. Hooker. Bro. Cornfield, W.M., then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Graham, and in doing so remarked that he had been most regular in attendance upon the lodge, and in the performance of his duties during his term of office

and was entitled to the best thanks of the brethren. He (the speaker) was very sorry to say that the Past Master's jewel, which it was intended to present to Bro. Graham, had not yet arrived, but he hoped to be able to make the presentation at the next regular lodge meeting, when he hoped as many of the brethren as conveniently could would be present. Bro. Graham said he felt deeply grateful for the manner in which the toast had been received, and assured the brethren that it had been his heart's desire to fill the office to the best of his ability in the interest of Masonry. He had had some difficulties to contend with, as every W.M. had, but he was glad to say he had been well supported by the officers and by the Past Masters. Bro. Hunter proposed the "Past Officers of No. 1225," coupling with it the name of Bro. Leary, who was the most industrious and hard working Mason he had ever seen. Song by Bro. Baynes. Bro. Leary said his aim while in office had been to make the lodge one of the best in the whole district, and he had no doubt that this would be accomplished by the efforts of the newly installed W.M. and his efficient staff of officers. Bro. Bagot proposed "The Past Masters of No. 1225," paying a high tribute of praise to Bro. Worrall, the father of the lodge, and his successors, Bros. Cornfield, Silver, Ormandy, and Graham. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Ormandy, P.M. Bro. Ormandy responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Brethren of the neighbouring lodges, 995, 1390, 1398, and sister lodge 1021," coupling with it the names of Bro. Whiteside, W.M. of the Baldwin Lodge, Dalton, Bro. Postlethwaite, J.W. of the Furness Lodge, Millom, and Bro. Bagot, P.M. Hartington Lodge, Barrow, all of these brethren responding. Bro. Leary, then proposed "The Masonic Charities," remarking that in this province they had a fund amounting to £9,000. Bro. Bagot in responding remarked that the charities were the root and core of Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed "The Immortal Memory of Deceased Brethren," which was observed in solemn silence. The W.M. proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Wade, Prov. Grand Master of Ceremonies for the County of Durham. Bro. Wade, in responding, greeted the brethren with brotherly love, relief, and truth, and expressed his pleasure at being present at the installation, especially as an old and esteemed friend of his had been chosen to the chair of Senior Warden. They would all know what it was to cross the chequered floor of a Masonic lodge, and to offer up their sacrifices on Mount Moriah. There were difficulties in the way to be met with, but he hoped this lodge would surmount them, and at last they might all meet in that Grand Lodge above. The W.M. next proposed "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," scattered over the earth, wherever they may be, and may they have a speedy return to their own country whenever they may wish it. Bro. Jeavons proposed "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. Klyne. Bro. Baynes proposed "The Press," which was responded to by Bro. Carruthers. The W.M. proposed "The Host and Hostess," and this brought the proceedings to a close.—*Barrow Pilot.*

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—On Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Thames-street, Hampton, this prosperous lodge held its meeting. There were present:—Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M.; H. A. Dubois, Prov. G. Steward Middlesex, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., Prov. G. Steward Middlesex, Sec.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, J.D.; R. Lawrence, M. Mildred, G. S. Haines, W. Stanton, and many others. Strange to say no visitors were present. The business performed was initiating Messrs. Josias Lawrence, and William Mitchell, passing W. Warhurst, J. Lawrence, W. Prattent, J. Johnson, and J. V. Watkins to the second degree, and raising J. Hurst to the third degree. The working of the W.M. was well and admirably done. Lengthened discussions ensued on one of the new bye-laws of the lodge, and on other matters of private interest, all of which were settled to the satisfaction of all present. Some

propositions for joining members and candidates for initiation were given into the Secretary. The W.M. announced an emergency meeting, involving no expense to the lodge, beyond printing, postage, Tyler's fee, and rent of room, to be held on the third Thursday in the ensuing month. The brethren partook of tea, when the lodge was closed, and the town division of the lodge left early.

WALTHAM.—*King Harold Lodge* (No. 1327).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town, Herts, on Tuesday, the 21st inst, at 2 p.m. Bro. Edward Parker, P.G.P. Herts, the W.M., in the chair, supported by P.Ms. West, Lacey, Sisley, Watkins, Gaskell, Brayshaw, Linzell, and English; Bro. Lacy, P.M., the S.W., W.M. 1421; Evans, J.W.; Barwick, Treas.; Reilly Sec.; Gilbert, J.D.; Copeland, I.G.; Auber, Organist; Steedman, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the three degrees. The ballot was declared unanimous in favour of Mr. Samuel Jacobs, and that gentleman was regularly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. James Kerr Young, the W.M. elect, was then duly installed as W.M. of the King Harold. The beautiful ceremony of installation was most efficiently rendered by Bro. Edmund West, P.M. 1076 and 1327, P. Prov. G.S.D. Herts, and first Master of the King Harold Lodge, for which a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. West, and the Secretary was instructed to record this on the minutes of the lodge. The newly installed W.M. was initiated in the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, in January, 1869, by Bro. Watkins, and raised in the same lodge by Bro. West, in March 1869. Although a young Mason, Bro. Young is known to be well up in the duties of the W.M., and from the manner in which he conducted the business of the meeting after his installation, there is every reason to hope that he will efficiently represent his Mother Lodge, and reflect credit on his worthy tutor, Bro. J. Parry, P.M. 891, who was instructed by Bro. Brett, P.G.P. of the Grand Lodge of England. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Edward Parker, P.G.P. Herts, I.P.M.; J. W. H. Evans, S.W.; W. Gilbert, J.W.; J. Berwick, Treas.; J. Reilly, Sec. W.M. 1421; P. M. Lacey, D.C.; M. J. Auber, Org.; B. F. Copeland, S.D.; W. Monney, J.D.; Tydeman, I.G., Steedman, Tyler. Bro. Young, the W.M., had now the pleasing duty to perform of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Edward Parker, with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, also of presenting the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. J. Barwick, and J. Reilly, with a jewel each. The recipients of these handsome presents returned thanks in suitable terms to the W.M. and brethren for this expression of the confidence and esteem in which they were held by the King Harold Lodge. This concluded the business of the meeting, and the lodge was closed in harmony, after which the brethren retired to a splendid banquet, which was prepared and served up in excellent style by the worthy Host, Bro. John Sheldon. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to. Bro. P. M. Lacey took the opportunity, in an able speech, of advocating the support of the Masonic Charities, to which the King Harold and its members, since its foundation in September, 1870, have liberally contributed. The brethren after spending a very pleasant and enjoyable evening, separated at an early hour. The brethren, present were Bros. J. K. Young, W.M.; E. Parker, I.P.M., P.G.P. Herts.; West, P.M. 1076 and 1327, P. Prov. G.S.D. Herts.; H. G. Sisley, P.M. 1079; C. Lacy, P.M. 1076, D.C., W.M. 1421; J. W. H. Evans, S.W.; W. Gilbert, J.W.; J. Barwick, Treasurer; T. Reilly, Secretary; M. J. Auber, Organist; F. Copeland, S.D.; W. Mooney, J.D.; J. Steedman, Tyler, and Bros. Sheldon, Portlock, Goodale, Silver, Purkis, Lumsden, Creed, Imrie, Holmes, Soul, Hodges, Wyatt, Miller, Barnett, Eversfield, Malcolm, Carter, Skinner, Fisher, Cole, A. Clements, G. Clements, Calvert, Tucker, Noyes, and Jacobs. The visitors were:—Bros. Linzell, P.M. 754; English, P.M. 1227; Brayshaw, P.M. 1076; Watkins, P.M. 1076; Gaskell, P.M. 1076; Knox, W.M. elect, 1076; Priestly, J.W. 1076, Park, Treasurer 1076; and

Bros. Old, Newall, Ferris, Burrell, and Middlehurst.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday evening, Oct. 21, at the lodge room, Bro. Thomas Dodgson, W.M., P.G.D. C. and W., P.M. 995, occupied the chair, of K.S. There were also present Bros. Mill, S.W. and P.G.S.B., C. and W.; Meredith, J.W.; Postlethwaite, Leo, W. Crooks, S.D.; Holloway, Org.; Waiting, Acting I.G.; Bradley, Laing, Geo. Mills, Howes, W. Bell, and Scott, Tyler; and Visiting Bro. Geo. McKay, 129. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Bell, which proved favourable, and he being in attendance, was regularly initiated into Freemasonry, by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Dodgson, in a most impressive manner, for which his ability is well known. The charge was given by the S.W., and the working tools explained by the J.W., Bros. Laing, Mills, and Howes were then passed to the second degree, which was conferred on each separately, by the W.M. in a very efficient manner, the J.W. giving the working tools in this degree. Hearty good wishes were given from Lodge Union, 129, after which the lodge was finally closed, in due form, at 10.15.

Mark Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 161).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale-Road, Liverpool, on the 7th Oct., 1873. Bro. J. C. Lunt, W.M., opened the lodge, and was well supported, amongst those present being Bros. Thos. Chesworth, S.W.; R. Cain, J.W.; J. Banning, S.O.; R. Brown, J. O.; Phillip Armstrong, Treas.; W. S. Barker, Secretary; G. E. Hammer, S.D.; W. Dwelly, J.D.; W. E. Quayle, I.G.; and H. Ball, Tyler. Ballots were taken for three candidates for advancement the whole of which proved unanimously favourable. Bro. W. E. Quayle, being present, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason, and described himself a subscribing member. The remaining approved candidates had communicated their intention to be present at the ensuing meeting, and will then receive the benefit of advancement. The lodge was then closed in sacred harmony, the brethren adjourned to a frugal supper, and a most agreeable evening was spent by all present.

Knights Templar.

PRESTON.—*Prince of Peace Preceptory*.—The regular meeting of this preceptory was held at the Bull Hotel, Preston, on Monday, the 20th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the Preceptor, Sir Knight Shuttleworth, Sir Knt. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, presided, and was supported by the following officers, Sir Knights James Worsley, P.E.C., Prov. G. St. B.; Galloway, P.E.C., Prov. G. P.; Capt. Whithead, First Captain; Airey, as Second Captain; John Worsley, Registrar; Cottam, Captain of Lines; Frater Knowles, Equerry. The regular business of the Preceptory was transacted, the alms collected, and a candidate proposed for installation, after which it was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned for refreshment.

Red Cross of Constantine.

MOVEABLE GRAND CONCLAVE AT LEICESTER.

Our columns have many times lately borne testimony to the vigorous growth of this Chivalric Order. Probably one of the most successful meetings which have yet been held out of the Metropolis was that which took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the occasion of the first Movable Grand Conclave. The idea of holding movable assemblies originated, we believe, from an observation of the success which had attended the provincial meetings of

the Mark Grand Lodge. The members of the Leicester Conclave (the Byzantine No. 44) accordingly resolved on issuing an invitation to the Grand Council to hold their first meeting in Leicester, which having been accepted, Tuesday, 21st Oct., was the day fixed on for it to take place.

The Byzantine Conclave having been opened by the M.P.S., Sir Knt. S. S. Partridge, K.G.C., assisted by his officers, the Grand Council were announced and received in due form under the "arch of steel," a march being played on the organ by Sir Knt. E. J. Crow, *Mus Bac*.

The Grand Conclave was then opened by Col. Fras. Burdett, as G. Sov., the Int. Gen. of the Province, Sir Knt. W. Kelly, acting as G. Viceroy.

Amongst those present were the following:—G. Council:—V. I. Sir Knights Col. Burdett, G.S.G.; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; Dr. Woodman, G. Rec.; R. W. Stewart, G.M.; and John Boyd, G. Hist.

Ints General.—V. I. Sir Knights W. Kelly, Leicestershire; Sir G. E. Campbell, Hants; Captain G. Turner, W. Lanc.; J. G. Marsh, Essex; Dr. Kellett Smith, Unatt.

G. Senate:—V. E. Sir Knights T. Cubitt, G. Pref.; G. Toller, Jun., G. V. Ch.; Geo. Kenning, G. Inst. of Reg.; T. B. Yeoman, G.U.

Knts. G. Cross:—V. E. Sir Knts. S. S. Partridge, and E. — Thiellay.

Sovns.—E. and P. Sir Knts. H. A. Dubois, Col. Peters, G. Phillips, 19; Rev. W. Langley, 44.

With representatives from the Premier and many other Conclaves. The attendance book was not signed by all present, so that their names are unavoidably omitted.

Dr. Woodman read the report of the Executive Committee, which shewed that the recent rapid spread of the Order has been fully maintained, conclaves now being established in all parts of the world.

Col. Burdett, after referring to the services of the Earl of Bective, and the prosperity of the order under his sway, nominated Sir F. M. Williams, as G. Sov., for the ensuing year. The nomination was supported by the acting Grand V.E., who spoke of Sir F. M. Williams's truly Masonic spirit, as evidenced by his liberal donations to the charities, and stated that the members of the Order in Leicestershire would view his election with great satisfaction, owing to his kindly support of a local candidate for the Boys' School.

A Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John were then opened and the degrees were conferred on 24 candidates, Sir Knt. Little acting as M.E. Commander, the other offices being filled by members of the Patriarchal Council and visitors.

It is probably not too much to say that these degrees rank second to none in the solemnity and impressiveness of the rituals, and as they become more widely known, they will be better appreciated. As an appendage to the Red Cross Degree, they are most valuable, and we think the Patriarchal Council have exercised a wise discretion in allowing them to be worked out of London.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Mount Hermon Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, No. 44, were constituted, in connection with the Byzantine Conclave.

On resuming the business of Grand Conclave, Sir Knight S. S. Partridge, M.P.S. 44, in the name of his conclave, welcomed the illustrious visitors, and expressed the pleasure experienced by the Leicester Knights at the success of the proceedings.

The G. Sov., in responding, alluded to the gratification of the Grand Council at their reception, and at the flourishing state of the Order in Leicestershire.

Letters of apology were received from the G. Sov., and all members of the Council not present, as also from many others holding high rank in the Order.

After the conclave was closed, about fifty sat down to a banquet, at which the acting G. Sov. presided. Space forbids us to say more than that the toasts in the following list were heartily

received, an unanimous testimony was borne by the success of the meeting, and the hope was expressed that hereafter they may be of regular occurrence.

The following were the toasts, with the names of those who responded:—

"Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the Christian Orders;" "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The M.I. Grand Sovereign, the Earl of Bective;" "The Acting G. Sov., Col. Burdett," (Col. Burdett); "The M.E. Grand Viceroy, Sir Frederick M. Williams and the Past and Present Members of the Grand Council" (R. Wentworth Little); "The Intendants General of Divisions," (W. Kelly and J. G. Marsh); "The Earl Ferrers, Grand Preceptor, the other Officers of the Grand Senate; and the Knights Grand Cross" (G. Toller, jun); "The Sovereigns and Viceroys of the several Conclaves of the Order," (Col. Peters); "Prosperity to the Byzantine Conclave, No. 44," (S. S. Partridge); "The Sentinel's Toast."

We believe it is probable that an invitation will be given to hold the next meeting in Liverpool.

[Having had the pleasure of attending this meeting we need only add that the reception given to the Grand Council reflected the utmost credit upon the Leicestershire Knights, and we are sure it is highly appreciated.]—*Ed. Freemason.*

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 50).—The brethren of this chapter held their usual monthly meeting on Thursday, the 9th ult. J. Crabb, P.G.S.N., the Z., presided; J. Fraser, H.; G. B. Adams, J. On the dais were Comps. F. A. Barrow, Prov. G. Supt. and P.Z. 50; J. Wallace, P.Z. 50; J. Soye, P.Z. 50; J. Duthie, P.Z. 67; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; J. Dolman, J. 87; J. Balfar, P.G. 1st S., P.Z. 73; James Wallace, Z. 79; T. Halket, P.G.T., Z. 113; J. O. Park, Z. 119; and D. Bell, Z. 144. On the minutes of September 23 being read, exception was taken to them and the election that then took place, on the ground that a dispensation had been obtained for the election to be holden on this meeting. After some little discussion, Comp. Barrow, who said he did not appear there that night in any other capacity than a P.Z. of the chapter, yet, although he held that the application for the dispensation was informal, the election on the 23rd was valid, and he should have to so decide it if the case came before him as Provincial Superintendent. Comp. Crabb said, as the only wish of those acting with him was to see the prosperity of the chapter, he would at once resign, and proceed to install the officers elected on the 23rd. (Great cheering.) Comp. Halket then presented the newly-elected officers, and Comp. J. Crabb installed them as follows—Jas. Miller, Z.; Brownlie, H.; Wm. Bell, J.; James Loutitt, Scribe E.; J. Robinson, N.; J. Agnew, T.; W. Sibbal, 1st S.; W. Jamison, 2nd S.; M. Garden, 3rd S.; W. Gardner, I.G.; and James Pollock, Janitor. The last appointment was greeted with great approbation, the worthy companion having filled the office 37 years. He is an old Waterloo veteran, now in his 87th year, and yet can fulfil his duties towards either lodge, chapter, or encampment with as much care and nearly as much vigour as men who might be his grandchildren. The new Z., on assuming the chair, very briefly thanked the companions for the honour they had conferred upon him, and promised when he did not feel so excited, to thank them more at length. Comp. John Crabb, of Sir William Wallace Chap., 109, a brother of the P.Z., was then affiliated as an honorary member of No. 50. Comp. G. W. Wheeler proposed that the best thanks of the chapter be given to the retiring officers. They all knew that in Comp. James Crabb they had a most efficient worker, and though there were a number of First Principals present who would, he knew, agree with him that Comp. Crabb was second to none in the Province. J. Wallace, P.Z., on seconding the motion, gave the

reason why Chap. 50 stood so high was because under their late Z. the ceremonies had been so efficiently rendered. (Carried by acclamation). Comp. Jas. Crabb briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the chapter was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

A most interesting and successful meeting was held here on Monday, the 20th October, to constitute and consecrate a new lodge under the name of the St. Matthew Lodge, No. 1447.

Although an unavoidably short term of notice had been given of the ceremony, some seventy brethren of the Province, and visitors, many from the neighbouring Province of Yorkshire, assembled to do honour to the occasion, and to rally round their much esteemed D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Major Smyth, who in the absence of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M., officiated, assisted by W.; Bro. Jno. Sutcliffe, 1294, P. Prov. G.S.W., as S.W.; W. Bro. W. W. Copeland, 792, P. Prov. G.S.D. as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. Danl. Ace, D.D. P.G., Chaplain.; W. Bro. F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec.; W. Bro. Geo. Nelson, 1282, as S.D.; W. Bro. T. H. Oldman, 1282, as J.D.

The lodge was opened in the Volunteer's Hall, at 2 p.m., and the dedication service most impressively rendered by W. Bro. Major Smyth, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ace, P.G. Chaplain, who delivered a stirring oration to the brethren, which will long be remembered. The musical portion of the ceremony was ably rendered by Bro. J. C. Lambert, 588, P.G.O.

After the imposing ceremony of consecration had been concluded by the entire lodge joining in a beautiful anthem, the installation of the W.M. took place:—Bro. Major R. J. Taylor was presented by W. Bro. F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec., and duly placed in the chair. He then installed Bro. Wm. Swallow, of Horkston, as S.W.; Bro. J. H. Ashton, of Thornton, as J.W.; Bro. W. Waddingham Sec.; and his other officers, Bro. Rev. R. Bullock, Chaplain.

From the earnest Masonic spirit displayed throughout, we doubt not that the Lodge of St. Matthew will play a prominent part in the future history of the province.

The Province of Lincolnshire contains now no less than eighteen lodges, seven of which have been constituted within the last ten years. It is also gratifying to be able to record that during the same term the number of subscribing members in the province has been nearly doubled, the returns of the present year showing a total of 660, against 325 in 1862.

Some of the earliest records of Freemasonry in this province are connected with the town of Barton-in-Humber. It is on record that in the year 1787, the Rev. Matthew Barnett, Vicar of Crannord, founded the Lodge of St. Matthew, No. 488, in this town, where he was also curate, and for twenty-eight years laboured most zealously in the cause of Freemasonry. For more than forty years this lodge continued to prosper, and no less than 107 initiations took place within its walls. The bye-laws of the lodge as amended in 1819 are still extant, and in connection with them are some valuable "observations on the vital principles and vanity of the Institution of Freemasonry." The title page states that at its formation it was the only lodge at that time in the County of Lincoln.

We heartily wish the brethren of the new Lodge of St. Matthew's success, and trust that they may enjoy many years of unexampled prosperity.

A banquet was afterwards served at the George Hotel, of which about forty members partook. W. Bro. R. J. Taylor, W.M., occupying the chair, ably supported by his Wardens. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been concluded, the W.D.P.G.M. gave the toast of the evening "Prosperity to the St. Matthew Lodge," which was ably responded to by the newly installed W.M. W. Bro. John Sutcliffe, P. Prov. G.S.W., in responding on behalf of the Masonic Charities, alluded to the success of the Charity Committee of Lincolnshire at the late

Election of the Boys' School, and reminded the brethren present that these successes could not be achieved except at a high cost. Several lodges and private members had already come nobly forward in answer to his appeal, and he had already in hand a sum of money amounting to £270, which had been subscribed since the last Prov. G. Lodge, for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Much more, however, remained to be done, and he trusted those lodges who had not yet subscribed would not be behindhand.

The brethren separated at an early hour feeling highly satisfied with the whole day's arrangements, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. W. Waddingham, the untiring and energetic Secretary of the new lodge.

Among the brethren present we noticed.—

W. Bros. W. H. Smyth, 112, D.P.G.M.; Rev. I. D. Pepper, 112, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. J. C. Browne, 1304, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. John Saunders, 1286, P. Prov. G. Chap.; W. Day Keyworth, 57, P. Prov. G.S.W. of Yorkshire West; W. W. Copeland, 792, P. Prov. G.S.D.; George Nelson, 282, P.G.S.; Rev. Dan. Ace, D.D., 622, P.G.C.; F. D. Marsden, 712, P.G. Sec.; Thomas Simpson, 1010; W. E. Howlett, 422; Thomas Morris, 1282; James C. Lambert, 588; J. Walmsley, 1294; John Sutcliffe 1294; Thomas Pearcey, 1282; R. J. Walker, 57; J. Rothery, 387; and many others.

FRATRES ROSICRUCIANÆ SOCIETATIS IN SCOTIA.

COLLEGE OF THE EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Frater C. F. Matier, 19°, having been commissioned to open this College, in Edinburgh, an inaugural meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, on the evening of the 24th instant, presided over by the newly appointed Chief Adept, Frater John Laurie, 8°.

The following brethren were received into the Order, and promoted to the grade of Theorists, viz., Captain Charles Hunter, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire East, James Reid, and Robert Bryce.

The following office bearers were then appointed, viz., Fra. H. Y. D. Copland, Suffragan; Fra. The Rev. V. G. Faithfull, M.A., Chaplain; Fratres W. M. Bryce, First Ancient; H. C. Peacock, Second Ancient; W. J. V. Bendon, Third Ancient; and T. Cairns, M.D., Fourth Ancient, for the "First Grade." Fratres R. S. Brown, First Ancient; J. Reid, jun., Second Ancient; and J. Webster, Third Ancient; for the Second Grade. Fra. G. Dickson, M.D., Conductor; W. M. Bryce, Treasurer; F. L. Law, Organist; J. H. Bostock, Herald; and R. Bryce, Torch Bearer. It was resolved to hold quarterly Meetings in the months of January, April, July, and October, for the consideration of such business as may be brought forward, and it was agreed that a paper on some scientific subject should be read at each meeting.

CIVIC BANQUET IN LIVERPOOL.—Bro. E. Samuelson, the Mayor of Liverpool, entertained the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, at a banquet at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 16th inst., for which 300 invitations had been issued. There were about 250 guests present, amongst the highly distinguished assembly, besides the noble guest of the evening, being Sir James Ramsden, High Sheriff of Lancashire, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Right Worshipful the Mayors of Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Chester, Bolton, Warrington, Wrexham, Sir Hardman Earle, Bart., Mr. C. Turner, M.P., Mr. J. Torr, M.P., Mr. R. A. Macfie, M.P., Major West, Lord Lieutenant of Denbighshire, Mr. Gilbert Greenall, High Sheriff of Cheshire, together with representatives of the church, army, navy, civil service, and of the various public bodies in the town. During the evening Lord Derby delivered an interesting speech touching on the labour question and the Ashantee war. He also proposed the health of Bro. Samuelson, the Mayor, who responded in eloquent terms.

AN IMPRESSIVE MASONIC PRAYER.

At the dedication of the Gand Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, on the 26th Sept., Bro. the Rev. John Chambers, D.D., delivered the following prayer:—"Almighty, eternal and loving God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, the Divine Architect of all things, we come into Thy gracious presence in the way which Thou hast appointed. We call upon our souls and all that is within us to be stirred up to adore and magnify Thy great and holy name. We thank Thee that our lives and health have been continued unto us, and that we are allowed to meet each other on this solemn and important occasion, to dedicate this magnificent Masonic Temple to the glory and honour of the one living, true, and eternal Jehovah. Here may Thy name ever be honoured. Here may good and true men only be added to the sacred fraternity; each in his place following the landmarks so beautifully laid down in Thy blessed word; each with plummet-exactness standing erect before all men—ever square in all their actions by the word of truth, as revealed to man in the Holy Bible, and never failing to circumscribe their words and deeds towards God and man. Bless, we implore Thee, the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Grand Officers of all the Grand Lodges represented here on this grand occasion, and mercifully bestow Thy gracious benediction upon the Masonic Fraternity, from the rising to the setting sun, and from the rivers unto the ends of the earth. Suffer not, we beseech Thee, thou God of mercy, that the Masonic ear should ever become deaf to the cry of the distressed, nor that the Masonic hand should ever be closed when needy brethren ask for help. So influence the hearts of the universal brotherhood that the widow and the fatherless in their distress shall never plead in vain. O thou Father of all good, grant that all who may be chosen to rule over this Grand Lodge be good men and true, and ever under the special guidance of Thy divine wisdom. Within the walls of this temple, now being dedicated to Thy honour and glory, let there be but one heart and one mind in their love and obedience to Thee, thou Lord of heaven and earth; and when our work on earth is done, and well done, then, by Thy gracious favour, bid us "welcome" to the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, to dwell with Thee for ever. Let not one be missing. We implore Thee, for Thy name's sake. Amen."

The assemblage, at the conclusion, solemnly responded, "Amen! So mote it be."

PRESENTATION TO THE MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, the 22nd ult., several members of the Liverpool representative choirs presented to Bro. E. Samuelson (Mayor of Liverpool) a handsomely-illuminated address, expressive of their esteem for him, and in acknowledgment of the interest which his worship took in the representative choirs at the great national musical festival at Sydenham in July last. In the absence of Mr. Robertson Gladstone, the address was presented by Mr. Joseph Hawkins, honorary secretary and treasurer to the choir, and was duly acknowledged by the Mayor, who suggested that in future the national concerts should take place in some of the great towns in Lancashire and Yorkshire—an opinion which was endorsed by Mr. Hawkins, who, on his own behalf, presented to the Mayor the envelopes (framed and glazed) which had contained the prizes won at Sydenham.

REMARKABLE DISCOVERY.—Don Joaquim de Costa is reported to have found on one of his estates in New Granada a monumental stone, erected by a small colony of Phœnicians from Sidonia, in the year IX. or X. of the reign of Hiram, contemporary of Solomon, about ten centuries before the Christian era. The block has an inscription of eight lines written in fine characters, but without separation of words or punctuation. The translation is said to be that those men of the land of Canaan embarked from the port of Aziogaber (Boy-Akubal), and having sailed for twelve months from the country of Egypt (Africa), carried away by currents, had landed at Guayaquil, in Peru.

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford is greatly obliged to the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the large supply of papers and interesting documents they have so kindly forwarded to him. Bro. Woodford would be glad to be put into communication with a member of the committee.

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Oct. 29, 1873.

Bro. Emra Holmes desires us to convey his thanks, through the medium of *The Freemason*, to Ill. Bro. Goodall, 33°, for his courtesy in forwarding to him a copy of the Proceedings of the Supreme Council S. J. U. S., and to the V. E. Sir Knight Col. McLeod Moore, Grand Prior of Canada, for kindly sending, through the Grand Vice Chancellor, an interesting address, delivered before the Grand Priory of Canada, on the 14th Aug. last, and which Bro. Holmes forwards to us for publication, in justice to Bro. Lupus, whose views as to the Knights of St. John, Col. Moore adopts.

HISTORICAL NOTES ON SCOTCH LODGES.

By D. MURRAY LYON.

I.

GLASGOW KILWINNING, No. 4.
(Continued from page 684.)

The second volume of minutes opens with the record of a joint communication of the Glasgow and Johnston Kilwinning Lodges, January 1753, "to receive and consider the report of a committee which had been appointed to conclude on articles for the happy union of both lodges." The following terms of agreement were adopted, and the union was consummated amid "great harmony and jollity."

"1. That all the members of both Lodges are to be members of one united lodge, under the name of the Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, and are to be received members of this lodge in the ordinary forms.

"2. That the stocks, jewels, books, organs, charters, etc., belonging to either lodge, shall henceforth be in common.

"3. That the masters of each lodge shall preside alternately with their respective office-bearers, till next St. John's-day,—and that the meetings of the lodge shall be alternately in the New Inn and Old Coffee-house.

"4. That the two masters shall both agree who they shall nominate for their successor.

"5. That in commemoration of this happy union, as the ribbons of the Glasgow Kilwinning are straw colours, and the ribbons and aprons of the Johnston Kilwinning Lodge are red, after next St. John's-day the ribbons and mountings of the aprons shall be chequered straw and red.

"6. That the two masters shall appoint a committee to make up a body of laws agreeable to this, out of the by-laws of the two lodges.

"7. That the articles now agreed upon and signed are not to be altered by any future meeting of the lodge."

The bye-laws adopted in conformity with the terms of agreement were as follow:

"1. The master is to congregate the lodge when and where he pleases.

"2. That the lodge meet once every month: and after the lodge is duly opened no member is to leave it without liberty asked from and given by the master.

"3. That the lodge beside their monthly meetings meet quarterly, viz., on St. John the Evangelist's day, being the 27th of December; on Lady day, the 25th of March; on St. John the Baptist's day, the 24th of June; and upon St. Michaelmas day, the 29th of Sept.

"4. That at each of these quarterly meetings every member pay one shilling sterling for the use of the poor, and this the members are to pay tho' absent from the meeting. And no cause save a whole year's absence from the place can excuse any member from this quarterly payment.

"5. That the present master nominate his

successor at the meeting immediately preceding St. John the Evangelist day. And on that day the member so nominate, if approved of by the lodge, is to be installed by the late master, and saluted and congratulated by the lodge. But if not approved of, the lodge shall proceed to a general ballott, and the member having the majority of votes shall be received for master with the usual solemnity.

"6. That the new master shall nominate his two wardens, secretary, and treasurer, who if approved of by the lodge are to be installed by the master; but if not approved of they are to be chosen by a general ballott in like manner as the master.

"7. That none can be made members of this lodge but in virtue of a written petition presented by a member at a meeting to which the whole members have been duly warned. And no petition to be received on any occasion but by balloting. And that if there is one single no, such petitioner cannot be received. And this article of balloting not to be subject to any alteration.

"8. That the members admitted pay five shillings sterling to the poor of the lodge, two shillings and six pence to the poor of the grand lodge, and twenty shillings sterling to the common expence of this lodge.

"9. That the stock of the lodge when arisen to any sum is to be lent out at interest in the prudentest manner. And notwithstanding a brother is to be preferred before a stranger, yet it must not be lent him without two sufficient securities.

"10. That every brother who emitteth an oath is to pay one shilling sterling for each failure.

"11. That at the meeting before St. John the Evangelist's day, which is our annual feast day, the master and lodge appoint stewards to provide a proper entertainment for that day, and to continue in that office for a year.

"12. That if the master so far misbehave as to render himself unworthy the subjection of the lodge, he is to be treated by a new regulation—no master having in this ancient society ever misbehaved so far as to occasion such regulation.

"13. That if the master be absent the senior warden is to congregate and form the lodge, after which the last master take the chair. But if neither he nor any other brother who has been master formerly be present, then the senior warden continues in the chair and acts as master.

"14. That every member who enters this lodge shall pay to the steward one shilling sterling every night, for which he shall have a bottle of punch or what other liquor he chooses to the value of that sum. And whatever any brother or member calls for above the value of that sum, he shall upon getting of the liquor pay the overplus to the steward.

"15. That the rules and regulations be read every night."

No explanation of the circumstances under which the Johnston Lodge came to sit in Glasgow is given in the records, neither do they indicate the length of time during which the union between the two lodges subsisted. That it was subsequently dissolved is certain. The minute of September 28, 1829, records the admission of a brother of the St. Patrick's Lodge as an honorary member, for having presented to Glasgow Kilwinning a "minute book that had been formerly used by it when in conjunction with the Johnston Lodge."

The following peculiarity occurs in the designation of one of the visiting lodges attending the first St. John's-day feast of the united lodge (1753): "St. Mungo's Lodge, founder of the Cathedrall, Glasgow." This pretentious claim could not have been made on the part of St. Mungo, had the story of Malcolm Canmore and the Lodge Glasgow St. John been then in existence.

A new code of bye-laws was adopted in 1830, in which "soundness of body and mind, good moral character, above the age of eighteen and under that of dotage," are made essential requisites to admission: Entering, passing, raising, and "chairing" were the steps then given in the lodge. Provision was made for excluding brethren "the worse of liquor, or known or re-

puted to be quarelsome or disorderly"; and "to curse and swear, or use any profane or obscene expression," subjected offenders to fine or expulsion.

A law for the excommunication of Freemasons was passed by the Associate Synod of Scotch Presbyterians in 1755. In March, 1764, Glasgow Kilwinning was visited by a brother "who represented that he had been persecuted by the ceeding part of the Church for being a mason, which obliged him to publish a pamphlet in defence of the Royal Art of Masonry, of which he produced some coppies, which were bought by all the brethren, and a dozen of them were laid by for the use of the members who were not present." In 1740 the lodge had subscribed for six copies of Oswald's "Collections of Scots Tunes."

Robert Mollison, noticed in a former paper as the first warden of the lodge, was an entered apprentice of Mother Kilwinning.

In April 1765 the Secretary was authorised to order a "publick seal" bearing "the ordinary device of masonry on the lower part of the shield, with this motto below, 'Amor, honor, et justitia,' and in the upper part of the shield the top of the tree of the Glasgow arms, coup'd with the bird and the bell, and round the whole, 'Glasgow Kilwinning.'" Twelve dozen glasses of "the bell kind," with the name of the lodge engraved thereon, were at the same time ordered to be procured from England. Purveyors of masonic feasts in those days supplied the "mugs" from which the brethren quaffed their ale, but glasses for punch fell to be provided by the lodge.

The foundation-stone of Jamaica Street Bridge was laid with masonic honours in September 1768 by a "Grand Lodge," elected by the Glasgow lodges, and composed of a Grand Master, Depute and Substitute Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and nine Grand Stewards—George Murdoch, then Lord Provost of Glasgow, and a past master of Glasgow Kilwinning, being Grand Master, and Lord Glencairn one of the Grand Stewards. After the ceremony Grand Lodge and Glasgow Kilwinning held a joint communication in the Assembly Hall, and exchanged deputations with the city lodges, who met in their respective lodge-rooms. This Grand Lodge subsequently determined to retain the position that had been temporarily assigned to it, and to "preside over all the lodges of Glasgow whenever it thought proper." Although resisting this usurpation, Glasgow Kilwinning afterwards agreed to accord to this body the honours due to a grand visitation. The city lodges were afterwards called to account by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and made to apologise for their irregularity in electing a Grand Lodge.

The fact of Sir Daniel K. Sandford and Dr. J. P. Nichol, professor of astronomy, being on its roll of past masters, is often referred to with pride at festivals of the Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning. Sir Daniel was affiliated from St. Luke's, Edinburgh, in December 1832, and was in the same month elected Master. The minutes of two meetings held within a fortnight of his election are all that have been recorded in the book during his three years' tenure of office. No minutes have been entered to the lodge's proceedings between January, 1833, and November, 1842, the year of Professor Nichol's retirement from a three years' occupancy of the chair. Another master of the lodge, Professor Ramsay, had his reign signalled by the initiation of the Historian of Europe, the late Sir Archibald Alison.

A most eccentric devotion to the craft was some years ago shewn by a member who bequeathed his skull to No. 4.

After passing through periods of vicissitude, the lodge has rallied, and is one of the few Scotch lodges possessing a hall of its own, used for purely masonic purposes. Its "harmonic meetings" have been revived, and, as they were a century and a half ago, are an attractive feature of the lodge. To Bro. James Steel, Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, and one of its past masters, Glasgow Kilwinning is indebted for much of its prosperity in recent years. It is at present presided over by Bro. A. B. Thorburn.

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G. P. (Cadiz).—Letter received and communicated with proper authority respecting it.

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J. F. (Lagos).—£1 4s., less 1s., postage not having been prepaid.

ERRATA.—Page 689 of our last issue—Reports of Masonic Meetings—for "St. Luke's Lodge" read "Perfect Friendship Lodge," and for "Colchester" (St. Edmund's Lodge) read "Bury St. Edmunds."

The following stand over:—
Reports of Lodges 1276, 1309; Chapter 995; 144 (S.C.); Mark Lodges 113, 1411.
Communications from F. F. and J. D. F.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1873.

THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS OF
THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

We have been favoured with a view of the draft of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as "amended by the By-Laws Committee, the consideration of which has been postponed until the meeting of Grand Lodge in November."

At the outset we feel bound to say, that, in our opinion, these amended laws of the Craft in Ireland are a great improvement upon all their existing regulations. In the first place, they are somewhat more methodically arranged, though in this respect they are still susceptible of improvement, and might be conveniently broken up into more distinct and definite sections.

In the next place, they are in themselves clear and explicit, alike in the privileges they assert, the proceedings they forbid, the regulations they prescribe, and the penalties they enforce.

But there are one or two anomalies, as it appears to us, in these revised Constitutions, to which we think it well to allude to day, and some provisions, we venture to think, also of doubtful propriety, to which we wish to call the the calm

attention of our excellent brethren across the Channel, trusting, as we do so, that they will accept our criticisms in the same fraternal spirit of good will and interest with which they are tendered by ourselves.

The Irish Grand Lodge is henceforth to be composed exactly as our own, and is based on the simple and pure Craft system, and thus the regulations of the Book of Constitutions are drawn up by the Committee of Grand Lodge for the government, as with us, of Craft Masonry.

But Law 133 introduces this strange anomaly:—It recognizes four alien bodies, accepts them as of coördinate jurisdiction and authority with Grand Lodge, and gives to their decisions the force of a decision of Grand Lodge!

By this most remarkable provision a sentence of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter," of the "Great Priory of High Knights Templar," of the "Grand Chapter of Prince Masons of Ireland," and of the "Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree in Ireland," for expulsion, suspension, or restoration of "any brother" shall, "on the case being communicated to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, be accepted as final and conclusive, without any further enquiry or investigation."

Now there is something in this proposed enactment, which strikes us as very peculiar and unprecedented. Why are these four foreign governing bodies—foreign that is to Craft Masonry—introduced into these new Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland?

What has the Grand Lodge of Irish Craft Masons, quâ a Grand Lodge, to do with such high and eminent grades?

Under these provisions, a Craft Mason who may have committed no offence against the Craft, or infringed any of the regulations of Grand Lodge, may be expelled, for a non-compliance with some technical and special regulation of these four august assemblies, of which Craft Masonry knows nothing, from the privileges of his private lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodge, and Grand Lodge. For by law 133, the sentence of any such foreign authority, is irreversible, in fact incontestable.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland has nothing really to do with these authentics or they with it, but it thus gives them practically coequal and coördinate authority with itself, the ultimate court of appeal to all Craft Masons in Ireland, and what is still more strange and inexplicable, does not even propose to consider the grounds of the sentence, be that sentence fair or unfair serious or petty, legal or illegal, but simply to record it, and to act on it.

Now we venture to think that this proposition is a great blot in the Revised Constitutions.

It is, primâ facie, utterly unjust and clearly unprecedented, at least with us, and introduces an entirely new element into our Craft Regulations, fraught with a very dangerous precedent, and suggestive of very serious consequences to Masonic Jurisprudence in Ireland.

We are aware, that, in that country the High Grades are bound more closely to the Craft system than with us, but we feel it our duty to express our opinion in all deference to the Irish Grand Lodge, that the proposed law is both un-

wise in itself and *indignus vindice nodus* We hope, therefore, to hear that Law 133 is expunged from the Irish Book of Constitutions. We are also very doubtful, we feel bound to add, of the propriety or value of the very elaborate forms of prayer provided for all occasions, and above all, of the lengthened ritual prescribed in print for the installation of a W.M., and the investiture of the officers of a lodge.

We think that it is far better to leave such matters to the *lex inscripta*, to the traditionary customs and oral teaching in the different lodges.

We are not, and never have been amongst those, who believe in stereotyped forms, or uniformity of ritual, inasmuch as from long experience we believe, they reduce Masonic working to a dull and meaningless level, and conduce, more than anything else, to idleness and incapacity in a W.M.

In the present instance, we think these forms are an unnecessary addition to the Book of Constitutions, and that, if there must be a form provided, our English form, as given in our Grand Lodge Constitutions, is far simpler and more dignified, and far more in accordance with the unchanged usages of Freemasonry.

We observe that no provision is made in these new Irish Constitutions for "Public Ceremonies," which we venture to deem a serious omission.

Having said thus much in all of fraternal good will and honest criticism, we congratulate the Irish Grand Lodge on their endeavour to meet the wants and necessities of this improving age, and of an increasing Craft. It has often been observed how little we in England know of the proceedings of the Irish Grand Lodge or of Irish Masonry, and we trust, therefore, that these, their amended Constitutions, will be followed by a little more publicity of documents and proceedings.

With these few friendly, and, we trust, not unseasonable remarks, we shall await with some little interest the discussion and settlement of these new and revised Book of Constitutions in the Irish Grand Lodge.

THE SPURIOUS RITE OF MEMPHIS.

It is with exceeding regret that we find ourselves compelled to recur to a subject which, to every right-thinking Mason, is simply one which he would willingly bury in oblivion. Nor shall we even now steep our pen in bitterness, or pour the vials of a righteous wrath upon the heads of those erring and misguided brethren who support, however feebly and unwisely, the impious Rite of Memphis. To us they are still brethren, and, with especial reference to some leading spirits in that unholy confederation, we are disposed to say, in the language of Scripture, "Come out of her, my people, and be not partakers of her sins." No greater fraud upon the Masonic public of the two hemispheres was ever perpetrated than the inception and subsequent *modus operandi* of the Rite of Memphis; and no body of men, since the foundation of society, has ever been burdened with a greater weight of wickedness in the persons of its pro-

moters and neophytes. One of these Heaven-abandoned men introduced the *soi-disant* Rite into England some time ago, and we commented in severe but justifiable terms upon his antecedents at the time. Unfortunately, however, the venom, imported by this miserable man, became a circulating medium, and shame be it to those who, as English Masons, countenance the *living lie*, there are now in our midst some,—a few, but still *too many*,—who have adopted not only the original frontispiece of fraud, but who are trying to imprint it upon the minds of the unwary by a course of misrepresentation and falsehood. The latest exploit of these individuals is the fact of their having published a kind of manifesto of the Rite of Memphis.

Whoever they may be, we tell them *plainly* they will not advance their cause by forging the signatures of distinguished Masons to their list of members, or exposition of principles. The letter which we print in another column, from Bro. Thévenot, Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of France, clearly indicates that the name of that gentleman has been used in the most disgraceful manner to further ends entirely in conflict with his Masonic obligations, and we have also seen a letter from Bro. Loewenstark, in which he repudiates all connection with the spurious Rite. After this we shall simply ask the aiders and abettors of this nefarious transaction, if they will still continue to place the names of respectable men and Masons, upon their published documents?

We have a right to assume that if Bros. Thévenot and Loewenstark, disclaim both membership and sympathy with the "unclean thing" other names may have been used with a similar disregard for truth. The whole episode is evidently planned by some rabid anti-Mason, to bring discredit upon the Ancient Craft, and we can only hope that all those whose names have been thus scandalously played with will indignantly repel the foul assumption.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE RITE OF MEMPHIS.

We are requested to publish, for the information of the Craft, the following letter from Bro. Thévenot, Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of France, relative to the so-called Rite of Memphis. This letter was addressed to the Supreme Council, 33°, in answer to an enquiry, and it convincingly proves to all unprejudiced minds that a system founded upon such gross fraud and falsehood cannot for a moment withstand the expression of public or Masonic opinion.—[Ed. F.]

"Grand Orient de France
"O.: de Paris, le 22 Aout, 1873 (E.:V.:)
"Au T.: Ill.: F. Robert Hamilton, 33° dégr.:
Grand Secrétaire Général du Suprême Conseil
d'Angleterre, &c.
"Cher Monsieur et T.: Ill.: F.:

"Vous m'apprenez que dans une récente circulaire, émanée du soi-disant "ancien et primitif rite de la Maçonnerie," mon nom figure comme membre honoraire, 95e. degré de ce rite, et vous me priez de vous fournir quelques renseignements à ce sujet.

Je m'empresse de satisfaire à votre désir, tout en vous remerciant bien vivement de cette communication. Ma réponse sera aussi simple que catégorique. La voici. Je déclare que je ne fais et n'ai jamais fait partie, ni directement ni indirectement, du soi-disant "Ancien et primitif rite de la Maçonnerie," ni du pouvoir constituant ou directeur de ce rite, nouvellement implanté en Angleterre, ce que je déplore amèrement.

J'affirme que la mention de mon nom comme membre honoraire et comme possédant le 95e. degré de ce prétendu rite maçonnique est une imposture que je signale aux maçons de tous les pays, et contre laquelle je proteste et m'inscris en faux cette mention a été faite à mon insu et sans aucune participation de ma part.

Telle est ma réponse, cher Monsieur et T.: Ill.: F.:, et en vous confirmant ma lettre du 5e. 8bre 1872, par laquelle j'ai eu l'honneur de vous informer que je n'avais aucun rapport avec le prétendu "ancien et primitif rite de la maçonnerie," je vous autorise à faire de cette réponse tel usage que vous croirez utile pour le bien des saines doctrines de l'ordre Maçonnique, dont je suis le très dévoué serviteur.

Veillez agréer, cher Monsieur et T.: Ill.: F.: l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée et de mes sentiments les plus fraternels. Le chef du Secretariat du Grand Orient de France.

(Signed) THEVENOT.
(Seal)

TRANSLATION.

Grand Orient of France.

O.: de Paris, 22nd August, 1873.

"To the V.: Ill.: Bro. Dr. Hamilton 33°. Gd. Sect.: Gen.: Su.: Co.: of England, &c. &c.
Dear Sir and V.: Ill.: Bro.,

You inform me that in a recent circular emanating from the self-styled *Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry*, my name appears as an Hon. Member, 95°, of this Rite, and you request me to furnish you with some information on the subject.

My reply will be both plain and categorical.

I declare that I do not take, and never have taken part, either directly or indirectly, in the self-styled *Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry*, either as a founder or director of the Rite, lately imported into England, and which I bitterly deplore.

I affirm that the mention of my name as an Hon. Member, and as possessing the 95°. of this pretended Masonic Rite is an imposture which I publish to the Masons of all countries, against which I protest, and of which I declare the falsehood. This mention has been made unknown to me, and without any participation on my part.

Such is my answer, dear Sir and Ill. Bro.:, and in confirming my letter to you of 5th Oct., 1872, in which I had the honour to inform you that I have no connection with the pretended *Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry*, I authorize you to make any use of this letter which you may consider advantageous for the sound doctrines of the Masonic Order, of which I am the very devoted servant.

Accept, dear Sir and V.: Ill.: Bro.:, the assurance of my most distinguished consideration and most fraternal sentiments,

The Sect.: Gen.: of the Gd.: O.: of France.
(Signed) THEVENOT.

The consecration of the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, will take place on Tuesday next, November 4th, at the St. George's Hall, Canterbury. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by Bro. Major-Gen. G. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.S.G.W., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.

The consecration of the Bagshaw Lodge will take place at the Bald-faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill, on Thursday, November 6th. The ceremony of consecration will be performed by Bro. J. Hervey, G. Sec., and Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec., Middlesex.

All countries strive, so far as their knowledge extends, to show a full and fell opposition to disease, come whence and when it may. Early application of remedial measures is indispensable for success. In variable damp weather Holloway's Pills are especially serviceable in maintaining nervous vigour, and in defending the frame against ill consequences from dampness or chills. If the first symptoms receive attention and judicious treatment, not only will future danger be averted, but old ailments will give way, and better health will be attained than was enjoyed before illness. No treatment, for safety and certainty of success, may be so confidently relied upon as that discovered by Professor Holloway, whose Pills and Ointment always restore the sufferer.—ADVT.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. R. STEBBING.

On Monday, 13th ult, a number of gentlemen connected with the County of Southampton Provident Permanent Benefit Building Society, with a select party of friends, dined together at the Philharmonic Rooms, the object being to pay a compliment to Bro. J. R. Stebbing, J.P., who in the course of the proceedings was presented with a handsome silver epergne, as a token of respect, and in appreciation of the services he has rendered the above named society, as its President, during a period of twenty years. The following inscription was engraved on the testimonial, which stands on a black marble base:—

“Presented to J. R. Stebbing, Esq., J.P., as a mark of respect and esteem, from the trustees, directors, and officers of the County of Southampton Provident Permanent Benefit Building Society, and in high appreciation of his valuable services as President for upwards of 20 years. October 13th, 1873.”

The Mayor (Bro. W. Hickman) presided, and was supported by Mr. J. R. Stebbing, Mr. E. Coxwell (Coroner) Mr. Alderman Furber, J.P.; the Town Clerk (Mr. R. S. Pearce); Mr. Geo. Evans, Mr. J. J. Burnett, Mr. H. P. Aslatt, &c. Mr. F. Butler officiated as vice-chairman, and amongst those present were Mr. J. C. Munday, S. Stevens, E. Roberts, W. H. Mitchell, C. G. Smith, Bridger, Sandy, Maine, O'Farrel, Sparrow, W. G. Lankester, Gibbons, Paul, Capper, Dyson, Sutton, Hogarth (Wilts and Dorset Bank), Chandler, Bright, H. Hussey, G. Hussey, Stebbing, jun., Richmond, C. Munday, jun., &c.

After the removal of the cloth, the Mayor, who expressed his pleasure in being present on the occasion, gave the usual loyal toasts in appropriate terms, and the same having been duly responded to by the company, Mr. George Evans proposed “The Mayor and Corporation of Southampton and the Borough Magistrates.”

The Mayor said it afforded him very great satisfaction to be present. He did not intend to offer any laudatory remarks on their friend, Mr. Stebbing, who was so well known to them, so far as referred to the special proceedings of the evening. If he referred to Mr. Stebbing having filled the office of Mayor, besides being a magistrate for many years past, and holding other positions of equal trust, he did not mean to say that those were the most important positions he had held, because he was looked upon as the exponent of the commercial interests of Southampton, which he had for a long time striven to promote. He then proceeded to respond to the toast. He did not undertake the office of Mayor without seriously considering the responsibilities connected with it, and having nearly reached the conclusion of his term, he would acknowledge the kindness shown him both by the members of the Corporation and the Town Clerk. He had been rather peculiarly placed during the past year, but was glad to say that he had met with the sympathy of every person he had met with (hear, hear.) He concurred with Mr. Evans in regretting that the members of the Town Council were elected in a political manner, but did not see how it could be well avoided, and he thought that when in the Council they all united for the common good. With reference to the bench of magistrates, he must say that he had always been cordially received by them, and he believed that they discharged their duties very well, considering that they had not been brought up to a technical knowledge of the law (cheers.)

Alderman Furber, J.P., also responded on behalf of the magistrates.

The Town Clerk proposed “The Trade and Commerce of Southampton.”

Mr. Octavius Capper responded:

Mr. F. Butler, in proposing the next toast, said he wished it had fallen into abler hands, but being almost the senior director on the Board, his colleagues thought it was his duty to propose the health of their President. He could say with the greatest pleasure that he had been associated with him for the last twelve years, during which period he had been almost in constant communication with him, and therefore was well acquainted with his sentiments towards their society. He also knew the valuable services

which Mr. Stebbing had rendered them; were it not for him they would not be assembled there that night, for the society would have been *non est*, or in process of winding up long ago. But so widely supported by the public, so ably led by their President, and under his fostering care, they could now hold up their heads with a degree of pride, and say that the society had prospered, and had been the means of doing a great deal of good. Such was the valuable assistance he had rendered them during the last twenty years that no tribute which the directors and officers of the society could offer would repay him, or shadow forth the gratitude they owed him, and which they wished to express. However, they had attempted to do this in their humble way. For the last two years it had been felt that they ought to pay their President some slight tribute of respect. Circumstances had not permitted them to do it before, but once started no power could stop it, and the society having now attained its majority, and having a capital of £30,000, they thought it a fitting time to commemorate that event by paying a compliment to the gentleman who had mainly contributed to it. Mr. Stebbing might be called the father of building societies in this town. He was the president of the first building society established in it, which, being on the terminable principle came to an end, but others sprung from it on the permanent constitution, and he hoped that many more would yet arise, and produce as much good as the society he represented. There were in the room that night several gentlemen who might be called, with Mr. Stebbing, the originators of such societies in Southampton and even in Hampshire. He alluded to Messrs. Sandy, Coxwell, and Furber, who, with their President, had shared in this good work, the happy results of which had extended far and wide. These societies had been of the greatest service, not only to such as it enabled to become the owners of property, and to sit under their own vine and fig tree, but also to those provident persons who invested their money in its shares, and thus obtained a larger dividend than they could in almost any other way: This society's shares were worth, in its present position, about double what they had cost the members; that is to say every £40 share was worth about £80. That, in a great measure, was owing to the fostering care and sound advice of their President. Some years ago, when the society was not in the flourishing position it was now, some were inclined to give way to despondency, but Mr. Stebbing cheered them by his kindly feeling and encouraged them to persevere instead of despairing. His motto ever was “Excelsior!” They did persevere, and, under his guidance, went on from day to day increasing in prosperity. He never lost an opportunity of advancing the interests of the society, but brought them customers by his influence, and in no instance had they lost a penny by the connection he brought them, but had made a good profit, and to him they owed it. He would not detain them much longer, as a gentleman would be associated in the presentation who had known Mr. Stebbing much longer than he had done. The gentleman to whom he referred, and Mr. Stebbing, had known one another for a long period, and had been closely associated together, not only in this society, but in others of a like description, every one of which was a success. In the names of his co-directors he would propose the President's good health, and call upon Mr. Coxwell to make the presentation on their behalf. It might appear to be a small tribute to one they so much respected, but only a few persons had taken part in it, the subscription having been limited to the trustees, directors, and officers of their society. At first they did not contemplate assembling at the festive board more than the subscribers, but it occurred to him that there were some gentlemen who would be very glad to see the presentation made to Mr. Stebbing, and they could not be so churlish as to keep all the good things to themselves. They thus resolved upon inviting a few friends, and he was glad to see them present. They had come to do honour to Mr. Stebbing, but it reflected honour upon them also. As he had intimated before, the Society owed much of its success to Mr. Stebbing, who always supported its good name, and was ever

ready to heal any dispute that arose regarding it. On the night he (Mr. Butler) joined it, there was a jolly good row, but before leaving the room he was induced by the President to become a director, and had never since regretted doing so. He could not sit down without, in the name of the trustees, directors, and officers of the society, asked Mr. Stebbing's acceptance of this tribute to his worth; it might be but a small one, but such as it was, they offered it with their heartiest good wishes.

Mr. Coxwell having been called upon by the preceding speaker to present the testimonial, which was then uncovered, and excited great admiration on account of its excellence and beauty, proceeded to observe that he rose with mingled feelings of diffidence and gratification to perform the duty which their kindness had imposed upon him; with diffidence because he could not help feeling how inadequate he was to do justice to the subject entrusted to his charge, and with gratification because it was particularly pleasing to him to see his old and very much esteemed friend, Mr. Stebbing, receiving such a mark of their confidence, and appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to their society. He could speak, perhaps, to a longer and more intimate acquaintance with Mr. Stebbing than anyone in the town, for his first visit, after coming to Southampton, and before he had settled there, was paid to him (Mr. Coxwell) at a period now verging on 40 years ago. [Mr. Stebbing; Rather more.] Since that time they had differed once or twice on matters of local interest, but never had there been any interruption to the very kind and friendly intercourse which had taken place between them. Not so much as a harsh word or an unkind thought had ever passed between them (cheers). This was a very gratifying occasion to him, because Mr. Stebbing had been for many years his warmest, kindest friend in the town (hear, hear.) He had watched him in all his public pursuits; he had seen his conduct and the services which he had rendered, not only to this society, but to those of a similar character which had preceded it. He believed he was one of the first with whom Mr. Stebbing was associated in the Building Societies which were the origin of the present one; and as their vice-chairman (Mr. Butler) had well remarked, not one of those societies had failed in the least degree, but had done a great deal of good. He felt at a loss to say all he desired to express respecting Mr. Stebbing on this occasion. It was his maxim, when he had occasion to say anything, not to use two words when one would suffice, and he thought he could now do no better than ask Mr. Stebbing to accept at their hands the very beautiful testimonial which they had been kind enough to present to him (cheers). He was sure he would appreciate it, not less from its intrinsic value than for the kindly feelings which had prompted the offering. Then, turning to Mr. Stebbing, Mr. Coxwell said:—On behalf of the trustees, directors, and officers of this society, I ask you to accept this present as a tribute of their respect and esteem. May you live long to see it on your table, and may it remind those who come after you of your virtues and great services (cheers) to this society, and many others of a kindred character.

Bro. Stebbing, on rising to reply, was received with hearty cheers. He said he would endeavour, as far as his grateful feelings would allow him, to acknowledge the distinguished compliment they had paid him that evening, a compliment such as fell to the lot of few, and one that had been paid by them in an almost unexampled manner. It was totally unexpected and entirely unsought on his part (hear, hear), and it had been brought about by a degree of generosity and kindness by them which he shall never forget. He thanked the Mayor for honouring the occasion with his presence; he thanked Mr. Butler, for the kind manner he had spoken of him, and he thanked him all the more because he had acknowledged that after what possibly might be termed some little differences that had arisen, he (Mr. Stebbing) had induced him to join the society, to which he (Mr. Butler) had given so much strength. To his old friend Mr. Coxwell, he also gave his best thanks, and they could have found no one more acceptable

to him or better suited to make this presentation, for the warm heartedness with which he had given effect to their intentions regarding himself. The inscription on that most beautiful work of art spoke of the esteem and regard they felt for him after being associated with them for some twenty years. That, in itself, was no small compliment to bestow upon him in connection with an institution that was now so thoroughly established. Twenty years was a long period for men to be associated together. During that time many things would arise to cause differences of opinion, and to try the temper of men who were connected with the management of a large financial institution, and he esteemed it as one of the most gratifying circumstances that could occur to any one, that after twenty years of intimate association they could inscribe upon that plate the sentiments of esteem and regard they had done, showing that whilst he had worked harmoniously with them in carrying out the objects of this society, it had engendered between them a feeling of such kindness. He valued that expression more even than the testimonial itself, beautiful as it was, because it assured him that they had worked honestly and fairly together, and in mutual confidence for the good of the society. During those twenty years they had had to deal with the property and sometimes with the wants of their fellow-townsmen, and it afforded him great satisfaction to say that in all those transactions no secrets had been divulged, no man's affairs had been talked about, the value of no man's property had been brought before the public, but the full value had been given for what he wanted, and if they could not always give what was expected, the man's affairs were never talked about to his disadvantage. If, as their President, he had thus gained their esteem and confidence, it was gratifying to him to say that they had worked harmoniously together to do what was just, and had won the regard and respect which was the source of so much enjoyment in social life. There was another point connected with the inscription which was extremely gratifying to him, and that was the reference to what they were pleased to call his valuable services as President of their society. He had not been one of the business workers connected with this institution, who had, by constant attendance at the Board, done so much for the industry and provident habits of so many of his fellow townsmen; but he had worked with them earnestly to do good under that law which enables persons to purchase their own dwellings by paying the rent and a little in addition to it, thus becoming possessed of what is called a stake in the hedge. And if his services had been valuable, they had not been so valuable as theirs which had been untiring in the interests of the institution. He could mention to their praise that when it was proposed at the last annual meeting to give a substantial bonus to the directors for some extra trouble they had been put to, they said, "No—the line has been drawn, to which we will adhere, and we will not take another shilling from the society, being content to work under the old system" (cheers). By that system they had been able to advance £66,000 to people in that town and neighbourhood; at the present moment they had £33,000 distributed amongst the saving and industrious classes, who with that money are becoming the owners of their own residences or other property it is important for them to possess. Then there were the depositors, who got their 5 per cent, with the greatest regularity; then there were the investors, who in addition to receiving 5 per cent. interest for their money, got an annual bonus of over 4 per cent., making upwards of 9 per cent. altogether (cheers). They who received this not only benefited themselves, but also others who were borrowers, and who were going on in the same path of providence and thrift as themselves. The society, when Mr. Butler joined it, had a capital of only £4,000, but it had gone on increasing year after year until it reached its present flourishing position. There might have been times when they were not quite so successful as they desired, but there had not been a time when they were not safe (hear, hear). He had always

in his mind the words inscribed on the Athenian Temple, "Look not mournfully on the past; it can never return. Enjoy the present; it is thine. Go forth manfully to meet the future; it can be conquered by a valiant heart" (cheers). He desired not only to testify to the invaluable services of the directors, and their great devotion to the interests of the society, but to the admirable manner in which the various officers connected therewith did their work, and he was bound to speak in warm terms of the untiring energy of the Secretary, Mr. Sandy, who seemed to live only in the welfare of the society. He had so identified himself with its interests that the public had come to designate it "Sandy's Society," and by which it was so popularly known; and by his attention and urbanity and hard work he had justly earned that distinction. The Actuary, Mr. O'Farrell, had been invaluable in his help; his accurate and—because accurate—his unassailable estimates and calculations were a strong foundation on which the society rested, whilst his cheerful and ready disposition to meet every detail with the excellent auditors, Messrs. G. Bridger and Sparrow, was the theme of constant praise. Then they had their valued and experienced surveyor, Mr. Alderman Furber—the very sheet anchor of such institutions, to keep them right as to the value of property on which advances were made. In this Mr. Furber was indeed a safe foundation on which to rely. No loss had ever occurred on any property he had passed, and he was sure there never would be, and many of the directors practiced in building matters lent their experience in assisting and supporting the judgment and prudence of his views, thus not only protecting the society, but frequently aiding the borrowers in not giving excessive prices for property they sought to obtain. Mr. Stebbing said he must now leave the somewhat business allusions again to thank them for the valuable gift he saw before him, for the far more valuable sentiments engraved upon the base, and the generous hospitality that had been exhibited towards him and many of his friends that evening. He could assure them the recollection thereof would be fresh in his memory as long as life should last, and cheer him to the closing hour of his existence. The unperishable testimonial would descend to his children, and he hoped his children's children, as an incentive to action in their lives, and to justify the good opinion of those with whom they lived, as, in this instance, it had been his great happiness to enjoy from some of his most valued friends and fellow-townsmen. Words failed him to do justice to the grateful emotions that were springing from his heart, which made that evening one of the most gratifying—of his life, and he should never forget their generous acknowledgments of his poor services, but as the time gained on him—and the time must come when he would no longer be a busy worker in the hive, but have less activity amongst his fellow-townsmen—he should find happiness in dwelling upon the past, and then the sight of that beautiful work of art, and all the surroundings of their friendship and regard, and the kindly manner in which they had done so kind an act, would charm the downhill of life, and in a grateful memory of all these things, give to his last days many sources of joy, and the choicest recollections of the love and friendship which had been so abundantly lavished on him that night.

The Mayor briefly proposed "Success to the Institution," which was responded to by Mr. Mitchell.

The editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Acciajoli, Florence, Italy. Prints, photographs, pictures, and English stationery, are also kept in stock.—ADVT.

Original Correspondence.

THE MALTESE RITUAL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Without infringing your positive declaration last week against further correspondence respecting the English Order of St. John, which I have, as your readers will say, with good reason declined, I may ask you to admit the following extract from an official, published, report of the Grand Prior of the Masonic Templars in Canada, Colonel Macleod Moore, dated the 14th August, 1873:

"It has been stated that our Maltese Ritual was brought from the Island of Malta; this I can positively say is not the case, for in May, 1849, I was the first to introduce the Temple Order there, and we did not work any degree of Malta."

Yours fraternally,

LUPUS.

SAINT JOHN'S GATE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to say, in reference to your paragraph of the 18th instant, that I believe one tower only of this interesting building will as yet be occupied as the business offices of the English Order of St. John. The remainder will not be disturbed as a tavern, with all its antiquarian and literary associations, at all events for some time to come. The statement that the gateway had become the property of one of the English Knights of the Protestant Language is correct.

Yours fraternally,

LUPUS.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

It is melancholy and as humiliating as melancholy, that the shadow of a shade of just cause should have called forth your leader in the last issue of *The Freemason*.

You write, that "it might be a curious enquiry why there should be a want of appreciation of our Masonic literature;" but it strikes me that as far as your journal, and other serials of equal intelligence and independence, are concerned, the solution of the problem is simple enough.

The Press disturbs ancient unreasoning and unreasonable beliefs, and by opening its columns to free and temperate discussion exposes shame and explodes wind-bags; and since it cannot be denied that not a few Freemasons prefer repose in a fool's paradise, to contact with the outer world of fact and enlightenment; and that they resent as much as they fail to understand and appreciate, intelligent and exhaustive enquiry; it can scarcely afford due cause of surprise that they hate the trouble of thinking, and detest still more, the labour of proving all things, and holding fast that which is true. Hence the lack of "a warm, a full, a sympathetic support of Masonic literature."

"Our lodges make little—rather no—provision for literary studies or Masonic libraries," and the consequence is that, in spite of the fraternal efforts of many hardworking brethren, the majority of our members, when not plunged into a gulf of myths and absurdities, are pleased to remain in what you aptly term the "insular contentedness of knowing little or nothing of intellectual Freemasonry."

To *The Freemason* at least must be adjudged the palm for affording a fair field and no favour to all comers. The discussion which was finally closed in your last issue, is a case in point, and the thanks of all those who have at heart the true interests of our noble institution are due to you for your impartiality and for your putting a stop to the freedom of debate, only when on one side it had degenerated into the inane repetition of untenable assertions, in the vain endeavour of covering the ignominious failure of an unprovoked and unjustifiable attack upon an association utterly unconnected with Freemasonry.

The lamentable mistakes of a few misguided enthusiasts who would fain sacrifice the first principles of Freemasonry in the pitiful longings for aristocratic exclusiveness, have brought upon them the well merited contempt of all those, who, whilst according due respect to the time-honoured body of Masonic Knights Templar, know hardly whether to be vexed or amused at the assumptions of the recently invented and would-be exclusive "Chivalric" United Orders of Pinchbeck Templars and Mushroom Hospitaliers, whose new-born claims to legitimate descent from anything beyond a comparatively recent source, have been completely smothered in their infancy by their well meaning advocate, whose zeal, albeit it outran his discretion, might peradventure have remained uncommenced upon, had he not attacked, utterly without provocation or excuse, a confraternity of gentlemen engaged in the unobtrusive exercise of charity and mercy towards the suffering poor. His castigation has followed in due course, and naked and wounded he must regret that he has injured the cause which even more able advocacy than his own would have failed to benefit. Still, whilst the few have suffered, the many have been the gainers; and although the ludicrous claims made by the United Orders to a chivalric origin have collapsed, the Masonic Templars and all "true blue" Masons must rejoice that truth is great and that it has prevailed.

All honour to *The Freemason*, for its manly independence, which, disregarding favour and affection, has done good service to the Craft, and to the general public, by publishing a correspondence which has proved that fanciful Masonic—or rather anti-Masonic—assumptions, can never hope to win the day against history and common sense; which has disposed of for ever the suddenly discovered antiquity of this, the latest fungoid growth upon Freemasonry; and which has ably maintained, against unprovoked attack and misrepresentation the legitimate claims of the English Langue of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. If for no other reason, your journal deserves the cordial support of all those who wish to separate the light from the darkness, and to extend "to the Brotherhood the valuable and improving influences of a sound and wholesome literature."

I am, fraternally yours,
TRUE BLUE.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

I do not intend to trespass any further upon your space with any remarks of mine upon this subject, but seeing that Bro. Carpenter, at page 696, introduces the names of Professors Faraday and Tyndall, both of whom were decidedly against the idea that the spirits of departed individuals took any active part in connection with the phenomena, perhaps you will allow me to give the opinion of the latter of these distinguished scientists, as contained in the closing paragraph of the account he gives of an examination made by him into the subject, Professor Tyndall says "This, then, is the result of an attempt made by a scientific man to look into these spiritual phenomena. It is not encouraging, and for this reason. The present promoters of spiritual phenomena divide themselves into two classes, one of which needs no demonstration, while the other is beyond the reach of proof. The victims like to believe, and they do not like to be undeceived. Science is perfectly powerless in the presence of this frame of mind. It is moreover a state perfectly compatible with extreme intellectual subtlety and a capacity for devising hypotheses which only require the hardihood engendered by strong conviction, or by callous mendacity, to render them impregnable. The logical feebleness of science is not sufficiently borne in mind. It keeps down the weed of superstition, not by logic, but by slowly rendering the mental soil unfit for its cultivation. When science appeals to uniform experience, the spiritualist will retort, 'How do you know that a uniform

experience will continue uniform? You tell me that the sun has risen for 6000 years. That is no proof that it will rise to-morrow; within the next twelve hours it may be puffed out by the Almighty.' Taking this ground a man may maintain the story of 'Jack and the Bean-stalk' in the face of all the science in the world. You urge, in vain, that science has given us all the knowledge of the universe which we now possess, while spiritualism has added nothing to that knowledge. The drugged soul is beyond the reach of reason. It is in vain that impostors are exposed, and the special demon cast out. He has but slightly to change his shape, return to his house, and find it 'empty, swept, and garnished.'"

I am, yours paternally,
W. P. BUCHAN.

CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AND, A RED CROSS CONCLAVE AT REEFTON, NEW ZEALAND.

In accordance with the example followed from "time immemorial" by the members of the Masonic fraternity, wherever they were congregated together in sufficient numbers to constitute themselves into a regular and recognised association, the Freemasons of the Inangahua district have, after obtaining the necessary authority, succeeded in inaugurating a lodge which, judging from its commencement, will be a credit to the Order. The promoters, who are most of them Masons of rank and long standing, have for some months been engaged in making the requisite preparations, and when the Reefton Public Hall Company had their fine Assembly-room fit for occupation by the brethren, an agreement was entered into by which the building will be available for Masonic purposes at suitable times during the ensuing twelve months. The announcement was made in the usual manner that the inaugural ceremonies would take place on Monday, 7th July, and all the brethren residing in the district, as well as the members of the Craft living in other places, were invited to attend. At two o'clock in the afternoon the brethren, to the number of between thirty and forty, assembled at the Hall, and the ceremony of the consecration was shortly afterwards commenced. The Hall was prepared in a manner appropriate to the occasion, and it formed a subject of remark by the brethren of most experience in such matters, who were present, that the decorations and emblems exhibited were peculiarly well chosen, and artistically executed. These remarks especially refer to the mosaic pavement and the tracing boards of the several degrees, which it is understood are the work of Bro. Thornton, executed from designs supplied by the Committee. Bro. G. W. Harvey, Deputy District Grand Master of Westland, acting under special dispensation from the District Grand Lodge, assisted by Past Masters, M. R. Gissinge and W. G. Moss, took the principal part in the ceremonies of the consecration and the installation of officers of the new lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master performed his duties in a most impressive and efficient manner, strictly in accordance with ancient and prescribed usage, and he was ably assisted by the Past Masters before mentioned. The lodge was named the Pacific Lodge of Reefton, under the English Constitution, and by the affection and unanimous consent of the members, Bro. Charles Broad was elected the first Worshipful Master. The following officers were then chosen—Bros. W. Pitt, Senior Warden; Don De Les Carreras, Junior Warden; D. Isaacs, Treasurer; L. Davies, Secretary; W. Faler, Senior Deacon; W. McLean, Junior Deacon; James Stephenson, Inner Guard; and J. Washington, Outer Guard. Bro. Washington was afterwards unanimously elected Tyler of the lodge. The rites in connection with the consecration and installation finished, and the working of the lodge, as far as regards Craft Masonry being concluded, and the brethren of the Craft Lodges dismissed, an event took place which has but seldom occurred

in Australia, or indeed in the Southern Hemisphere. This was a gathering of a Conclave, No. 109, regularly and authoritatively constituted, of the Masonic, and Military Knights of Red Cross of Constantine. Thomas Sanderson Bulmer, Esq., M. D., of Reefton, holds the appointment of Representative and Intendant-General of this degree for the Northern Island, with power to create, instal, and form Conclaves of Master Masons of good repute throughout New Zealand and Australia, from the Grand Master of the Order, the Earl Bective, and Frederick Martin Williams, Baronet, Grand Master of the Imperial Grand Council of New Zealand, acting under this authority Bro. Bulmer has previously conferred the degree of the Red Cross upon seven Master Masons, the Conclave met and elected Sir G. W. Harvey, M.P. Sovereign; Sir R. Charles Broad, M.P. Eusebius; and Sir E. W. Pitt, Recorder of the Degree in this District. It may be here stated the Bro. Bulmer also holds a dispensation under the same authority, to constitute Knights of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John.

In the evening the brethren assembled at the Oddfellows' Hall to a banquet provided by Bro. J. Gawson, in a style which could hardly be surpassed in this part of the world. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. C. Broad, occupied the chair, supported on the right by Bro. G. W. Harvey and Bro. T. S. Bulmer, and on the left by Bros. Past Masters Moss and Gessinge. The other founders of the Lodge occupied places of honour at different parts of the table, and the vice-chair was filled by Bro. Senior Warden Pitt. Numerous toasts were given and received with the usual honours, the proposers and those brethren who were called upon to respond, making suitable remarks. The following were given from the chair—"The Queen and the Craft," "The Past Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," "The Grand Masters of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions," "The District Grand Master of Westland, Bro. J. Lazar." The D.D.G.M., Bro. Harvey, responded on behalf of the G.M., and paid a high compliment, as did the proposer of the toast, to the character and Masonic accomplishments of Bro. Lazar. The Chairman proposed the health of "The Deputy District Grand Master," who responded in appropriate terms. The Senior Warden proposed the toast of "Success to the District Grand Lodge of Westland," and Bros. Past Masters Gissinge and Moss responded as members of the District Lodge. The health of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the D.D.G.M. The W.M. replied in an eloquent speech. The toast of "The Officers and Brethren of the Pacific Lodge, Reefton," was given by Bro. Hayden, and responded to by Bro. F. De Las Carreras. The health of "The Brethren who were visitors to the Lodge" was given from the chair, and replied to by Bro. Moss, who, as a Mason of great experience, in the course of his reply, gave the brethren of the new lodge some sound advice as to the necessity of careful supervision in the selection and the further extension of the Order. The toast of "The Press" was proposed by D.D.G.M. Harvey, and responded to by Bro. Hayden. Several other toasts were given, including "The Founders of the Lodge," "Absent Brethren," "The Ladies," and the Masonic portion of the proceedings terminated, according to the usual observances, with the toast of "All poor and distressed Masons."

It may be safely said that the whole of the proceedings in connection with the inauguration of this, the youngest offshoot of the ancient and honourable Craft passed off, from the commencement to the conclusion, satisfactorily, and in a manner creditable to all concerned.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Robert John Bagshaw, Prov. Grand Master of the Freemasons of the Province of Essex (High Sheriff of the County), held his Grand Lodge under the banner of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, at Colchester, when there was a large attendance of the Grand Officers and deputations from the various lodges in the province.

The Finance Committee having previously audited the Grand Treasurer's accounts, Grand Lodge was opened in the Assembly-room of the Town Hall, at two o'clock.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. John Wright Carr, read the minutes of the Grand Lodge held at Southend last year, which were confirmed; after which he announced that letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from several brethren who had been invited to attend. Among others were the Worshipful the Mayor of Colchester, Major Bishop; Bros. R. B. Barton, LL.D., P. Prov. G.M., West India; J. H. Johnson (Sheriff of the City of London), St. Osyth Priory; Sir E. M. Greathed, K.C.B., Commanding E.D.; J. E. Aspinwall, Peldon Lodge; Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk; Peter Matthews, G.D.C.; Rev. E. R. Horwood, Prov. G.C.; W. S. Pavitt, A.G.D.C.; J. Hervey, Grand Secretary of England; F. A. Philbrick, Recorder of Colchester, Junior Grand Deacon of England, and others.

The returns were then read from the various lodges and the auditors' report, after which the Grand Master proceeded to invest the Grand Officers for the present year as follows:—

- Samuel Chaplin..... Prov. G. S.W.
- Arthur C. Valey..... Prov. G.J.W.
- J. H. Bridge..... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Joseph Burton..... Prov. G. Treas.
- John Wright Carr..... Prov. G. Sec.
- F. A. Cole Prov. G. Reg.
- J. Gordon Bellingham..... Prov. G.S.D.
- J. A. Wardell..... Prov. G.J.D.
- G. G. Pye Prov. G.S.W.
- Peter Matthews Prov. G.D.C.
- A. Lucking..... Prov. A.G.D.C.
- J. W. C. Butcher..... Prov. G.S.B.
- Fred Dawson Prov. G. Organist.
- Alfred Day Prov. G. Purst.
- T. Eustace Prov. G. Steward.
- T. J. Ralling " " "
- A. Portway " " "
- W. Clarey " " "
- T. S. Sarel Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W. the Prov. G. Master drew attention to the sad loss the Province had sustained since the last Grand Lodge in the death of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Andrew Meggy, and proposed that a resolution setting forth the great grief which his death had caused in the Province should be entered on the minutes of the Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. Bagshaw added that he had not yet thought proper to appoint a successor.

Bro. Glass (453) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Worshipful the Mayor (Major Bishop), for the use of the Town Hall, and the sum of £10 10s. was voted to be given to the Essex and Colchester Hospital, through the Mayor, as a souvenir of the visit.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the R.W. the Prov. G. Master for his attendance.

Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and upwards of 60 brethren adjourned to the Cups Hotel, where the host, Bro. Besford, had prepared a banquet *a la Russe*, which was served up in first-class style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Among those who were present, either at lodge or banquet, were:—Bros. Robt. Bagshaw, R.W. Prov. G.M.; Joseph Burton, Prov. G. Treas.; John Wright Carr, Prov. G. Sec. of the province, P.M. 160, 276, 1343; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M. 1234, Past. G. Chap., England; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P. Prov. G. Chap., and the following representatives of lodges:—

No. 51.—F. A. Cole, W.M.; Samuel Chaplin, I.P.M.; W. Slaney, P.M., Treasurer; W. A. Bowler, P.M.; C. O. G. Becker, P.M.; J. Coppin,

P.M.; T. R. Quilter, P.M.; H. Samuel, P.M. W. P. Lewis, P.M.; H. Darken, P.M.; T. J. Ralling, Secretary; Rev. C. L. Acland, Rev. R. G. W. Gardiner, T. M. Bear, S. W. Crookes, W. W. Daniell, Geo. Allen, G. G. Pye, S.D.; Joseph Hanly, I. Harris, E. Clarkson, S. Besford, Geo. Butcher, B. Barber, and E. Kerry.

No. 433.—J. E. Wiseman, P.M., Secretary; W. Clarey, P.M.; J. Richardson, P.M.; A. W. Went, S.W.

No. 160.—A. Lucking, W.M.

No. 214.—Rev. Thomas Cochrane, P.M.

No. 276.—A. C. Veley, W.M.; T. Smee, S. W.; F. Whitmore, J.W.; Geo. J. S. Toller, Jas. Nicholls, Jas. L. Brown, H. E. Stidolph.

No. 453.—Alfred Day, W.M.; J. Glass, P.M. F. J. Cox, P.M.; C. F. Hazard, S.W.; George Corble, I.G.; T. S. Sarel, G. Tyler.

No. 650.—J. W. C. Butcher, W.M.; W. O. Ward, P.M.; James Warren, Saml. H. Wymark, Secretary.

No. 697.—T. Eustace, W.M.; T. Rix, P.M., Secretary; James Neild, J.W.; J. T. Galey, G. Guiver, W. G. Siggers, R. Hunt, W. Middleton, J. H. Boulton, J. Williamson, Thomas Williams, W. Bateman, Thos. W. Naylor, R. W. Carpenter, W. Davison, Wm. Parker, W. G. Walker, W. de la Battouch, W. Calthorpe, P.M.; George Harvey and Geo. Whymark.

No. 1000.—J. A. Wardell, W.M.; Wm. Frost, Ed. Bradbury.

No. 1024.—John W. Quilhampton, W.M.

No. 1312.—W. N. Tufnell, W.M.; A. R. Clench, S.W.; A. Portway, Sec.; W. F. Hasler, S.D.; S. Piggin, J.D.; W. Bright, Jno. West, Wm. Johnson.

No. 1343.—Rev. J. H. Bridge, W.M.

No. 1437.—John J. Wilson, W.M.; Jos. Tydeman, S.W.

Visitors.—Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R. M. Benevolent Institution; Capt. A. A. Owen (88th Regt.) 939; G. Gassner, 348 (Ireland); H. Wain, 1188; J. Bucklers, 646; Wheeler, S.W. 1224; John McCambridge, 301; Thomas G. Smith, 890.

Masonic Tidings.

The ceremony of Installation will be worked by Capt. Coles, P.M., No. 1297, at the Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction, this evening, Friday, at the Approach Tavern, Approach Road, Victoria Park.

It may be of some interest to our readers to learn that the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, have opened a Lodge of Instruction, the working of which will be in German, to enable brethren of German nationality residing in this country, to acquire a knowledge of the Masonic work in their own language. The meetings will be held on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays in every Month, at the German Gymnasium, Old St. Pancras Road, King's Cross.

The death is announced of Bro. Richard Tanner, late Inspector of Metropolitan Police, who will be remembered by his connection with many celebrated cases, and notably the capture of Müller, in New York, for the murder of Mr. Briggs. Bro. Tanner had kept the White Swan Hotel, Winchester, for some years.

A meeting of the members of the Mark Benevolent Association will be held at the "Essex Head," Essex-street, Strand, on Monday, the 3rd November, at half-past Seven o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of declaring a ballot, electing a Treasurer, settling the rules and electing new members. On this occasion, a jewel (voted some time since) will be presented by the Committee to Bro. Meggy.

The Whittington Lodge of Instruction will resume its meetings on Thursday, Nov. 6th, at the Crown Hotel, 41 High Holborn, under the preceptorship of Bro. Alexander, P.M., No. 177. On this occasion the chair will be occupied by the Secretary Bro. W. Long, P.M., 435.

WIRE-QUILTED SOLED BOOTS, which save 50 per cent. in wear, may be had from Burgess, 29A, Oxford-street, W; Speak, 13, Broadway, Ludgate-hill; Blundell, 66, Fore-street, City; Lewis, 209, Liverpool-road, N.; and elsewhere. N.B.—Your regular bootmaker can procure soles ready-quilted in every size from the Wire Quilting Company, Limited; or have his own leather quilted by forwarding same to the Company's works, Leicester.—ADVT.

A MASONIC ASPIRATION.

By Bro. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. and P.Z. Though the pathway of life be with trials beset, From things that are evil, some good we may get,

For He who made all things still governs the whole, Good and evil, alike, are within His control.

Oh, Lord, most beneficent, grant the bright rays Of Thy wisdom, unerring, to me, all my days, That whatever of trials in life may be mine, I may have the assurance, my pathway is Thine!

And, then, when, at last, Thou shalt call me away, May I listen, delighted, Thy voice to obey; And pardon'd and strengthen'd by Thee, may I rise To a mansion of rest, beyond the blue skies

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 7, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, November 1.

General Committee Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, November 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.

" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

Mark Benevolent Association, Essex Head, Essex-street Strand, at 7.30.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (No. 1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, November 4.

Colonial Board at 3.

Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.

" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.

" 217, Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Hotel Royal, Air-st., Piccadilly.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Chap. 109, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Stepney, at 8. Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

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Wednesday, November 5.

Grand Chapter at 7.
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
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 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, November 6.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
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 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
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Friday, November 7.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
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 Chap. 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
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 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
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 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 8, 1873.

Monday, November 3.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome (No. 77), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 West Lancashire Mark Lodge, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Tuesday, November 4.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Walton Mark Lodge, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

Wednesday, November 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction, Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, November 6.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
 " 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, November 7.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Friday, November 7, 1873.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 3.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 129, St. Mirrens, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robinson-street.

Tuesday, November 4.

Lodge 31, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, November 5.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 128, St. John, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, November 6.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 36c, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 " 360, Renfrew County Kilwinning, High-st., Paisley.

Friday, November 7.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 " 413, Athole, 213 Buchanan-street.
 " 114, Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cambuslang.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 512, Thorntree, Thornliebank.
 " 242, Huston, Cross Keys Hall, Johnston.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 8, 1873.

Monday, November 3.

Grand Lodge of Scotland, Quarterly Communication, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 5.
 Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Penicuik.

Tuesday, November 4.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street, at 8.30.
 " 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, November 6.
 Lodge 97, St. James's, Masonic Hall, Writer's-crt, High-street, at 8.

Friday, November 7.
 Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.
 Chap. 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

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Craft Masonry.

PRESCOT.—*Lodge of Loyalty* (No. 86).—The annual meeting of this ancient lodge, which is now in the 120th year of its existence, was held at the Assembly Rooms, Prescott, near Liverpool, on Wednesday the 29th ult., the principal business being the installation of Bro. Henry Scott, the W.M. elect. Although the weather was exceedingly cold, there was a goodly gathering of the brethren of the lodge, which was opened shortly three o'clock by Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, W.M. The past and present officers of the lodge at the opening were Bros. G. Turner, P.M.; J. T. Hall, P.M.; H. Scott, S.W.; R. Young, J.W.; J. W. Fowler, P.M., Treas.; W. Tyrer, Sec.; R. Corke, S.D.; G. H. Turner, J.D.; R. D. Simpson, D.C.; W. Cron, I.G.; Sephton, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Vaughan, H. Vaughan, J. Van Denne, W. Holmes, W. A. Meadows, G. Welsby, H. Robertson, and others. The visitors Bros. Capt. W. J. Newman, W.M. 786; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; J. Walker, 1086; W. Thomson, 1384; W. Harrison, 897; J. W. Carlile, 1334; and others. From the minutes (which were confirmed) it appeared that centenary jewels had been voted to Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., the Hon. Capt. Stanley, R.W.D.P.G.M.; and the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain; a letter was read from the last named brother acknowledging the compliment. Bro. J. W. J. Fowler then proceeded with the installation of Bro. H. Scott, as W.M., who was presented by Bros. G. Turner, and J. T. Hall. The ceremony was performed in an admirable manner, the charges to the following officers being given by Bro. J. Hamer, Bros. Reginald Young, S.W.; W. Tyrer, J.W.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.M., Sec. and Treas.; J. Vaughan, S.D.; and J. De Venne, J.D. The remainder of the appointments were left over until next meeting. On the motion of Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, seconded by Bro. R. Young, Bro. T. Sephton, was re-appointed Tyler of the lodge for the 24th time. After the business of the afternoon, the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served under the presidency of the newly installed W.M. During the evening, a P.M.'s jewel was presented by Bro. Fowler, sen., to his son Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, I.P.M., which bore the following inscription:—"Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, Prescott. Presented by members to Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, I.P.M., as a mark of fraternal regard and esteem. 1873." The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed during the festive meeting, and cordially responded to.

MARGATE.—*Union Lodge* (No. 127).—The brethren of the above lodge, and numerous visiting brethren, partook of a sumptuous banquet at the King's Head Hotel, on Tuesday the 28th October, the repast being served by Bro. J. Smith, D.C., in a manner which reflected on him the highest credit. The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. A. Wooten, presided, the vice chair being occupied by the S.W., Bro. E. H. Thompson. Among

the brethren present were Bros. Winch, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, 192., W. Style, A. Aubrey, S. S. Chancellor, J. Reeve, T. Price, S. Solomon, Tovey, T. M. Compton, I.P.M. &c., J. Smith, L. Wright, W. Saunders, W. K. Treves, W. Crawford, W. W. Winn, J. Phillpott, A. Baker, W. B. Wallace, Sec.; and several others. During the evening a M.M. jewel was presented to Bro. William Crawford, in acknowledgement of his successful efforts in connection with the recent Masonic Charity Ball, held at the Royal Assembly Rooms, Margate, in April last. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and received with that loyalty becoming the Craft. Afterwards the interesting ceremony of a jewel presentation by the W.M., to Bro. W. Crawford, took place, and was received by the esteemed brother in a graceful and suitable manner, he expressing his thanks to the brethren of the lodge in a few well chosen words. The conviviality of the evening was enlivened by the very excellent singing of Bros. Walter B. Wallace, Phillpott, and Joseph Taylor. The brethren having spent a most enjoyable evening, were dismissed by the W.M., in accordance with "Bruce's Act."

BUXTON.—*Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann* (No. 1235).—Monday, the 20th of October, 1873, will long be remembered as a "red letter day" by the brethren of the "Phoenix of St. Ann" Lodge of Freemasons at Buxton, as it was a day set apart for a visit to the first W.M. and principal founder of their lodge—Bro. John Millward, of Longnor, now in his 83rd year, more than 60 years a Freemason, and one of the oldest Freemasons in the Province. The brethren, with their wives, sisters, and sweethearts, assembled at the Court House at 11 a.m., and were conveyed to Longnor in a coach and waggonette, drawn by four horses, provided by Bro. Bradbury, of the Shakespere Hotel. Though the morning was not one of the calm genial autumnal days which have been so much enjoyed during the present October, it had, nevertheless, all the charms which attend variety—the bright sunshine alternating with brisk showers of hail and rain, gave light and shadow to the extensive landscape, pleasant to look upon from under the shelter of warm cloaks, coats, and umbrellas. The scenery of this district is never seen to such great advantage as on a day of broken fleecy clouds, when a fresh breeze is blowing, and the beams of bright sunshine and dark shadow race over hill and valley. The full effect of such a day was seen to advantage as soon as the hills were surmounted which skirt the Dove Valley, and Croom and Parker's Hills, Longnor Edge and High Wheeldon with their varieties of outline, and the beautifully winding valley of the Dove, burst upon the delighted vision of the travellers, producing gratified expressions of surprise from all. Bro. Bradbury, as though he knew the precious freight he had charge of, ran no risks, and the pace was anything but fast, giving ample opportunity for fully appreciating the beautiful scenes which were traversed; and an hour and a half had elapsed before the carriages were pulled up in front of the Crewe and Harpur Arms, Longnor. Here the party were received by Bro. W. Millward, son of the respected founder of the lodge, and escorted to his residence, where they were warmly welcomed by his father and mother, and other relatives and friends, and where a luncheon had been most bountifully prepared, and brethren and sisters, numbering about fifty, partaking freely of what was so hospitably and lavishly dispensed. Nothing could exceed the kindness which this numerous party received, or the frankness and cordiality which prevailed, and it will be a day long remembered. Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, W. M. and Provincial Grand Chaplain, proposed the health of the host, which was received with Masonic honours, Mr. Josiah Taylor singing "We are all John Millward's bairns, and to which Bro. Millward responded with the warmth, vivacity, and enthusiastic devotion which characterise him as a Mason. During the afternoon some strolled about and enjoyed the beautiful scenes of the neighbourhood, between the showers, visiting the quaint little church, and reading the quaint epitaphs in the church-

yard; and the day was ended by Bro. Millward and his wife and family being invited by the brethren to the Crewe and Harpur Arms to tea, which, with every substantial and delicate accessory, was provided in the best manner by the hostess, Mrs. Grindy. After tea, there was dancing for the younger and more active of the party, which was enjoyed until the clock struck the hour of retiring, at nine p.m., "Auld Lang Syne" being sung previously in Masonic fashion. The return journey was safely accomplished, partly under a starlight sky, and, after cresting the Derbyshire hills, in a shower of rain and hail.

SEACOMBE.—*Warren Lodge* (No. 1276).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult., at the Stanley Arms Hotel. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. W. Holt, at 5 o'clock, the following brethren being present, viz., Bros. T. H. Ward, S.W.; W. Evans, J.W.; J. S. Jones, I.P.M.; W. H. Francis, Treas.; James Redcholgh, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; J. Pemberton, P.M., as Sec.; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M., M.C.; J. T. Lea, P.M., P.P.G.; S. W.; C. H. Hill, P.M.; W. J. Long; T. C. Lawrence; A. R. Paynter, J. Lancaster, N. Beamish, J. Moore, A. McKay, W. R. Buckley, J. Monroe, W. Jones A. Nash, J. Higgins, H. Skinner, J. Martin, J. Williams, J. Burgess, and others. The lodge was honoured with the presence of the following visitors, Bros. W. Balley, P.P.J.G.D.; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G. Warden; T. Platt, P.P.J.G.D; J. Banning, P.M., P.G.O. Cumb. and Westmorland; R. C. Mellor, P.P.J.C.D., N. Wales and Salop; J. Chesworth, P.M.; R. Collinson, T. Ambler; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; J. Radcliffe, W.M. 605; A. Bemish, J. Jacobs, T. Birch, E. Harris, and several others. The S.W., Bro. Ward, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. R. W. Holt, by Bro. W. Bulley and T. S. Jones, I.P.M., for the ceremony of installation, he having taken the obligation as Master Elect; all brethren below the chair were requested to retire, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Ward was installed according to ancient custom, the ceremony being rendered in a most efficient manner by Bro. Holt. The Past Master's Lodge was closed, and other important business was gone through to the satisfaction of all present. The brethren were then admitted, and gave the salutation in the different degrees. The W.M. was pleased to appoint the following brethren as his officers, Bros. R. W. Holt, I.P.M.; W. Evans, J.W.; J. Ridcholgh, J.W.; W. H. Francis, Treas.; W. R. Bainbridge, Sec.; T. Taylor, S.D.; W. Jones, J.D.; J. Pemberton, P.M., Organist; A. McKay, I.G.; A. R. Paynter; J. C. Lawrence, Stewart; John McMurdie, Tyler; each officer receiving a charge from Bro. Holt, Inst. Master. Some important business having to be gone into, the visitors retired with some of the members. The W.M., Bro. Ward, then presented a handsome Past Master's Jewel to Bro. Holt, the I.P.M., with the following remarks: "In fixing this jewel on your breast, may I hope that the heart that beats beneath it will ever respond to the cries of distress, and be actuated in all it does by the same kind feelings as those which prompted the brethren in making you this gift. I feel sure it will be their sincere wish that you will be spared for many years, and be present at the meeting of this lodge and wear this token of their fraternal regard. I shall not add any further observation, feeling sure that nothing I can say will add lustre to your name." The visiting brethren and others re-entered the lodge, which was closed down in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Seacombe Hotel a first-rate banquet having been provided for about 50 brethren, who did justice to the good things. Grace having been said, Bro. Ward, the W.M., in very fluent language, proposed the loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were duly honoured. The W.M. then proposed "The R.W.G.P.M. of Cheshire, the Lord de Tabley, his Deputy, and the Past and Present P.G.L. Officers;" this toast was received right heartily. Bro. P. M. Pemberton sang a good old song. Bro. Holt acted as Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Bulley returned thanks on behalf of the P.G. Lodge, then, in eloquent terms, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Ward," which was

enthusiastically received with honours. Bro. Paynter sang a beautiful song. The W.M. said it was with feelings of unalloyed gratification and emotion of the deepest gratitude that he returned thanks for the cordiality with which the brethren had responded to this toast. He would do his utmost to uphold the dignity of the lodge, also to maintain the harmony which should exist, and he trusted the officers he had appointed would co-operate with him in the faithful discharge of the duties of the lodge. The W.M., on rising to propose "The Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution," said it gave him great pleasure in coupling with that the name of Bro. John P. Platt, P.M., &c., P.P.G. Warden of Cheshire, the promoter and Hon. Sec. of that excellent institution. This toast was well received, Bro. Platt returning thanks at some length, informing the brethren of the good the charity had been to the Province. The next toast was that of "The Past Master." Bro. Hill, P.M., thanked the brethren; Bro. P.M. Holt also returned thanks in a good Masonic speech. "The Officers" was replied to by Bros. Evans, S.W., W. R. Bainbridge, Sec.; Taylor, S.D. (for self). Bro. J. Warden thanked the W.M. and brethren in a speech which proved he had great ability, for he was most eloquent. The W.M. then gave "The Visiting Brethren," which was replied to by Bro. Banning, P.M., and P.G. Organist. The Tyler's Toast brought the proceedings to a close. This meeting was satisfactory in every way; the working was admirable, the music excellent, the reception of visitors most cordial, the banquet, supplied by Mrs. Stokes, unexceptionable; and the Past Masters were well satisfied with the excellent wine provided at the "Stanley Arms" Hotel, by Bro. Martin.

ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).—This lodge, the regular meetings of which commence in May and close in September, held an emergency meeting on the 25th ult., at the Railway Tavern, Potter's Bar. There were present Bros. E. W. Richardson, W.M.; J. H. Butten, P. Prov. G.A. D.C., as S.W.; R. Limpus, P.G. Organist, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.S., P.M., Sec.; C. A. Ferrier, S.D.; E. W. Collins, as J.D.; J. George, as I.G.; C. Horsley, P. Prov. G. Registrar, P.M., and many other brethren, but no visitors. The lodge was duly opened and the third and first ceremonies worked, there being three candidates for each degree, viz., Bros. H. Bryceson, J. Bryceson, and T. Boyce; Messrs. A. Budgett, H. E. Appleby, and R. P. Tebb. The W.M. finding that the amount of business justified the step, determined to hold another emergency meeting on the first Saturday in December. The lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of simple refreshments.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on Monday last, the 3rd instant. There were present:—Bros. E. Stanton Jones, P.M.; C. Coote, P.M.; J. M. Chamberlain, I.P.M.; J. Weaver, P.M., P. Prov. G. Org. Middx., M.E.Z. 862., W.M.; George Buckland, I.G.; Robert W. Little, P.M.; Thomas A. Adams, P.G.P.; Charles Coote, jun., Treasurer; Edward Frewin, S.W.; Thomas Edgar; W. F. Cremer, Steward; William Maby; Thomas W. Gough; Charles S. Jekyll, J.W.; W. H. Stephens; Joseph Perry; George Horton; William A. Tinney, S.D.; John M. Ball; Henry Snyders; Henry J. Tinney, Org.; Julian Egerton; Frederick Burgess; Edward Terry, J. D.; John Strachan; William Graves; Joseph Horton; John Read, P.M.; Edward Swanborough, D.C.; John Hodges; Henry Lazarus; Gustavus R. Egerton; Ambrose Bustin; John Henry Maycock; Hendall; Greenhill; Barret; Podel; Poulter; The visitors present were:—Bros. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.S.W. and P.G. Midx.; J. Hervey, G. Sec.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; W. F. Smith, P.M. 177; F. Hogard, W.M. 205; W. Buckland, St. John, and St. Paul; J. W. Jackson, P.M. 232, Dublin; Macintosh, Royal Somerset; Lawler. The business consisted in the installation of Bro. J. Weaver, P.M., P. Prov. G. Org. Middx. and M.E.Z., 863, as W.M., and he appointed his officers as follows.—Bros. E. Frewin, S.W.; C. S. Jekyll, J.W.; C. Coote, jun., Treasurer; E. S. Jones, Sec.; W. A. Tinney, S.D.; E.

Terry, S.D.; Geo. Buckland, I.G.; E. Swanborough, D.C.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler; Bro. Chamberlain installed his successor in a masterly and impressive manner. The report of the audit committee was received, and the state of the funds gave great satisfaction to the brethren, the benevolent fund was shown to be in an equally satisfactory state, the sum of £50 being ordered to be invested in government security. After these proceedings, the lodge closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. After the cloth was removed and the usual toasts received with the customary honours, Bro. Chamberlain, I.P.M., took the gavel and proposed "The health of the W.M." in highly eulogistic terms, which the brethren drank with great enthusiasm; the W.M., in a short speech returned thanks concluding by stating the principles upon which the lodge of Asaph had been founded, which were to have fewer banquets and more real Masonry. This idea had been thoroughly carried out, and the result is that the lodge is in possession of governorships of all the charities, has money invested, and money in hand. The W.M. on behalf of the lodge, then presented to Bro. Chamberlain a P.M.'s jewel, accompanied by an engrossed testimonial on vellum, for his skill and ability during his year of office, which Bro. Chamberlain acknowledged in a few well chosen sentences. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.S.W. and P.G.M. Middx., returned thanks on behalf of the visitors. Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., responded to the toast of the P.G. Officers. The proceedings of the evening were greatly enlivened by the charming part singing of some of the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Geo. Buckland I.G. and by the solos of Bros. Lawler, Buckland, and Coote. This happy meeting will be remembered by those present for many years to come.

EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).—The first meeting this season of this lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Morpeth Arms Hotel, Ponsonby Street, Pimlico. The lodge was presided over by Bro. W. Bourne, W.M., who was supported by all his officers—viz., Bros. John Coutts, P.G.P., Immediate Past Master and Treasurer; Summers, S.W.; Verity, J.W.; J. Elliott, Sec.; Dr. C. H. Roberts, S.D.; J. Verity, J.D.; A. J. Ireton, I.G.; Harrison and Proskaner, Stewards. There was a very numerous attendance of the members of the lodge, and amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Boyd, P.G.P.; F. W. Pamphilon, J.W. 91; T. Bull, S.W. 145; W. Kew, 144; A. Leselier, 1155 H. Bethell, J.; W. 1257; and P. Godart, 1288. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the former proceedings read and confirmed, ballots were unanimously taken in favour of admission into the Order of Messrs. E. D. Estall, J. Nichols, and H. Clayton, gentlemen of high social position, who were accordingly initiated into Freemasonry in a manner which it will be impossible they can ever forget. The admirable working of the W.M., and the perfect manner in which the various officers discharged their respective duties, were worthy of all praise, while the accompaniment of Bro. Stacey on the organ added greatly to the solemn effect of the ceremony. The Second Degree was also worked for the benefit of Bros. Creed, Brown, Chitson, Hayns, and Stauffer, being also finely rendered. Being the annual period of election the lodge having this evening completed the second year of its existence, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, then took place, and were most happily concluded, the S.W., Bro. J. Summers, being elected W.M. for the ensuing year by the unanimous vote of the lodge; Bro. Coutts was re-elected Treasurer with the same feeling of unanimity, and both announcements were received with hearty cheers; the Tyler was also re-elected. Three auditors were then appointed to make a report of the finances of the lodge against the installation meeting in the ensuing month. A proposition was then made to present the retiring W.M. with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in gold, in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year. To this proposition an amendment was offered, which would have limited the value of the jewel proposed to be presented one-half, if carried. This amendment, prompted by the best intentions, and quite disin-

terested, as the brother proposing it will in all probability shortly ascend to the chair himself, however, found no favour, the general feeling of the lodge being that Bro. Bourne's claims on their gratitude for his great exertions in behalf of the lodge since its foundation could not be less substantially acknowledged. The services of Bro. Stacey, the assiduous Organist, received some recognition in a motion by Bro. Verity, J.D., that in consideration of the duties of Organist, that officer should be free from all subscriptions save Grand Lodge dues, whilst still retaining all lodge privileges, which was carried. When the lodge was closed a banquet was served by Bro. Palmer. After the cloth had been cleared, and the leading loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, what may be termed the lodge toasts were proposed and received with more than ordinary enthusiasm, more especially the healths of the retiring W.M. (the worthy brother who combines in his own person the triple offices of Past Grand Pursuivant, Immediate P.M., and Treasurer) and that of W.M. elect. The W.M. and Bro. Coutts responded feelingly and eloquently; and the W.M. elect, in returning thanks, stated that he was already privileged to wear the purple as a past grand officer of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, but that now that he had been elected to the chair of the Ebury Lodge his ambition would not rest satisfied until he had achieved more than provincial honours, and he hoped before very long to be able to appear before them as an officer of the Grand Lodge of England. "The Health of Bro. Secretary Elliott" was warmly received, a compliment the worthy brother amply deserved, the arduous duties of his office being ever faithfully performed. The Tyler's Toast brought the evening to an end. The Stewards were most assiduous in their duties, especially the younger, Bro. Proskaner.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—The W.M. of this lodge having given his sanction for a lodge of instruction, to be held under the warrant granted to the above-named lodge, the inauguration meeting was accordingly held at the Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham Road, Kingsland, on Monday week. The meeting was ably presided over by Bro. Yetton, P.M. No. 933; Bro. Austin, W.M. 33, filling the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. Howe, W.M. 1445, the J.W.'s. The fifteen sections were worked by the undermentioned brethren:—Bros. Wilkins, S.D. 1445; Field, P.M. 212; Musto, P.M. 1349; Austin, W.M. 933; Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933; Pinder, Sec. 1445; Fieldwick, 1364; Myers, J.W. 1445; Rugg, S.W. 781; Howe, W.M. 1445; Candieu, J.D. 1421; Frank Green, S.W., 1449. A numerous gathering of the brethren from various London lodges assembled to listen to these beautiful lectures on Freemasonry, which were rendered in a singularly able manner, and reflected the greatest credit upon those who took part in them. A cordial vote of thanks was presented to Bro. Yetton for the very great ability and courtesy with which he discharged the duties of the chair. The Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction will meet at the same place every Monday evening, at seven o'clock, under the preceptorship of Bro. Austin, W.M. 933.

Royal Arch.

LEICESTER.—Chapter of Fortitude (No. 279).—The regular meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd October, and was largely attended by the members, the whole of the officers also being in attendance. There were likewise present the Dep. Prov. G.M., Comp. Sir H. Halford, and also visitors from Rugby. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of the candidates on the summons, Bro. J. A. Wykes, Sec. 523; J. B. Shout, 523; and G. Crofts, 1391; who were in attendance, were duly exalted to this supreme degree. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. Stretton, Z., the ceremony was performed by Comp. G. Toller, jun., P.Z., who also delivered the Mystical Lecture the Historical being given by Comp. E. J. Crow, H. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation, after which the chapter was closed. After supper, in response to the toast of "The newly

Installed Companions, they severally expressed themselves as having been much gratified and impressed by the degree.

ULVERSTON.—*Chapter of Furness* (No. 995).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Theatre-street, at 6 o'clock, when there were present Comps. Thomas Dodgson, Z.; Reuben Pearson, H.; Roger Dodgson, J.; Cornfield, S.E.; Postlethwaite, S.W.; Whiteside, P.S.; J. Case, P.Z. and P.G.J.; visiting Comp. F. C. Warne, and a number of companions of the chapter. After the usual routine business had been transacted, Bro. Woodhouse, of the Hindpool Lodge No. 1225, was exalted according to ancient custom by the M.E.Z., who occupied the First Principal's chair for the first time since his installation in July last, and who has proved his fitness for the position by performing the ceremony of exaltation in a highly efficient manner, the important duties of Prin. Soj. being very pleasingly discharged by Comp. Whiteside. On the completion of the ceremony of exaltation the M.E.Z. gave the Historic and Mystic Lectures, and the H. the Symbolical Lecture. The usual business being disposed of, the chapter was then closed in ancient form.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The usual November meeting of the above Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Masons' Hall, present Bros. G. Kenning, W.M.; Davison, S.W.; Yeoman, J.W.; Edmands, M.O.; Brette S.O.; Charles Horsley, S.D.; Thiellay, J.D.; Levander, Treas.; Little, Sec.; Cubitt, Marsh, Newton, Jones, and Parker. Rev. J. M. Vaughan, being in attendance was advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason, after which the brethren adjourned to a well spread banquet prepared by Bro. Gosden, which gave satisfaction to all present, the pleasure of the evening being much enhanced by the vocal abilities of Bros. Charles Horsley, Edmands, Newton, Thiellay, and Marsh.

HULL.—*Minerva Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 12).—The regular quarterly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Prince-street, on Monday evening last, when the lodge was opened by Bro. J. N. Scherting, the W.M., assisted by his Wardens, Bros. Todd and Jackson. Amongst about forty brethren present were Bros. Walter Reynolds, P.M., John Walker, P.M., J. F. Holden, P.M., George Hardy, P.M., and W. Tesseyman, P.M. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the meetings held May 5 and September 29 were read and confirmed. Three brethren were ballotted for and accepted for advancement, one of whom, being in attendance, was admitted and regularly advanced to this honourable degree by the W.M., in his usual faultless style. This being the annual meeting for election of W.M., &c., such elections were proceeded with, when, on examining the voting papers, it was found that the Senior Warden, Bro. C. J. Todd, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master, Bro. H. Haigh was re-elected Treas., and Bros. Tedd, Faulkner, Norton, and Crier were elected Tyler. Bro. J. F. Holden, P.M., then rose to propose the following resolution, of which due notice had been given:—"That this lodge objects to the proposed increase of the fee (from 8s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.) payable to Grand Lodge for certificate and registration of brethren advanced in private lodges." He said, in support of the motion, that he considered the brethren were too heavily taxed, and that greater economy should be practised at head-quarters. The motion was seconded by Bro. Walter Reynolds, P.M., and carried unanimously. It was then moved by Bro. Haigh, seconded by Bro. F. Jackson, J.W., and carried, "That a copy of this resolution be sent to every lodge under the English Constitution, affected by the proposed advance. One brother was proposed for advancement, and the lodge was closed in form and with solemn prayer.

HASLINGDEN.—*Blair Lodge* (No. 113).—On Wednesday, the 15th ult. the annual meeting of

this lodge took place. The lodge was opened at 4 p.m., by Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, P.M. The only business being the installation of the W.M., Bro. Le Gendre R. Starkie, the Senior Grand Mark Warden of England, and Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire (Craft), who was duly elected at the last regular meeting, being in attendance, he was accordingly presented by Bro. W. O. Walker, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.L. (Senior Grand Deacon of England), and installed into the chair of A. by Bro. Hargreaves. We have not seen so large a board of Installed Masters for some time, there being some twelve present. Business being finished, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and here again the numbers were imposing, some sixty-five sitting down to dinner. The appearance, indeed, was more like a Provincial meeting than an ordinary lodge meeting. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given and received with a great amount of satisfaction. "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The M.W.G.M., the Earl Percy," being given from the chair. Bro. Major Hardman, the S.W., proposed the toast of the "Earl of Limerick and rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in doing so paid a great amount of eulogy upon those Grand Officers with whom he was acquainted, there being four present. Bro. W. H. Prince, Senior Grand Overseer of England, responded in a very neat and appropriate speech. Bro. W. O. Walker, Senior Grand Deacon of England, responded on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Lancashire," spoke in very high terms of the services which Bro. Callender had rendered to all branches of Masonry, not alone in this country, but elsewhere. Bro. Hargreaves, the Installing Master, proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. Le Gendre Starkie, the W.M.," who responded in a very long, able, and artistic speech. Several other toasts were given, and the brethren afterwards separated, well pleased with the success of the meeting.

COWES.—*Medina Lodge* (No. 140).—On Thursday last the first monthly meeting of this lodge was held, Bro. T. W. Faulkner, W.M., in the chair. The W.M. having opened his lodge, a ballot was taken for Bro. J. G. Wheeler, the W.M. of Lodge 35, Craft Masonry, Bros. T. F. Bishop, H. S. Weeding, C. Airs, and T. Huxtable, and being unanimous in their favour, they were admitted, and the beautiful ceremony of the Mark Degree was most creditably performed by the W.M. and his officers. Considering that only a month has elapsed since the consecration of this lodge by Bro. Binckes, the brethren on Thursday evening last performed their duties in a manner that was exceedingly praiseworthy. After the ceremony a committee was appointed to draw up bye-laws for the lodge, and this being concluded, about twenty of the brethren sat down to a capital supper, provided by Bro. F. Cooper, of the Crown Hotel, and the remainder of the evening was passed in a most pleasant manner.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. John's Lodge.*—(No. 3 bis). held a special harmonic meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 29th, for which special invitations were issued. Bro. Smille, the R.W.M., was supported by Bros. Alison, D.M.; J. Dick, S.W.; J. Colquhoun, J.W.; W. Millen, I.P.M.; D. Campbell, Sec.; there was a large assemblage of members, and about one hundred visitors from the various lodges in the City. Bro. Banks presided at the piano, and the entire programme was under the direction of Bro. Robert Fraser, who was in excellent voice, and who is always willing to give his services to any lodge when the cause of Masonic Charity is to be promoted thereby. Bro. Jas. Houston also gave his valuable assistance, and in addition to these three professional gentlemen, there was a large amount of amateur talent. It may seem almost invidious to make a selection where all were so good, but the singing of Bros. Good, John Fraser, Carson, Crab, Mitchell, Coil,

and Walker, was positively good. Bro. Middleton, by his excellent catering for the brethren, also gave satisfaction, in fact all "went as merry as a marriage bell."

GLASGOW.—*Union Lodge* (No. 332) held the regular meeting the 22nd ult. There were present Bros. J. B. McNair, R.W.M.; R. Mitchell, P.M.; J. McMurray, S.W.; A. M. McConnachy, J.W.; and visitors from several lodges. The work comprised the raising of Bro. Chesholme, to the sublime degree of M.M., which ceremony was performed by Bros. McNair, and Mitchel, in their best style.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Unity Chapter* (No. 73).—The companions of this chapter met on Monday, 28th ult., Bro. G. McDonald in the chair, Bros. G.W. Wheeler, H.; J. Tweed, J.; and J. Balfour, S.E.; amongst the visitors was Bro. Capt. Shanks, P.Z. 158, E.C. A lodge of Mark Masters, was opened and a brother was advanced to that degree, Bro. W. B. Pattison, giving the lecture.

THE MAYOR, CORPORATION, AND FREEMASONS OF LIVERPOOL AT CHURCH.

Almost the last public act of Bro. E. Samuelson, P. Prov. S.G.D. of Cheshire, the Worshipful Chief Magistrate for Liverpool, whose term of office expires at the close of this week, was one of singular grace and consideration. As considerable debt still remains upon the Church of St. Stephen's, Byrom-street, Liverpool, of which Bro. Henry George Vernon, A.M., P. Prov. G. Chaplain of West Lancashire and Cheshire, is the incumbent, his worship invited the Freemasons of Liverpool, Birkenhead, and neighbourhood to accompany him and the Corporation to the church in question, with the view of assisting to clear off the monetary weight which still rests upon it. The brethren were invited to meet his Worship at the Town Hall, a half-past ten o'clock on Sunday morning, and about 150 availed themselves of the invitation, proceeding with him, by way of Dale-street and Byrom-street, to St. Stephen's Church.

The Mayor was accompanied by Bro. Councillor Pearson (ex-Mayor), and Mr. Alderman Hubbuck, Mr. Alderman Carey, Councillors Whitley, Vining, Melladew, Bro. Forrest, O. H. Williams, the Town Clerk, &c.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Lieut.-Colonel Steble, Mr. S. G. Rathbone, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was represented by Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Captain A. C. Mott, Treas. to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and P. Prov. S.G.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; S. E. Ibbs, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Doyle, P.G.S., &c.

Amongst the representatives from local lodges were Bros. P. M. Larsen, G. G. Walmsley, R. Washington, J. Jackson, W. Shortis, R. Martin, Jun., Dr. J. V. Worthington, M. Mawson, H. W. Nicholas, &c.,

The sermon was preached by Bro. the P. G. Warden, D.D., of Westfield College, who selected his text from Luke x., 35, "He took out twopence."

The collection at the close of the service realised £23 1s., and cheques amounting to £25 were received by the incumbent from absentees.

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Answers to Correspondents.

LA RUCHE.—Declined.
A VICTIM.—It will be better to let the matter rest as it is.
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W. HARPER, Nevada, U.S.A.—P.O.O. 11s. 3d.
ERRATUM.—Page 709 of our last issue—Communication regarding Masonic Literature—line 14, for "exposes shame," read "exposes shams."
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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1873.

ANOTHER ROMAN CATHOLIC AT-
TACK ON FREEMASONRY.

We had occasion, some time back, to call attention to a professedly humorous and sarcastic attack, by an accredited Roman Catholic periodical on our Fraternity, and we succeeded, as we hoped, in showing how utterly meaningless and inane such an attack really was, and how little we were affected by so childish and so flip-pant an article.

To-day, however, we have to call attention to a somewhat more serious aggression, namely to the after-luncheon speech of Dr. Brown, a Roman Catholic bishop, in whose ecclesiastical jurisdiction Chester, we believe, is.

Dr. Brown is, we also understand, the titular Bishop of Shrewsbury, and having laid the foundation stone of a new Roman Catholic Church in the good City of Chester, and having attended a luncheon and a numerous assembly of the faithful, he amused himself, and we presume his hearers, by an onslaught on us poor Freemasons.

Why he should, on such a day, and after such a ceremony, have thought it needful to introduce the subject of Freemasonry at all, we cannot pretend to explain, or even to surmise.

Roman Catholic bishops after all, are but men, and something had evidently gone wrong with his digestion, or the "menu."

Perhaps the "Mayonnaise à l'Homard" was not properly mixed, or the fine sirloin the "pièce de resistance," was too tough.

The Doctor evidently wanted some of Bob Sawyer's "patent digester," for he incontinently proceeded to attack Freemasonry "more Romanorum" in a peculiarly offensive way.

As he is reported in the Chester Courant of October 22nd, Dr. Brown ventured to couple "Freemasons" and "Fenians" together, and to pronounce them equally under the ban of the Pope, and to be avoided by all good Roman Catholics.

His actual words are these:—"The allegiance they owed to their Sovereign was a religious duty. No one could be admitted to the benefits of the holy tribunal of penance who was guilty of a violation of the laws, which were the commandments of God. The obedience they owed to the civil government of the country was a duty impressed upon them by the Church of God. So strongly did the church feel that, and so strongly did she set the seal of her approbation upon it, that no one could, as he had said, be admitted to the Sacraments who conspired, or was supposed to be conspiring, against the civil government of the country in which he lived. It was forbidden a priest to bestow any of the benefits of the confessional on such offenders. All, for instance, belonging to secret societies were interdicted from those benefits, because

they were supposed to hold tenets and principles which, in some way or other, were contrary to the laws of God and their country. No matter whether the society was that of Freemasons or Fenians, its members were, so long as they belonged to it, excluded from the benefits of the tribunal of penance. That every catholic might continue to hold allegiance to his Sovereign was the earnest wish of the pastors of the Church."

We cannot see why the Freemasons are introduced at all, and we can only suppose that it was for the pleasant alliteration of "Fenians and Freemasons."

There is really otherwise no meaning in the connection or in the passage itself,

Is Dr. Brown so ignorant of history as not to be aware that Freemasons are specially exempt from the operation of the Secret Societies' Act?

He must know, if he knows anything of Freemasonry, that in England, and in Ireland, and in Scotland, its members have always constituted a pre-eminently loyal body, and that they have always been distinguished by devoted adherence to the Throne, and zealous obedience to the laws of this great country. He must have known that, at its head in Cheshire, is Lord De Tabley and was good old Lord Combermere; that its Grand Master is the Marquis of Ripon; its Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, that the Prince of Wales himself is a member of the Fraternity, and that to brand Freemasonry as a secret political society, or to put it on a level with the Fenians, must be either an absurdity or an impertinence.

As it is not the first time that Roman Catholic Dignitaries have thought fit to couple together two such dissimilar societies, we think it right, once for all, to protest against such an unwarrantable, such an uncharitable, such an offensive juxtaposition.

Freemasonry is a peculiarly loyal, peaceful, philanthropic brotherhood, one of whose first and unchanged axioms is, "Loyalty to the Sovereign of our native land," and we indignantly repudiate any alleged similarity in our organization with that of the Fenians, just as we denounce such an unjust allusion to our benevolent and tolerant order.

Why, in the city of Chester, where there are two excellent lodges, the Cestrian, No. 425, and the Lodge of Independence, No. 721, or why in Cheshire, where there are no less than thirty-five lodges, all distinguished by Masonic zeal, and we feel sure, by English loyalty, Dr. Brown should have thought well to use such very offensive words to all Freemasons, we cannot, for the life of us, understand. In Shrewsbury, itself, there are two lodges, all "good men and true," and why, on such a day, Dr. Brown should have gone out of his way to say the most disagreeable thing he could possibly say of us loyal Freemasons, is one of those mysteries of Roman Catholic proceedings in this country, which we cannot profess to be able to understand or to expound. It is not so many decades, or years ago, since we could tell of a Roman Catholic archbishop, and of a Roman Catholic bishop as being Freemasons, and having a high value for the institution.

Dr. Brown may say, I am only speaking

ex cathedra, as a Roman Catholic bishop, to my flock, and I am bound to warn them against Freemasonry, for by the terms of a Papal Bull, no Roman Catholic could be absolved from the sin of being a Freemason, unless by special license from his Holiness."

We have nothing to do with what Dr. Brown as a Roman Catholic bishop may think it right to say to his "condiscipulos," to enlighten their faith and improve their morals, but we protest, once for all, and let us hope for the last time, against any Roman Catholic prelate placing us on the same level with the Fenians, and as we believe that Dr. Brown spoke partly in ignorance, and partly without a due appreciation of the real object of our peaceful and loyal, and tolerant, and benevolent Association, we would recommend him to study Oliver's latest edition of William Preston's Illustrations of Masonry, and we feel quite persuaded, that, after its perusal, he will both change his views, and amend his vocabulary.

SURREPTITIOUS CRAFT RITUALS.

We think it well to call the attention of the Brotherhood to a subject of considerable importance to us all alike who value the exoteric organization and the exoteric teaching of Freemasonry.

For some time past, more than one bookseller has announced the publication of a ritual of Freemasonry. One of these advertisements, now often repeated, we take from the advertisement columns of "Household Words" for November, and we give it "verbatim et literatim," for the benefit of our readers.

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Who Bro. Mason, P.M., 30°, may be, we know not, whether a real or mythical personage, but to use Mr. Samuel Weller's words, we think he is "coming it *rather* strong," when he thus claims for this, his surreptitious manual, and in order to enhance the value of his book, that it is "the only copyright perfected manual acknowledged by the Craft."

We feel sure of this, that Bro. Mason has no authority whatever for his statements, and it is but an idle puff of his wares, in order to gain the eyes and ears of an ignorant public. Indeed he has no right to use such words at all.

Whether Bro. Mason, if he is a bona fide member of Grand Lodge, has brought himself under the notice of the "Board of General Purposes" by the unwarrantable liberty he has taken in advertising such a publication at all, and above all by the terms of his advertisement, we do not presume or profess to say.

Probably, in this age of wise toleration, it is better to leave all such matters alone; they generally find their level, in their own utter uselessness and unreality, and, if successful for the

moment, as an unmasonic speculation, they are soon forgotten in the onward progress of years, and are treated as they deserve by the contemptuous unconcern of our good old Craft, whose members always prize honour and truth beyond any of those ephemeral advantages which may arise from a forgetfulness of our duties on one hand; or from a disobedience of our regulations as Masons on the other.

We have thought it right, as representing the interests of the craft in one sense, to call the attention of our brethren to the subject generally and particularly, and there we leave the matter, having done our duty to-day.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of Grand Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., in Freemasons' Hall, George-street. In the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master (the Earl of Roslyn), the throne was occupied by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., Right Worshipful Depute Grand Master, who was supported by Colonel Campbell, of Blythwood, M.P., Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; Major Ramsay of Garion, Acting Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden; the Right Hon. Jas. C. P. Murray, representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Capt. J. T. Oswald of Dunnikier; William Mann, Past Senior Grand Warden; Captain Charles Hunter of Glencarse, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire East; William Hay, representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; John Laurie, Grand Secretary; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. C. W. M. Miller, Grand Director of Music; Wm. Officer, Past Grand Deacon; F. A. Barrow, Junior Grand Deacon; Murdoch Mackenzie, Chief Grand Marshal; A. T. Apthorpe, Grand Marshal; and W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler. Apologies for inability to attend were received from the Rev. Dr. Gray and from the Rev. V. G. Faithfull, Joint Chaplains.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the usual preliminary business disposed of, the meeting proceeded to the nomination of Grand Office-bearers and Grand Stewards for the ensuing year. The Grand Office-bearers nominated are as follows:—

M.W. Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart.; R.W. Past Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Roslyn; R.W. Substitute Grand Master, Captain J. T. Oswald of Dunnikier; R.W. Senior Grand Warden, The Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie; R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Major Hamilton Ramsey of Garion; R.W. Grand Treasurer, Samuel Hay, Union Bank; R.W. Grand Secretary, John Laurie; V.W. Joint Grand Chaplains, The Rev. V. G. Faithfull, M.A., and the Rev. W. H. Gray, D.D.; V.W.G. Senior Grand Deacon, F. A. Barrow; V.W. Junior Grand Deacon, W. Hay; V.W. Architect, D. Bryce. W. Grand Jeweller, A. Hay; W. Grand Bible Bearer, D. Robertson; W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. Coghill; W. Grand Bard, J. Ballantine; W. Grand Sword-Bearer, Captain G. F. R. Colt, of Gartsherrie; W. Grand Director of Music, C. W. M. Muller; W. Grand Organist, R. Davidson; W. Chief Grand Marshal, M. Mackenzie; W. Grand Marshal, A. T. Apthorpe; Grand Tyler, W. M. Bryce; Grand Outer Guard, J. Baikie. N.B.—The M.W. Grand Master Nominated has intimated his intention, if elected, to appoint the Right Hon. Lord James C. Plantaganet Murray as R. W. Depute Grand Master.

At the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, as conveyed in a letter from his Lordship, a special record of regret was ordered to be engrossed in the minutes on the retirement from office of Right Worshipful Brother Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Substitute Grand Master. In his letter the Grand Master said—"It was my intention, had I been present, to ask Grand Lodge to record an expression of its sincere regret at the resignation of Brother Inglis of Tor-

sonce, who has now for so many years occupied the chair of Substitute Grand Master. During my connection with Grand Lodge, I can truly say that few, if any, of its office-bearers have shown more assiduity in the discharge of their duties, or greater attention to its interests, and the interests of the Craft in general. His genial manner endeared him to the brethren, and I beg that in my name a record of regret at his retirement will be placed on the minutes of the Grand Lodge." This was unanimously agreed to.

A petition for a charter to a new lodge, "St Andrew," Coatbridge, was remitted to the Grand Committee for further consideration—several objections having been lodged to the prayer for the petition.

There were also lodged petitions for charters to new lodges—"Union," St. Andrews, and "St. John," Dalmeir, Renton, Dumbartonshire—and power was given to the committee to issue charters for these two lodges, if they were satisfied with the applications.

A reply by the Grand Lodge of England to the address of condolence by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the decease of the late Earl of Zetland, was read. It was ordered to be engrossed in the minutes.

A communication from the Grand Master of Greece, regarding the nomination of a representative of that Grand Lodge in Scotland, was ordered to lie on the table.

A motion to have the business meetings of Grand Lodge held in different suitable places in Scotland was withdrawn, without discussion.

It was unanimously resolved that hereafter the financial year of Grand Lodge should close on 30th November, instead of 30th April.

A motion, tabled at last meeting, for the addition of Past Masters, as constituent member of Grand Lodge, was withdrawn in favour of one substantially the same, which is to be discussed at next meeting, but in the meantime to be sent down to the various lodges in the country for consideration before the date of that meeting.

Grand Lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. ALPHEGE LODGE (No. 1431), AT SOLIHULL.

It is well known that, for some considerable time that, excellent Mason, Bro. Lord Leigh, the Provincial Grand Master, has discountenanced the making of new Lodges in this Province, unless the prayer of the petitioners and the place designated were of such a character as would fully justify him in seconding the petition in its full Masonic sense. Such being the case new lodges are now rare. However, one has just been consecrated, the beautiful village of Solihull the *locale*, and the number 1431 on the roll of the Grand Lodge. The title selected is very appropriate—"St. Alphege," the patron saint of the parish church.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Lord Leigh had signified his intention of being present and acting as Presiding Officer, but he was unexpectedly called to the Metropolis to attend an important meeting of the Commissioners of the Rugby School. In his absence the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Machen, presided, and he was accompanied by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. M. W. Wilson, P.G.S.W.; Thomas Naden, P.G.J.W.; R. H. Tarleton, A.P.G.C.; John Bragg, P.G.R.; George Beech, P.G.S.; Captain T. P. Salt, P.G.D.C.; Vincent Taylor, P.G.S.D.; Stephen Wood, P.G.J.D.; S.W. Mulloney, P.G.S.B.; Smith, P.G. Standard B.; J. R. Chirm, P.G.O.; J. L. Kennedy, P.G.P.; Thomas Sanderson, P.G.A.P.; Matthew Smart, P. Prov. G.P.; and others.

A lodge having been opened, by command of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, by Bro. Frederick Cohen, P. Prov. G.S.B., W.M. No. 1180, and P.M. No. 1333, the very Worshipful the D.P.G.M. and his officers were received and saluted in due form. Bro. Colonel Machen, having taken his seat as the representative of K.S., and the P.G.L. opened, called upon the P.G.S. to read the petition and the warrant of the Grand Lodge, which set forth

that the new lodge would assemble on the first Wednesday in each month, and that the officers chosen would be Frederick Cohen, W.M.; Dr. Bell Fletcher (honorary), P.M.; Henry Sanderson, S.W.; William Hillman, J.W.; H. H. Chattock, T.; George Greene, Sec.; James Barlow Hall, D.C.; J. Webster, S.D.; A. Waldruger, J.D.; James Whittindale, I.G.; Joseph Hillman, Steward; W. O. Horton, Junior Steward; Chapman, Tyler. The brethren of the new lodge having expressed their approval, of these appointments in due form, Bro. Baynes, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, then delivered the Oration. The presiding officer then dedicated and constituted the lodge, after which the National Anthem was sung.

Bro. Thomas Howkins was then called upon by the D.P.G.M. to act as Installing Master, in the absence of Bro. Pursall, who was absent through domestic affliction.

Bro. Howkins performed the duties in an admirable manner, and having inducted the W. M. designate into the chair of K.S., according to ancient form, Bro. Frederick Cohen invested his officers.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Baynes, for his excellent oration, to Bro. Howkins as Installing Master, and one of condolence to Bro. Pursall.

The W.M. of St. Alphege having received the hearty good wishes of all present, the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony.

In the evening the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, served up in Bro Hillman's well-known style—who, as a caterer cannot be excelled—with the best dishes and the choicest wines.

Original Correspondence.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In sending you the communication of X.O., and my suggestions thereon, I had no other purpose in view than to lift Bro. Carpenter out of the grave of superstition into which he seems to have fallen, but it has proved a slip.

I would ask Bro. Carpenter if he thinks it more possible for disembodied spirits to make themselves heard or understood from that "bourne whence no travellers return" than it is for spirits in the flesh to communicate from one part of the earth to another?

I hold if the one is possible, the other is more so.

Bro. Carpenter speaks of scientific investigations having been held resulting in the conversion of the scientist.

We have also heard of investigations where no satisfactory result could be obtained, simply, according to the spiritualists, because the persons present were sceptical? What I contend for is this, let any person of sound judgment and strict morals who finds himself under the influence of these so-called spiritual manifestations subject himself to scientific examinations with a mind open to conviction, and willing to find that the effect is from natural causes, and not stubbornly insist upon the supernatural, then we may perhaps find out the truth.

Yours fraternally,

J. KEET.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the October issue of the "Masonic Record of Western India," just to hand, it is stated that at a Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Western India, under Scotland, held at Bombay, on the 27th of September last, eighteen Scottish Past Masters and Masters Elect were installed in the Eastern Chair, by a Board of English Installed Masters, in the manner sanctioned by the Constitutions, practice, and procedure of the Grand Lodge of England.

As no orders on this subject from those august bodies the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, have been publicly made known,

very grave doubts are entertained as to the propriety and validity of these extraordinary proceedings, and you will do the Craft in India and other distant dependencies good service by giving the matter prominent notice in your columns.

There can be no doubt that an assimilation of practice between the English and Scotch Lodges is eminently desirable; but it is clear that a change so important ought not to have been made, excepting under the joint and public instructions of both the Grand Lodges concerned, and even then it should, so far as possible, have been simultaneously made in all the lodges under the Scottish jurisdiction. I am of course assuming that authority has, in some perfunctory way, been given for the change. If no sufficient authority has been given, the officers who made the arrangements and assisted at the installation have most egregiously committed themselves.

In Sec. 12. Cap. 21 of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, I find that "The Installation of the whole office-bearers of a lodge including the Master, shall be held in a just and perfect lodge, opened in the Apprentice Degree, whereat, &c." and in a note to the "Ceremonial at Installation," published in the same book, I find these words:—"In England and Ireland the Master Elect receives certain secret instructions, in presence of those only who have passed the chair, or been installed Masters of lodges, in order to distinguish him from the non-official Masters, but in Scotland the Grand Lodge has uniformly held that giving these instructions separately is an innovation on the ancient landmarks of St. John's Masonry &c." I am consequently unable to understand how the Grand Lodge of Scotland can now have stultified itself by consenting to an alteration it has previously, and in such positive terms, condemned. I am also perplexed to know how the English Installed Masters who presided can, in the absence of direct and positive authority from their own Grand Lodge, reconcile their proceedings, in installing brethren who have not served as Wardens, with the Constitutions and Ancient Charges which they at their own installation solemnly pledged themselves to abide by.

In writing on this subject I have no wish to create dissension, but participating as I do in the doubts expressed as to the propriety of this innovation, and believing also, that the cause of Freemasonry is best subserved by combined adherence to ancient rule and strict obedience to constituted authority, I call attention to the matter in the hope that it may be publicly justified, and that all doubts as to the validity of the installation may, if possible, be dispelled.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much gratified on reading the article "Reading of the Scriptures," which appeared in your issue of 23rd August, but in explaining the usage now in England, with respect to the choice of passages, you say that Ruth iv. 7 is selected for the First Degree, and 1. Kings vii. 13, 14, is selected for the Second Degree. May I ask you to inform me what passage is selected for the Third Degree, as you have omitted to give it.

Fraternally yours,

J. D. F.

The editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Acciajoli, Florence, Italy. Prints, photographs, pictures, and English stationery, are also kept in stock.—ADVT.

Reviews.

History of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, Guernsey (No. 84). By Bro. W. T. KINNERSLY, W. M. Guernsey, Bro. H. Clarke.

The historical records of lodges established many years ago must always prove interesting to the Craft, especially when the annalist is so capable of illustrating the subject as our Bro. Kinnersly. The first authentic record of Freemasonry in Guernsey fixes the year 1763 as the date of its introduction to the island. On the 24th of June in that year, the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons granted a warrant for a lodge to be held at the Three Crowns, St. Peter's Port. (now the Crown Hotel,) by the title and number of the Orange Lodge (No. 116). But the names of the brethren to whom the summons was granted are not known; nor are any minutes of the lodge in existence, consequently the writer is left in ignorance as to whom is due the honour of having founded the first Freemasons Lodge in Guernsey. After 1808, no returns were made to Grand Lodge, and in 1828, it was erased from the roll of lodges. On the 9th of March, 1784, a warrant, also from the Ancient York Grand Lodge was granted to Robert Mitchell, W.M.; John Nelson, S.W.; Peter Arrivé, J.W.; for the founding of Mariners' Lodge (No. 222). This Lodge has ever since existed in the Island, under the same name, though now bearing the number 168.

After a few remarks the writer states "On the 22nd of September, 1806, Brother Jones, at that time W.M. of Lodge 222, was empowered by the Grand Lodge to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge, in Guernsey, at which he was to preside as Deputy Grand Master, this dignity was to be enjoyed by him for the space of three hours "and no longer," and but for one especial purpose, viz., the consecration of a new lodge under the name and number of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, No. 336. From the fact of the high rank of Deputy Grand Master, having been conferred on the Master of a private lodge (though such rank was only temporary, as being for a specific reason) the writer concludes that at that time Guernsey was not a Masonic province, and that then, as at present, they had no governing power between themselves and Grand Lodge itself. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Duke of York Tavern, Rohais Road; and the ceremony of consecration performed. The first officers are then given, viz; Nicholas Effard Robinson, W.M.; Anthony Priaulx, P.M.; Rev. C. D. Isdell, S.W.; D. Watson, J.W.; N. Maingay, Treas.; J. Mansell, Sec.; T. Le Lievre, S.D.; P. Le Patourel, J.D.; Peter Desperques, Tyler. The writer says—At the period of the contest between the rival Grand Lodges, or the Ancient and Modern Masons, as they respectively styled themselves, was raging fiercely, and the first work recorded on the minutes of Doyle's Lodge, was "re-forming" Bro. Champion, a Modern Mason. Since the union of 1817, this ceremony has of course become obsolete. The bye-laws, when first drawn up, fixed the age for admission of candidates at 21 years, as it is at present. On the 13th of April, 1807, this law was altered, and candidates were admitted at the age of 20.

The writer then very ably traces the history of the lodge from 1807 to 1873. Within that period Sir John Doyle was initiated, passed raised and had the Past Master's degree conferred upon him, or as it was then called, passed the chair, all of which took place on one and the same night; (This was allowed under the old Constitutions, and is even now done in America.) Two days later the W.M., Bro. C.D. Isdell, resigned, and Sir John Doyle, a Mason two days old, was installed in his chair.

Perhaps it will interest many of our brethren if we quote a few of the many events which took place, with the dates. We will give them as brief as possible.

On the 22nd of September, 1807, a fresh warrant was received from Grand Lodge, granted to Bros. Sir John Doyle, D. Watson, and Thos. LeLievre; and giving Doyle's Lodge the number 98 in place of 336. The writer says, "This proceeding is, to say the least, mysterious; no

possible reason can be found for having a fresh warrant, unless it may have been to constitute Sir John Doyle our founder, to which character I cannot admit his claim, as he was not even a member of our Order until nine months after the lodge was first founded. This change was regarded with extreme displeasure by the other Guernsey lodges, and eventually the lodge was re-consecrated under the number 98.

In December, 1808, a brother, who was imprisoned for debt, applied to Doyle's Lodge for relief. This brother was a member of Mariners' Lodge, No. 222, and in the month of July preceding, that lodge granted him two shillings a week towards the support of his family. The brethren of Doyle's Lodge resolved only to assist the brother in question, if his petition came before them endorsed by the W.M. of Mariners, addressed to the W.M. of Doyle's Lodge, No. 98.

In April, 1809, the scale of fees was as follows:—Ordinary initiation, £3 10s.; emergency, £5 5s.; re-forming a Modern Mason, £1 15s.; joining fee, £1 1s.

On St. John's Day, 1809, a Provincial Grand Master's jewel, value £50, was presented to the much respected Master, His Excellency Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Doyle.

On the 27th December, 1811, complimentary deputations were received from the three other lodges, which, up to this time, had refused to acknowledge its new number.

In December, 1814, the initiation fee was raised to £4 10s., and that for joining, £1 5s.

In April, 1816, a motion was brought forward that all the Guernsey lodges should draw lots for the numbers by which they should in future be designated. Doyle's Lodge evidently adhered most tenaciously to its old number.

On April 28th, 1816, Sir John Doyle laid the foundation stone of Torteval Church with Masonic ceremony.

In June, 1817, the lodge was removed from the Crown and Anchor Tavern, to Grover's Hotel, and in June, the following year, another change occurred, and the meetings were held at Payne's Hotel.

In August, 1820, another removal took place, this time to Coles's Hotel.

In August, 1821, a resolution was passed affirming a principle, this was "that an hotel is not a very desirable place of meeting for a lodge." In accordance with this decision, a private room was rented.

In December, 1828, the first mention occurs of any subscription to the Masonic Charities, the sum of one guinea annually being devoted as a subscription to the Boys' School, and a similar sum to the Girls'.

In February, 1849, a petition was sent up to Grand Lodge, signed by the members of Doyle's Lodge, praying for the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for Guernsey, and suggesting as a fit and proper person Bro. Hammond, then P.G.M. for Jersey. Grand Lodge acceded to this request, and Bro. Hammond was appointed Grand Master of Guernsey and its dependencies.

In January, 1851, a silver cup was presented to the lodge by the widow of Bro. Joseph Cohn.

On September 24th, 1853, the brethren of all the lodges attended the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new harbour, which was performed with due Masonic honours.

A list of W.M.'s of Doyle's Lodge from its foundation to the present time is given.

In tracing the history of Doyle's Lodge, we have no doubt Bro. Kinnersly entered upon a labour of love, and the information which has been industriously collected is extremely curious and valuable. If in every old lodge a competent brother could be found to fulfil a similar task, how many items of interest might be rescued from oblivion.

For a copy of this valuable book, we are indebted to the courtesy of the author, to whom we tender our thanks. The book is well bound, good type, and ornamental border. We wish it a wide circulation.

Our Young Folks' Weekly Budget of Tales, News Sketches, Fun, etc. London, James Henderson.

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The Mirror, A Weekly Reflex of the World's Literature. London, James Henderson.

This work presents a mass of reading, including extracts from the most famous and expensive books and magazines of England, America, France, Germany, and other countries. It also contains literary, theatrical, and musical notes and gossip of all nations, reviews of new books, essays, and selections. Amongst the contributors is Mr. Bret Harte, who is at present giving a romance, entitled "Melissa," which is full of American humour. "The Arch Impostor, or the Counterfeit Presentment," by H. C. Pierce, is written with unusual ability. On the whole this weekly two-pennyworth is one of the best investments that can be made in the present literary market. It can also be obtained monthly, price 9d.

The Peoples' History of Cleveland, by Bro. G. M. TWEDDELL. Stokesley, Tweddel and Sons.

For many years, Bro. Tweddell has been engaged in making himself acquainted with all books in which Cleveland is alluded to, he has minutely explored every place of interest throughout the district, and we have to-day the result of such researches. Parts 1, 2, and 3, contain the historical, topographical, and statistical account of the past and present state of each Parish, Township, and Hamlet, within the Wapentake of Langbargh, and the Boroughs of Whitby, and of Stockton-on-Tees, the soil, produce, manufactories, antiquities, natural curiosities, and benefit societies, it also gives copious pedigrees of the principal families, memoirs of memorable men, careful chronicles of the most remarkable events, manners and customs, sports and pastimes, legends and superstitions, and a glossary of the North York Dialect. It is profusely illustrated and printed on fine tone paper, and will be completed in 32 parts at 6d. Bro. Tweddell is an experienced writer, and his labour in this work is really one of genuine ability. It is a work involving great research, and will, we are sure, be successfully accomplished, the result being a work of which all people should be proud to have, more especially the Cleveland folks. We may add that it is dedicated to R. H. Allen, Esq., of Blackwell Grange, whose family are pre-eminent for their untiring efforts to encourage the researches of local historians. We have much pleasure in congratulating Bro. Tweddell on the great ability which he has displayed throughout his work, and we feel proud to recommend it to our numerous readers.

Gout and Rheumatic Gout, a New Method of Cure, by JOHN W. FOAKES, M.D., of the University of Giessen, Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries, London, Simpkin Marshall & Co.

After a careful perusal of all the editions of Bro. J. W. Foakes' M.D. (now numbering five) work on Gout and Rheumatic Gout, we can conscientiously recommend its contents to the study of all those who have ever suffered from the painful effects of that most painful disease. The work, although so small, contains valuable information about Gout, and in plain language (without any use of technical terms) shows how it can be cured. The work is so well written that it is worthy of study by all who take an interest in the cure and knowledge of this prevalent disease. The fact of his curing over 800 severe cases of Gout and Rheumatic Gout shows the knowledge he possesses of combating successfully with this disease.

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Obituary.

BRO. HENRY COATES

The accompanying oration was delivered by Bro. Wm. Guy, P.M. 242, and P.Z. of 109, over the grave of Bro. Henry Coates, who, for a period of about half a century was a member of lodge 262, and only missed attendance at the lodge twice in that lengthened period.

"To me brethren it is unspeakably sad to stand in this place and to deliver this address, for it is scarcely three years since we attended here and delivered a funeral address over the grave of the son of our deceased brother, and now alas! we are gathered once more in this solemn graveyard to speak a lamentation over his own grave,

Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
And stars to set—but all,

Thou hast all seasons for thine own—O Death.
Friend after friend departs. Who has not lost a friend? we lose much when we lose a friend, and we cannot but be sensible of the loss we have sustained by the removal from amongst us of our deceased Bro. Henry Coates. He was not only a most zealous and enthusiastic brother, but he was a Craftsman as experienced and efficient as he was zealous. He was no ordinary Mason.

His mind was stored with a rich fund of Masonic knowledge, which he learned by attending and taking part in our ceremonies through a lengthened period of fifty years. His zeal was incontestible for regular attendance through such a length of years, for he never absented himself from a single meeting, unless he was prevented by sickness or family affliction. As a Mason all are so fully aware of the many excellences possessed by our late brother, that to think of them alone is enough to make us bewail the more the great loss we have sustained. As a member of society, he was as virtuous and upright as he was frank and kind, and I believe that I express the sentiment of all those who knew him best that to know our late brother was to love him. He was endowed with many amiable qualities, and let us hope that before he crossed the sable river of death, by faith in the Atoning High Priest, and King of his Salvation, and by obedience to the commands of the Triune God, his sins and shortcomings were forgiven, and that angels of mercy were waiting to waft his spirit to those mansions above, not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. From time immemorial it has been a custom among the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there to deposit his remains with the usual formalities. In conformity to this usage, and at the special request of our deceased brother, we have come and paid, with all due solemnity, a tribute such as Masons owe to those whom Masons revere and love. We have done all we can to prove to the outer world how dearly we loved, and how deeply we respected our departed brother. Let us now resign his body to the earth from whence it came, and may peace rest on his ashes and honour on his name. (Coffin is lowered into the grave). This lambskin, or white leather apron, is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason, its whiteness denoting innocence and purity, and is emblematic of the inward purity and blameless life that should characterise us as Freemasons. It is more ancient than the golden fleece or Roman eagle, and more honourable than the Star and Garter, when worthily worn. This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our deceased brother. This evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul, which never, never, no never, dies. This emblem reminds us that, although our bodies may be consigned to the grave, that when the cold winter of death shall have passed, and the bright summer morn of the resurrection appears, the sun of righteousness shall descend and send forth his angels to collect our ransomed dust, then, if we are found worthy, we shall gain a ready admission into that celestial lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides, where we shall see the King in the beauty of holiness, and with him enter into an endless eternity. Our present meeting and pro

ceedings will be vain and useless if they fail to excite our serious reflections, and strengthen our resolutions of amendment. Let us perform our allotted task while it is day, for the night of death cometh when no man can work. It is passing strange that, notwithstanding the daily mementoes of mortality which cross our path, notwithstanding the funeral bell tolls so often on our ears, and the mournful processions go about our streets, that we do not consider our latter end, and lay it more forcibly to heart, that we must ourselves go down into the silent chamber of the tomb. Let us then improve the remaining space of life, by living in obedience to God's laws and ordinances, by living lives of usefulness and virtue, so that, after the termination of our pilgrimage on earth, we may enjoy a happy, blissful future in the realms of cloudless eternity. To live well, so as to be acceptable to our Heavenly Father, is our duty here, and, as sons of light, it is our duty to progress upwards, and to live in accordance with the teachings of our Order, to do all we can to promote our spiritual advancement, to be living examples of the philosophy of Freemasonry, so that we may enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well spent life, and to be enabled, through faith in the all-sufficient sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour, to die in the hope of a glorious immortality, and be welcomed into the land of unfading flowers by blessed happy saints who have gone before.

Poetry.

THE MASONIC VISIT TO LONGNOR, Oct. 20, 1873.

Say not this world has naught but toil and trouble,
Thorny paths and prickly cares;
Delusive joys, like transient gilded bubble
Collapsing unawares:
Look not with bleared and hazy obscured vision,
But hear my tale, 'ere making this decision.
October's chilling winds with angry motion
Disperse the tinted dying leaves;
As the rude billows of the restless ocean
Its countless waifs receives:
When Buxton's brotherhood with ardent zeal
Their love to Father Milward publicly reveal.
A pilgrimage is formed and all unite,
A courteous, joyous, happy band—
Brothers and sisters fair in high delight
To greet the patriarchal hand.
To give the honour due—"which nobody can deny"
The sapient Founder of the Phoenix family.
Around the festive board the children gather
With overflowing hearts and minds;
Receive the blessing of their hoary father,
Treasure his precepts and designs.
Anon the merry dance and joyous song
The social and convivial hours prolong.
Behold how good and pleasant is the seeing
Of concord, amity, and peace!
All envy, malice and sly distrust fleeing,
Deception and ill humour cease.
'Tis like the gracious, sweet refreshing showers
Diffusing life and joy to fainting plants and flowers.
How rational is such enjoyment.
Recollections calm and sweet;
'Tis like the warmth of spring when birds are singing
And flowers rise up beneath our feet.
Kindness—good will, and sympathy with others,
Would make mankind a band of loyal, generous brothers.

R. J.

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RELATIONS OF STS. JOHN TO FREEMASONRY.

(BY BRO. JACOB NORTON)

Many columns were filled in 1870-71, in the London *Freemason*, discussing the above question, but with no result. On one side it was mere assertion that the legends cannot be disproved, and that St. John said, "Love ye one another." This was simply ridiculed by the opponents, and there was actually nothing proved or disproved. I mean, therefore, in this paper to give briefly all the known legends of the Sts. John Masonry, and then to show their worthlessness.

I have before me Bro. A. T. C. Pierson's book of "Traditions of Freemasonry." Its title-page sets forth the author's claim as a great Mason, such as being a P.G.M., P.G.H.P., G. Capt. Gen. of the G. Encampment of the T.S., and Inspector General 33°. Our author was thus enabled to collect all the traditions from the whole Masonic *arcana*, beside many works enumerated in the preface, on theology, astrology, mythology, cabalology, and other ologies, all which he carefully studied in connection with Oliver's and Mackay's works; from which works he acquired the use of many learned words and phrases—such as Pelasgi, Hierophant, Somothrace, Jupiter, Osiris, Thoth, Typhon, and what not, all which he conglomerated into Masonry, for "all was fish that came into his net." Beside which, he bespattered the book with clusters of Hebrew letters, to all which he appended meanings, though some have no meaning at all. But what of that? It served to impress Tom, Dick, and Harry with the author's profound scholarship. With such miscellaneous stock of stuff, Bro. Pierson deemed himself worthy of shining amid the Masonic constellation of luminaries; and this aspiration resulted in the publication of this book, which is neither more nor less than a rehash of Oliver's absurdities. And as I am certain that the whole Masonic horizon of luminaries cannot furnish a more zealous Johannite than Bro. Pierson, I have, therefore, selected this book to cull from the accumulated traditions of the Sts. John Masonry, and here they are:

Legend 1st. "Our ancient brethren dedicated their lodges to King Solomon, because he was our M.E.G.M.; but modern Masons dedicate lodges to Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist, who were two eminent patrons of Masonry—so say our modern lecturers." "These traditions can be traced for several hundred years, and we, as Masons, have sufficient evidence for our purpose that they (the saints) were Essenes or Freemasons". Of course, Bro. Pierson says: "We, as Masons, have sufficient evidence," and we, as Masons, must take it for granted that Bro. P. knows all about it.

Legend 2nd. Lodges were successively dedicated to Noah, Solomon, Zerubbabel, St. John the Baptist, and last, owing to the massacres attending the destruction of the second temple, Freemasonry sank into decay, when seven brethren were deputed, in the city of Benjamin, to wait on St. John the Evangelist, and request him to become Grand Master of the Fraternity. The saint replied to the request: "Though well stricken in years, being upward of ninety, yet having in his early years been made a Mason, and still retaining an affection for the Craft, so he consented to their request." Ever since which time Freemason lodges in all Christian countries have been dedicated both to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

Legend 3rd. St. John the Evangelist first became connected with a lodge of Freemasons (Essenes), according to Masonic chronology, 4037, A.D. 35, and he continued attached to it during his lifetime.

Legend 4th. Enumerates the names that Masons were known by in successive ages, thus: Noahidee, Sages, or wise men, Dionysiacs, Geometricians, or Masters in Israel, Hiram Brothers, Essenes, Brothers of St. John, and last, Free and Accepted Masons, which cognomen they received in 1440, at Valenciennes, in Paris.

Legend 5th. St. John the Evangelist, who

was an Essenic Freemason (*vide Calmut*), instituted a secret theological society, with mystic rites and Masonic emblems; and some authors go further, and assert that Clement of Rome, who was a disciple of Peter and Paul, at John's death, got possession of the books, &c., of the society, incorporated it into the Christian religion, and that Polycarp was a presiding officer.

Legend 6th. During the Crusades, the Masonic Knights, having, with those of St. John of Jerusalem, to fight against the infidels, they placed themselves under the protection of that saint, and proving themselves victorious, * * * they agreed that lodges should thenceforth be dedicated to God and St. John." And Bro. Pierson here assures us "that the brethren in the fifteenth century placed implicit confidence in these legends."

Legend 7th. was doubtless invented by a Scotch Rite man. It goes on to say that twenty-seven thousand Scotch Brother Hiram when fighting in the Holy Land, displayed both valour and peculiar qualities of brotherly love, which peculiarity attracted the attention of some of the Knights Templar, who were induced to be initiated into the mysteries of the said Hiram Brothers, and these were so pleased with the ceremonies of the Hiramites, that other Templars were induced to be initiated in the mysteries of the said Hiram Brothers, and these were so pleased with the ceremonies of the Hiramites, that other Templars followed their example, and in gratitude for the favors received, they passed a law that none but Hiram Brothers should thenceforth become Templars, and the Hiram brethren, in compliment to the Knights, adopted the Baptist as their own patron, since which time Masonic lodges were dedicated to St. John the Baptist.

Legend 8th. John the Baptist became an orphan when very young, and he was adopted by the Essenes, where he learned to feed on dates, "as we find him in the Gospel," and this Bro. Pierson calls, "collateral evidence" to sustain the legend.

Our author also informs us that the test question used in the seventeenth century was: "From whence came you?" Answer, "From the holy Lodge of St. John." This, however, is contradicted by Dr. Oliver, who attributes the first Masonic catechism, including the above question and answer, to Anderson and Desaguliers, made in 1720, which was in the eighteenth century, not the seventeenth.

(To be continued.)

Public Amusements.

CAMBERWELL HALL.

On the evening of Thursday week, Bro. Seymour Smith gave at the above hall, his Humorous, Vocal, Colloquial, and Piano-forte Recital "The Composer at Home."

A very interesting part of the programme was the "Railway Station," in which Bro. Smith rendered the various characters that are to be met with at such a place with remarkable ability. "Never lose a Friend" was given with much spirit and earnestness. He gave unqualified satisfaction in "A Visit to the Opera," "The Unfortunate Man," was received with much applause. The programme contained many different selections, but they were rendered with exquisite taste and brilliancy, which distinguishes our accomplished brother, and the enthusiastic applause which was given by the crowded audience was a guarantee that his efforts were fully appreciated. The tones of the piano-forte were well brought out, and Bro. Smith is to be congratulated on the success of his entertainment.

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Masonic Tidings.

We understand that a warrant has been granted by the Grand Master for a new lodge to be named the Thames Valley, and to be held at the Ship Hotel, Shepperton, Lieut.-Col. Peters is to be the first W.M., Bro. L. Spielman, first S.W.; and the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, first J.W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the United Strength Lodge of Instruction, No. 228, held at the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town, on Wednesday, November 12th, 1873. Bro. J. N. Frost, P.M. 228, 704, 865; P.Z. 753, will take the chair at seven precisely.

The consecration of the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778, will take place on Monday next, at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, at four o'clock. The Principals Designate are Comps. George Elliott, M.P., M.E.Z.; J. C. Parkinson, H.; The Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, J. The consecration will be worked, and the Principals installed, by Comp. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Middlesex. Banquet at half-past five.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, November 14, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, November 8.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- " 1426, Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, November 10.

- Lodge 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 90, St. John's, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 1366, Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
- Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 720, Pannure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- " 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. (Consecration.)

- Red Cross Conclave 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (No. 1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, November 11.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
- " 235, Nine Muses.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- Pilgrim Lodge of Instruction (No. 238), German Gymnasium, Old St. Pancras-road, King's Cross. (Working in German.)
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, Preceptor.

- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8. Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, November 12.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3 Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
- " 15, Kent, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.
- " 820, Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.
- Chap. 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham Green.
- Mark Lodge Kent, Mason's Hall, Mason's-avenue.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, November 13.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks.
- " 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Volunteers, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
- " 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road.
- " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
- Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
- " 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- " 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Knight Templar Preceptory 45, Temple Crossing, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- " " 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple, London.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, November 14.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Rose Croix Chapter, Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tavern.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (No. 140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
- Pannure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 15, 1873.

Monday, November 10.

- Lodge 447, Mersey, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
- " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
- Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, November 11.

- Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
- " 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
- Chap. 537, Zion, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, November 12.

- Lodge 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 6.30.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, November 13.

- Lodge 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
- " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston, Hotel, Garston, at 4.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
- Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Friday, November 14.

- Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.
- Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW

For the week ending Friday, November 14, 1873.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 10.

- Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.
- " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
- Chap. 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hall, Dumbarton.

Tuesday, November 11.

- Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
- " 419, Neptune, 35, James-street.
- " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
- Chap. 69, St. Andrews, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, November 12.

- Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
- Chap. 113, Partick, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

Thursday, November 13.

- Lodge 275, Thistle and Shamrock, 22, Struthers-street.
- Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, November 14.
Royal Ark Mariners, 170, Buchanan-street.
Council of Red Cross Knights, 170, Buchanan-street.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 15, 1873.

Monday, November 10.
Lodge 145, Edinburgh St. Stephen, Ship Hotel, E. Register-st., at 8.30.
Tuesday, November 11.
Lodge 1, Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.
" 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.30.
Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
Wednesday, November 12.
Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-st., at 8.
Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.
Thursday, November 13.
Lodge 8, Journeymen, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.
Friday, November 14.
Chap. 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-st., at 8.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—This ancient and highly respectable lodge held a meeting on Thursday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. Harrison, W.M. presided, supported by Palmer, I.P.M.; Atkins, S.W.; Lambell, J.W.; H. G. Buss, P.M., and Secretary; and a host of Past-Masters, members of the lodge, and visiting brethren, the latter being very numerous. The working on this occasion was confined to the first ceremony, Messrs. Garland and Dickenson being initiated into the Order. The degree was rendered in a very impressive manner by the W.M. and his officers, and the candidates subsequently expressed their feelings in a manner which shewed that they were worthy of the favour shown them that evening in admitting them into the Order. Several propositions of joining and initiation were read by the Secretary, previous to the lodge being closed, and a petition to the Lodge of Benevolence was adopted and, numerously signed on behalf of a brother, now borne down by affliction and misfortune, but who nineteen years ago, was the respected W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge. The lodge being closed, the banquet followed. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, that of "The Visitors," bringing to the front Bros. Seex, and Owens, W.M.'s of 186 and 1366, who very ably answered, not only for themselves, but also for their more bashful brethren, and thanked the "Mummies," the popular name of lodge No. 27, for their kindly welcome and generous hospitality.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—An emergency meeting of this old established Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., and there were present Bros. S. J. Grace, W.M.; A. L. Dussek, S.W.; I. J. H. Wickens, J.D., as J.W.; J. H. Butten, I.G.; C. Rayden, M.C.; Edward Harris, P.M., Treas.; G. Free, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; F. Ebsworth, P.M., Acting Secretary; and many other brethren. The primary object of the meeting was to receive the report of the Committee appointed to revise the Bye-laws, but before entering on this subject a ballot was taken for Bro. Dyman, and that being in his favour he was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The name of another gentleman was on the agenda paper, but as neither proposer, or seconder was present no ballot was taken. The new Bye-laws, as proposed by the Committee, then came on for consideration, and by command of the W.M., Bro. Wickens, brought up the report. On the motion of Bro. Wickens, the said Bye-laws were then read and put to the lodge seriatim, and no objection being taken, they were again on the motion of Bro. Wickens, seconded by Bro. Dussek, put as a whole and carried unanimously. A cordial vote of thanks to the Committee in acknowledgment of their labours, was then proposed, seconded, and carried by acclamation. The W.M. read a letter he had received from the

Secretary, Bro. F. Walker, in which the latter tendered his resignation in consequence of ill-health and his many other engagements, which resignation was duly accepted. The W.M. then appointed Bro. George Free, the I.P.M., as Secretary, pro tem, until the next regular meeting, when it was understood Bro. Free would be permanently appointed. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned until the third Tuesday in the month.

IPSWICH.—British Union Lodge (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting of this old lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there was an unusually large number of brethren present. In the absence of Bro. Beaumont, R.N. the, W.M., the chair was filled by Bro. C. F. Long, and amongst these present were Bro. Boby, P.S.G.W.; Schulen, P. Prov. G.D.C.; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Peter de Lande Long, P.M., member of the Board of General Purposes; A. T. Barber, P.G.O.; P. Cornell, P. Prov. G.D.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Reg.; Geo. Turner, P.M.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sec.; S. Wright, S.W.; A. D. George, J.W.; J. Burton, S.D.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, J.D.; H. Miller, I.G. &c.; Visitors; Dr. Elliston, P.M. and Robt. Elliston, P. & O. Service, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, and others. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed the ballot was taken for the following brethren as joining members. Bro. John Ellor Taylor, F.L.S., F.G.S. Curator of the Ipswich Museum, late of Lodge Sincerity, No. 943, Norwich, and Bro. Ridley King, Architect, Ipswich, late of Lodge Philanthropic No. 304, Leeds, who were unanimously elected. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Percy William Mavor, of Weston-super-Mare, Mechanical Engineer, who was unanimously accepted as a candidate for initiation, and being present he was received, obligated, and duly initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, the gavel having been assumed by Bro. Sanderson, who conducted the ceremony in his usual admirable manner. The lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. A. G. Allen was passed to the degree of F. C., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Peter Long. The lodge was then raised to the third degree when Bro. Athill, surveyor of St. Osyth, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the beautiful ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. Sanderson, who is well known in Suffolk for his admirable working. Bro Barber, P.G.O., presided at the organ and added much to the ceremonies by his performance. The lodge having been closed down to the 1st degree and the F.C.'s, and E.A. P's, admitted, the brethren proceeded to ballot for W.M., Bro. Peter de Lande Long being unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S. Bro. Long briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and hoped that he should leave the chair at the end of his period of office with a Masonic career as Worshipful Master as unsullied as that of the long list of Masters who had filled the chair of K.S. in the British Union Lodge for the past hundred years. Bro. Schulen was re-elected by a unanimous ballot as Treas., and the Tyler, Bro. G. Spalding, was also re-elected. Auditors of Accounts having been elected and the other routine business disposed, Bros. Schulen and Emra Holmes called attention to the ballot box in use in the lodge, which was absolutely useless so far as secret voting was concerned, and on their motion it was resolved to get one of Bro. George Kenning's well-known ballot-boxes forthwith. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren retired to the adjoining chamber, where a substantial repast was spread, after doing justice to the viands, and the cloth having been removed, the Acting W.M., Bro. C. F. Long, proposed the usual Masonic and loyal toasts. Bro. Schulen briefly responded to that of the past and present Prov. Grand Officers, and Bro. Mavor to that of the newly initiated candidate. Bro. Carnell proposed in flattering terms the Acting W.M. who modestly replied. Bro. Emra Holmes, asked leave from the chair to propose a double toast, that of the W.M., Bro. Beaumont, now on his honeymoon, who unfortunately had not been

able to be so much amongst them as the brethren might have wished, through attending to his professional duties as Staff Surgeon on board H.M.S. "Northumberland," but to whom he wished all sorts of happiness in his married life; and at the same time he begged to couple the name of Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, who had proved a most efficient substitute that night, in performing the arduous and impressive ceremonies of the first and third degree. Many of the brethren present who were members of high degrees, knew well that Bro. Sanderson was equally expert in them as in the Craft, and Bro. Holmes had no hesitation in saying that Bro. Sanderson was the great Mason in Suffolk. He did not know whether it was a secret, but he was informed that Bro. Sanderson was a candidate for the Head Mastership of the Masonic Institution for Boys, and he could only say that if any of the brethren had any influence in supporting his candidature, he hoped they would exercise it on Bro. Sanderson's behalf. The Masons of Ipswich would be extremely sorry to lose so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Sanderson, but they would rejoice if he were placed in a position which he was so eminently qualified to fill. Bro. Sanderson responded to the toast, and after dwelling with heartiness upon the many good qualities of the W.M., who it appears has married a perfect woman (the lady's maiden name it appears is Perfect), and who would have their hearty good wishes in his new life. He modestly deprecated the flattering terms in which his name had been introduced, admitted that it was his hope to succeed to the Mastership of the Boys' School, but thought that in the multitude of candidates there might well be better men than himself, (no, no) at any rate, if he succeeded, his one regret would be leaving Ipswich, and if he should not be successful, his consolation would be that he remained amongst his brethren. (Loud applause.) Bro. Turner sang one of Moore's charming melodies in admirable style, and after the Apprentice's song by Bro. Spalding, the Secretary's toast was passed round, and the Tyler's toasts followed, when the brethren separated at a late hour, having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge (No. 209).—This old established and flourishing lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday last, the 4th inst., at the Royal Adelaide Hotel, Windsor. Bro. J. H. S. Reid, the W.M., presided. The lodge having been duly opened in the first and second degrees, Bros. W. S. Nicholls and C. Barkshire were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. J. Wilson, P.M., who at the request of the W.M. worked the degrees. The lodge was then closed to the first degree, when it was proposed by Bro. G. W. Dixon, J.W., and seconded by Bro. W. S. Nicholls, that Mr. A. Pears be admitted as a candidate for initiation; this was carried *nem. con.* The lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to supper as usual. There were present Bros. J. H. L. Reid, W.M.; W. Bladon, S.W.; G. W. Dixon, Prov. G. Steward Berks and Bucks, J.W.; J. O. Carter, Prov. G. Steward Berks and Bucks, S.D.; W. Denne, J.D.; C. D. Hume, I. G. *pro tem.*; J. Wilson, P.M.; J. R. McIlwham, P.G.S.B., Middlesex; L. Bryett, W.M.; J. Grisbrook, W.M. 717; H. Cantrell, Prov. G. Steward Berks and Bucks; and several other brethren.

FARNWORTH.—Earl Ellesmere Lodge (678).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Church Inn, Farnworth, on the 5th inst.; Bro. Micah Ernil, W.M., opened the lodge, and was well supported, amongst those present being Bros. W. H. Kirkman, P.M., as S.W.; Walter Pennington, J.W.; Robert Warburton, Treas.; Robert Whittaker, Sec.; Thomas Laycock, J.D.; Jas. Mullineaux, I.G.; and Ralph Brooks, Tyler. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, after which ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Joseph Hampson and Mr. Thomas A. Martin as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry. The working of the W.M. was well and admirably done, the J.W. giving the working tools to each candidate. The visiting brethren present were Bros. Pilkington, W.M. 37; and T. Roger, S.W. Strangeways Lodge. On the completion of business the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment and spent a very pleasant evening.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held (for the first time) at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road, E., on Tuesday, the 4th inst., the lodge having lately been removed from the New Globe, Mile End. The business of the evening commenced by balloting for six candidates, four of whom, Messrs. Armstrong, McKenzie, Hancock, and Rowland, sen., being in attendance, were duly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Weatherill, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The beautiful ceremony of installation was most effectively rendered by Bro. Barford, assisted by Bro. T. J. Barns, P.M. 933, 554. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Darling, S.W.; W. Hogg, W.M. 1349, J.W.; E. Jex, P.M. Treas.; G. Clayton, Sec.; W. Lusty, S.D.; G. Rowe, J.D.; R. Bradbrook, I.G.; Verry, Tyler. Bro. Weatherill, P.M., then had the pleasing duty to perform of presenting to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Salter, a very handsome P.M. jewel. The Installing Master then, on behalf of the W.M. and brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. E. Jex, P.M. and Treas., with a massive silver cup, subscribed for by the brethren as a token of their regard and esteem for the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. The recipients of these presents returned thanks in suitable terms. This concluded the business of the meeting, after which the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet, which was well served by the worthy host, Bro. Davies. After ample justice had been done and the cloth removed, the usual toasts were ably proposed and responded to, the pleasures of the evening being very much enhanced by songs by the Brethren, and musical recitals by Bro. Seddon. The brethren, after spending a most pleasant evening, separated.

GOLDEN RULE LODGE (No. 1261).—This lodge met on the 4th inst., at its new quarters, the Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street. For the past eighteen months the Golden Rule Lodge has been labouring under the difficulty of obtaining a suitable place of meeting, which the G.L. of England would approve. Fortunately that difficulty has at length been surmounted, and on Tuesday last both the members and visitors appeared to be quite elated at their good fortune in securing such a splendid Temple and Banqueting Hall as Bro. Neville has placed at their disposal in Air Street. The Temple is of itself one of the most perfect and tasteful of our Masonic structures, admirably ventilated and lighted, with furniture of the costliest character; the Regent Masonic Hall, with its spacious banqueting chamber, rivals any similar establishment in the Metropolis. The W.M., Bro. Frederick Bigg, had the peculiar good fortune of initiating three candidates, viz., J. P. Godfrey, Esq.; R. F. Horsefield, Esq., and G. C. James, Esq., and he performed the ceremony with great impressiveness. Three other brethren joined the lodge, viz., Bro. Fabian, P.P.G.S.W. Hants; Bro. Longley, 1297, and Bro. Curtis, 975. Among the visitors were Bros. Browne, Strawbridge, Courtenay, and Devereux. At the banquet, Bro. J. R. Stebbing, P.G.D., and Bro. Wellington Vallance, P.G.S., both members of the Golden Rule Lodge, had occasion to respond to certain toasts given from the chair, and both these gentlemen acquitted themselves with even more than their usual eloquence. The W.M., whose right arm was hung up in a sling, from the effects of a recent accident, in alluding to the improved position of the affairs of the Golden Rule, created much merriment by the following quotation of Shakespeare:—

“ Now is the winter of our discontent
Made glorious summer by the Sun of Ripon,
And all the clouds that lowered on our lodge
In the deep bosom of the ocean buried.
Now are our brows bound with victorious
wreaths—

Our bruised arms hung up as monuments,
Although the brethren met punctually at four,
it was not until midnight that they separated,
after passing a most enjoyable evening. The
W.M. was supported by Bros. Sunley, I.P.M.;
Eglese P.M., Sec.; Dr. Cross, Treas.; Harris,
S.W.; Fensham, J.W.; Wellen Smith, S.D.;
Allworth, J.D.; and Torkington, I.G. During

the initiations, Bro. Eglese presided at the organ, and by his performances at the installation lent much impressiveness to the ceremonies. The banquet was supplied to the 24 participants by Bro. Nicholls with the most lavish effusion, and the wines were pronounced to be excellent. The Golden Rule commenced its new reign under the most favourable auspices.

BOCKING.—St. Mary's Lodge—(No. 1312).—The annual festival of the Lodge of St. Mary, Bocking, was held on the 4th inst. The brethren and visitors assembled in the Lodge-room at two o'clock, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Vero W. Taylor, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Peter Matthews, P.M. Nos. 11 & 276, Prov. G.D.C., with his accustomed ability. The new W.M. then appointed his officers, as follows:—Bro. A. Portway (Secretary), S.W.; F. Hasler, J.W.; Rev. W. S. Hemming, Chaplain; S. Piggin, S.D.; W. Bright, J.D.; W. W. Knocker, I.G. C. W. Moore, Tyler. Some other business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned, and afterwards sat down to a banquet, most excellently served up by the hostess of the White Hart. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and the whole passed off very successfully. Among the brethren present at lodge or banquet, besides those already mentioned were: Bros. J. Burton, P.M. 276, Prov. G. Treas.; John Wright Carr, P.M. 160, 276, Prov. G. Sec.; A. C. Valey, W.M.; Thos. Smee, S.W.; W. Pattison, J. F. Bishop and G. Spalding, 276; H. C. Bocking, 34; E. Booker, 794; S. H. Childe, 175; R. G. Green, 1024; W. Blatch, and the following members of St. Mary's Lodge: W. Neville Tufnell, I.P.M.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; A. Brown, H. J. Burt, W. Bailey, J. Claydon, O. D. Clapham, H. S. Howell, C. Jones, F. Lake, F. J. Snell, John West, J. T. Weldon, and W. Wicks.

EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).—The first meeting of the season of this flourishing and successful lodge was held on Tuesday, October 28th, at the Morpeth Arms Hotel, Ponsonby-street, Pimlico. Bro. W. Bourne, W.M., opened the lodge. There were present: Bros. J. Coutts, I.P.M., Treasurer, P.G.P.; Summers, S.W.; Verity, J.W.; J. Elliott, Sec.; Dr. G. B. Roberts, S.D.; J. Verity, J.D.; A. J. Ireton, I.G.; Harrison and Proskanor, Stewards; Stacey, P.M., Organist; and a large number of brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Boyd, P.G.P.; F.W. Pamphilon, J.W. 91; T. Bull, S.W. 145; W. Kew, 144; A. Lesclier, 1155; H. Bethell, J.W. 1257; P. Godart, 1288; The work done was the initiation of Messrs. E. D. Estall, J. Nichols, and H. Clayton; passing to the second degree, Bros. Stauffer, Chitson, Creed and Hayes. The elections were unanimous in favour of J. Summers, S.W., being W.M.; J. Coutts, P.G.P., re-elected Treasurer; and the Tyler was re-elected. The auditors were elected and appointed. A handsome gold P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. W. Bourne, for his great and useful services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. We may here remark with justice and sincerity, that, it is seldom our happy lot to witness the ceremonies accompanied with music (as they always ought to be) done in a better manner. It was a Masonic treat to be present. The W.M. being an experienced P.M., did the work in a superior manner. We congratulate the founder and first W.M., Bro. J. Coutts, P.G.P., in particular, and those who helped him, in having so successfully established this lodge, where any one may see the ceremonies of Freemasonry carried out as they should be, work so well performed, and the musical part, under Bro. Stacey's care, so carefully and beautifully rendered. The lodge was closed. Then came another important business, the banquet, so well served under Bro. J. Palmer P.M.'s own supervision, and whose fame as a good caterer, is so well known. The usual toasts were given and responded to. The brethren separated, well pleased with their happy meeting.

LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—The members of this lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist on the 5th

inst. The “Marquis of Lorne” was only established in 1871, the first W.M. being Bro. T. J. Lancashire, but it has met with such genuine success that it is not only firmly established, but is one of the best working lodges in Lancashire, a result of which the founders of the lodge may well be proud. On Wednesday, the brethren assembled in the afternoon to instal the W.M. elect, when among the visitors from other lodges were Bros. W. Mossop, P.M. 1250; W. Richardson, P.M. 148; and W. Crompton, 1250 and 148. The lodge was opened according to ancient custom by Bro. J. Jackson, W.M., who, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, vacated his chair for Bro. W. Mossop, who officiated as Installing Master. The choice of the brethren having for the second time fallen upon Bro. J. Jackson, who has served as W.M. of the lodge during the past year, and is also a P.M. of Lodge of Lights, 148 (Warrington), that gentleman was installed as W.M. for the coming twelve months. The ceremony was gone through in a most impressive and effective manner. The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted by the brethren, next invested the following as his officers:—Bros. Thomas Smith, S.W.; Charles E. Wright, J.W.; Dr. John Hall, Sec.; William Bryce, Treasurer; N. Molyneux, S.D.; Dr. Evans, J.D.; Thomas T. Hayes, I.J. Bro. Ratcliffe was appointed Organist, and Bro. J. Ashton was unanimously elected Tyler. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Boar's Head Inn, Market-place, where a banquet was provided by Mr. Rothwell in most excellent style. In the course of the evening the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and honoured, and a very pleasant evening, enlivened by speech and song was passed by the brethren.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The second regular meeting of this newly formed lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Saturday, the 8th inst. The W.M., Bro. James Stevens, presided, supported by Bros. N. B. Headon, S.W.; J. H. Townend, J.W.; J. Freeman, Treas.; Edw. Moody, Sec.; J. Seex, S.D.; R. Portway, as J.D.; G. Blackie, as I.G.; J. H. Wisby, D.C.; and Steadman, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Preston, Boulton, Lewis, Tee, Stuart-Barker, jun., Portway, Jenkins, Baber, Cox, Tullidge, Kibble, Hancock, Middleton, Colmer, Hamer, Bowen, Archer, Lunniss, Fendick, Hooper, Hannaford, and visitors, Bros. Fisher, 1238; Atkins, S.W. 27; Bryant, 1329; Larlham, S.D. 1216; Bedolfe, W.M. 1329; Hefter, 1158; H. Franklin, S.W. 61; Haigh, W.M. 29; Vockins, S.W. 1329; and others. The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the three emergency meetings, and of the first regular meeting, were read and confirmed. Bros. Boulton, Tee, and Preston, having passed their examination in a highly satisfactory manner, were raised to the sublime degree. Of the nine candidates for passing there were present Bros. Colmer, Hamer, Cox, Hannaford, Archer, Lunniss, and Lewis, all of whom proved their proficiency in the former degree, and were then passed to the degree of F.C. Mr. Saml. Browne, of Lawrence-lane, was then initiated in the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in his usual careful and correct style, and did not fail to make a great impression upon the various candidates. We have omitted to state that previous to the passings the lodge was called off for refreshment, and “the cups that cheer but not inebriate” were partaken of by the brethren assembled. Two candidates for initiation, one a well-known city gentleman, were proposed. An application from a number of brethren for permission to hold a lodge of instruction under the warrant of The Great City Lodge was then read, and a committee, consisting of Bros. Colmer, Freeman, Headon, Stuart-Barker, jun., Tee, and Boulton, with the W.M. and Secretary, was appointed to carry out the arrangements. The W.M. having announced that it was his intention to represent the lodge as Steward at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, early in the ensuing year, a brother proposed that one of the usual banquets should be given up, and the amount thus saved, say £50, placed

upon the W.M.'s list. The proposition was received with acclamation, and will probably be carried at the next meeting. About £50 were then subscribed by the individual members, and more was promised. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where, instead of the usual dinner, there was spread a frugal meal of bread, cheese, and ale. The W.M. presided, and all the brethren and visitors partook of the repast. When the cloth had been removed, the W.M. gave the usual toasts. The numerous visitors expressed themselves delighted with the novel banquet, and with the fraternal spirit evinced throughout the whole of the proceedings, while several spoke in high terms of the manner in which the proposition in the lodge had been received, and promised that imitators should not be wanting. The brethren then separated, happy to meet, sorry to part, hoping to meet again.

BUCKHURST HILL.—*Bagshot Lodge* (No. 1457)—A very interesting Masonic ceremony took place on the 11th inst. at Buckhurst Hill, in this county, viz., the consecration of a new lodge, to be called the "Bagshaw Lodge," in compliment to the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of the Province, Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, who is also High Sheriff of the County for the current year, and the installation of the W.M. designate. The brethren having assembled in the lodge-room, the ceremony of consecration was ably and impressively performed by the V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec. of England, assisted by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M. 975, and Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, an oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry being delivered by Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Essex. The W.M. Designate, Bro. Joseph Tanner, was then installed as W.M. of the new lodge, and he appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Clarkson, S.W.; Samuel Lilley, Sec.; J. R. Cover, J.W.; T. W. Nicholson, S.D.; D. Reed, J.D.; W. Holloway, I.G.; G. Smith, Tyler. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served up in first-class style by Bro. Locke, of the Bald-faced Stag Hotel. The usual toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and a capital selection of vocal music was given under the direction of Bro. Henry Parker, P.P.G. Organist, Middlesex. Amongst the brethren present, at either lodge or banquet, were Bros. John Hervey, Grand Sec. Eng., R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, and Sec. R.M.I.G.; John Wright Carr, P.M. 160,276, Prov. Grand Sec., Essex; A. C. Veley, W.M. 276, J.G.W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 276, P. Prov. G. Chap.; H. Rowley, P.M. 1000, Prov. G.S.D.; William A. Heath, S.W. 3; W. Babington; W. N. Trent, J.D.; John Egan, D.C., and R. Martin, 453; John A. Wardell, W.M.; W. M. Chaplain, J.D. and Sec., and W. P. Belliss, Steward, 1000; Henry Allen, J. R. Tisar, and W. Wrenn, 1056; J. H. Harmsworth, W.M. 1178; H. Parker, 1192; George Musgrave, and H. O. Martin, 1309; R. H. Thompson 1329; Charles Lacey, W.M. 1421, and P.M. 174; and John Boyd. Under the Presidency of so deservedly popular a Mason as Bro. Joseph Tanner, the Bagshot Lodge cannot fail to be prosperous. The furniture, jewels, etc., were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

LANGTHORNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1421).—The members of this recently established Lodge of Instruction, working under the warrant of the Mother Lodge, and of which Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 933, is the Preceptor, assembled in the lodge room at the Swan Hotel, Straiford, E., on Wednesday, the 29th ultimo., for the purpose of witnessing the working of the Fifteen Sections, by members of the lodge, assisted by several brethren of well known Masonic repute from the Yarborough, Doric, and other lodges. The chair was occupied by Bro. Latrielle, P.M. 1056; Bro. J. I. Barnes (Preceptor of the lodge) acting as S.W.; and Bro. W. Land, S.W. Crystal Palace Lodge, as J.W. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, and the minutes read and duly confirmed, was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed in the first degree. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the brethren in the following order viz. :—

First Lecture, 1st Section	Bro. Land,
" " 2nd "	" Mortlock.
" " 3rd "	" Cranswick
" " 4th "	" Mustow.
" " 5th "	" Barnes.
" " 6th "	" Barnes.
" " 7th "	" Barnes.
Second Lecture, 1st "	" Christian.
" " 2nd "	" Mustow.
" " 3rd "	" M
" " 4th "	" Cundick.
" " 5th "	" Barnes.
Third Lecture, 1st "	" Robbins.
" " 2nd "	" Lacey.
" " 3rd "	" Mortlock.

At the close of the working, a cordial vote of thanks was given to those brethren who had worked the various sections, and also to Bro. Latrielle for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair. The brethren were also pleased to mark their sense of the services he had rendered that evening by unanimously electing him an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Latrielle having acknowledged the compliment paid him in suitable terms, the lodge was closed in due form. The following were amongst the brethren present, viz. Bros. Latrielle, W.M.; Barnes, S.W.; Land, J.W.; T. S. Mortlock, Guernsey, Hendley, Lacey, W.M. 1421, Sharp, Tutsum V. S. Taylor, Woods, Cundick, J.D. 1421; Boulton, Morley, Mole, H. R. Taylor, Cranswick, Mustow, Christian, G. E. Slee J.W. 1421; and C. W. Ashdown, Hon. Secretary.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on the 6th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. Montague Scott, M.E.Z.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z. as H.; F. Walters, P.Z., as J.; C. T. Darcy, P.Z.; W. Smeed, P.Z. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee showed a good balance in hand, without any liability. Bros. Percy, Moreton Scott, R.N. (St. James's Lodge, 765, son of the M.E.Z.), and Phillip Charles Nixon, (J.W. 176, Caveac Lodge,) being in attendance, were duly initiated into Royal Arch Freemasonry, the ceremony being correctly and impressively given. A five guinea P.Z.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted from the chapter's funds, was presented to Comp. M. Scott, M.E.Z., for his exertions in behalf of the chapter, and as a mark of esteem, respect, and gratitude for the admirable manner he presided over the chapter meetings during his year of office. All the business being completed, the chapter was closed. The usual good banquet followed. The regular toasts were given and responded to. The visitors were Comps. W. Smeed, P.Z. 946; H. Reed, 463; and T. Yeo, 3.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTHWARK LODGE (No. 22).—The progress made by Mark Masonry was well illustrated on Tuesday last, when, at the installation meeting of this Lodge, a larger number of brethren attended than is usual in Mark lodges. The Southwark Lodge had been in a state of decadence for some years, until at last installation day, Bro. John Read, Grand Organist in the Mark Degree, was installed as W.M. He, with the aid of a large circle of Masonic friends, immediately set to work to restore the fortunes of the lodge which was under his charge, and by perseverance in the cause, and heartiness in his work, he, in the course of a few months, made the lodge as prosperous as any in the degree. On Tuesday he was succeeded in the chair by Bro. Isaac J. H. Wilkins, a brother equally influential, earnest and energetic, who had, while he was S. W., ably seconded Bro. Read's efforts to raise the position of the lodge. It was plain that the revivifying process which it had gone through had succeeded, as the number of

brethren who attended reminded them of the days when Bro. Cotteburne used to perform the W.M.'s duties, and when Bros. Leonard, Lilley, and Avery presided. Lodge was full, and at the banquet table some thirty members and visitors sat down. The meeting was held at the headquarters of the lodge, the Bridge House Hotel; and the business of the evening was commenced by Bro. Read advancing Bros. Alfred Brett, D. Greenaway, H. A. Milford, J. Hutt and S. Lilley. It had been expected that the Grand Master of the province would have been present, but a letter was read from him explaining his absence, and regretting that he should not have the pleasure of meeting the brethren. But there were some other distinguished visitors present, and among them the Grand Secretary (Bro. F. Binckes), Bro. Lazarus, Bro. Meggy, Bro. W. Worrell, and Bro. Allen. Bro. Meggy, at the conclusion of the ceremony of advancement, took the chair, and Bro. Read presented to him Bro. Wilkins for installation. The ceremony was, of course, perfectly performed by such a master of the art, and when Bro. Wilkins had been duly installed he appointed as his officers for the year Bros. Stidolph, S.W.; C. T. Sparkes, J.W.; John Read, P.M., Secretary; Harry Brett, Treasurer; Poore, M.O.; Josh. Spencer, S.O.; Gilbert, J.O.; Horton, S.D.; Bonto, J.D.; Montgomery, I.G.; Hutt, Registrar; Greenaway, Steward and Milford, D.C. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, provided in the most refined style Bro. J. Spencer, the proprietor of the Bridge House Hotel. It was very late when this was disposed of, and the speeches were entered upon, but there was no time lost when the W.M. got at his work. After giving the toasts of "The Queen," and the "M.W. the Grand Mark Master, Earl Percy, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, past and present," and expressing his pleasure that that distinguished Mason had recovered from his recent illness, he called on Bro. Binckes to respond.

Bro. Binckes said that the toast was a most comprehensive one, and for the information of the younger members of this degree, he would say that it was framed with a view to the early departure of Masons for their homes, because toasting these high functionaries separately would involve a good expenditure of time. He was glad to hear the W.M. speak in such high terms as he had of Earl Percy, because he was a young nobleman whom any society might be proud to have at its head, and he took a very large interest in Freemasonry, and even a greater in this degree. For the Past Grand Masters this degree had the privilege of having the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, Mr. Beach, Lord Leigh, and the Rev. George Raymond Portal, a goodly list of brethren, who had been of immense influence and service in the Order. For the Deputy G.M. they had another nobleman, the Earl of Limerick, whose zeal in Freemasonry could not be too widely known or gratefully acknowledged, and who, he knew, from his own knowledge took a great interest in the spread of Mark Masonry. Therefore the Order could only look back to the past with pride and forward to the future with satisfaction. The Grand Officers, speaking for them only, and not for himself, both past and present, had shown great zeal and ability in the discharge of their duties, and he was never weary of repeating himself in saying that in connection with Grand Mark Lodge there was no backstairs influence brought to bear in the promotion to grand office. There was but one road to promotion—a sure one—the evincing an interest in the Order. Such service met with its reward, and the honours of Grand Lodge were consequently looked upon as honours to be coveted. For himself he would only say that having been nursed, so to speak in this Grand Lodge, first as Grand Assistant Secretary, and then as Grand Secretary, he was intensely gratified at the enormous progress the Order had made. It had now nearly 170 lodges, and had enrolled in its ranks 6000 good Masons. It was making rapid strides day by day, week by week, month by month, and year by year. It never was in such a prosperous condition before. It had a good benevolent fund, and he

hoped that from time to time the ranks would be recruited by the introduction of zealous and able members, who would remember with fondness the traditions of the degree, act up to its tenets, carry out its principles, and, at no distant day, share in its honours. In conclusion, Bro. Binckes thanked the brethren for the toast. The W.M. next proposed "The Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Burdett, and his Officers," and greatly regretted Col. Burdett's absence. Bro. C. J. Sparks, in reply, said he was quite taken by surprise at being called upon to respond to this toast, as he had expected Col. Burdett to be present. From the tenour of his letter, no doubt his absence was a great disappointment to him; and it was also, it must be confessed, to the lodge. He would reiterate the hope expressed in the Provincial Grand Master's letter, that the time would not be far distant when he would be at their board to return thanks for himself. Bro. Meggy proposed "The Health of the W.M." and in doing so expressed the great pleasure he felt at having to instal him in the chair. If the brethren would only pay attention to Bro. Wilkins' commands during the next year it would be a very prosperous time for the lodge. From what he knew of him he was just the sort of man to bring it into a flourishing condition. He (Bro. Meggy) had known the lodge for a long time, when it was not so prosperous as now, when the candidates for advancement were few and far between; but it had now turned the corner, and great credit was due to the W.M. for his great exertions. Let them support him, and he would have a happy year. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, observed that he did not think he deserved one-half of the kind expressions which had been used, but he would take for granted that he did deserve them, because he should be sorry to contradict Bro. Meggy. Unquestionably the lodge had for some time been in a failing condition, but it found friends who were desirous of elevating it, and for the last few months it had been improving, thanks to his brother on his left (Bro. Read). Thanks, also, to all those who took an interest in the lodge and had pushed forward its individuality, and brought it out of the depths into which it had fallen. He cordially acknowledged the kindness of his numerous friends who had assisted him, and begged that they would continue to bring to the lodge members who, like those they had hitherto introduced, from their position would be complimentary to the lodge. There was a glorious future before it if the brethren would bear this in mind; and he promised that he would do everything in his power to render the lodge a service. The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Health of the Immediate P.M., Bro. John Read," and again called attention to the vast obligations he had placed the brethren under to him. But for him he did not know that the lodge would now have been in existence; but as the brethren knew as well as himself what Bro. Read had done, it would be only a waste of time if he dilated much upon it. But he must tell them that many communications had from time to time passed between them which he believed had been for the benefit of the lodge. They had consulted together as to what they should do, and the result was in the main that they had such a very delightful company that evening. He did not see why the Southwark Lodge should not be one of the best Mark lodges in the kingdom. In recognition of Bro. Read's services to the lodge he had the pleasure of presenting him with a P.M. jewel (cheers). Bro. John Read thanked the brethren for the presentation, and said the lodge's success was not so much due to him as to the W.M.; but all had put their shoulders to the wheel, and their united efforts had brought about the fortunate result. He then described the various stages of decay which the lodge had experienced, and then its gradual rise to its present condition of prosperity. He was assured that it would not now go back into the slough of despond; it had all the elements of success in it, and it would be the brethren's own fault if they did not keep them. All who were around the board that evening were a credit and honour to the lodge. He asked them to bring more such. The jewel that had been presented to him far exceeded in value anything he had been able to do for the

lodge and he would wear it with as much pleasure as he wore other jewels. It would always remind him of the kindness with which the brethren had looked upon his exertions. The W.M. proposed "The newly advanced brethren," a toast which was always received with a great deal of sympathy and respect. That evening they had had five, and every member of the lodge would agree with him that all of them would shed a lustre on the lodge. Bro. Alfred Brett, P.M. 134 (Craft) responded, and said it was a happiness to him to come among the brethren of the lodge, and a still greater happiness to see it in such a prosperous state. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Lazarus, who, he said, was a Mark Mason of fifty years' standing. Bro. Lazarus acknowledged that he was. He was now 75 years of age, but was still a jolly good fellow. From the very moment he received the light of Freemasonry he had had the utmost veneration for it, a veneration that it deserved, as there were in it all the principles which could make a good man. It was a great pleasure to him to visit this lodge, and it was extremely gratifying to him to find it flourishing. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Meggy," and descanted on his great merits, not only as a performer of the ceremonies in Mark Masonry, but as an instigator to the work of Masonic charity. Whether at teaching the ceremonies, installing a Master, or establishing a benevolent fund, Bro. Meggy was always working in Masonry, and rejoiced at doing it. Bro. Meggy, in reply, assured the brethren of his great desire to fulfil the obligations he took on him when he became a Mason. With regard to the Southwark lodge, he formerly used to be invited to perform the installations, and the brethren were kind enough to elect him a member. He had felt it his duty to come forward and prove the good of Masonry. He was not ashamed to acknowledge it, he was now and then of a little use in Masonry, and he was not sorry to have the opportunity of doing what he could. Since he had been elected a member he had felt it his duty to promote the interest of the lodge, and if he had done it, the knowledge of his having done so was his highest reward. He appreciated the kindness of the brethren in acknowledging what he had done, and at any time he could be of any use to the lodge he would be pleased. The S.W. returned thanks for "The Officers," and the brethren, as it was past twelve o'clock, separated, after spending a most delightful evening.

Sir Knights Templar.

The Prudence Preceptory was opened at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the 22nd ult., when Sir Knight the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Sub. Prior Suffolk and Cambridge (in the unavoidable absence of the Preceptor, Sir Knight Beaumont, R.N. and the Acting Preceptor Sir Knt. Holmes, P.G. Provost of England) presided, and there were present Sir Knights Dr. Mills, P.E.C.; J. Pitcher, P.E.C. Reg.; and others. Comp. G. R. Scopes of Yarmouth, whose name had been previously approved by the Provincial Prior, was balloted for, accepted, and being president, he was duly installed a Knight of the Order of the Temple, Sir Knight Sanderson performing the ceremony in an impressive manner for which he is famous throughout the Eastern Counties.

Sir Knight W. P. Mills, M.D. P.E.C. was unanimously re-elected Preceptor for the ensuing year.

The Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to refreshment.

Scotland.

CAMBUSLANG.—Friday; 30th ult., being the festival of Hallowe'en commemorated by our national poet Burns, I may say as use and wont would be celebrated in every hamlet, village, and town in Scotland. By the young, even those who can scarcely toddle, it was observed in the display of lanterns improvised out of hollowed-out turnips, and by lads and lasses meeting together to dance

and forecast their future by burning nuts. In Cambuslang, whose inhabitants are intensely Scotch, there were few families who did not honour the occasion. The consequence was that the fruit dealers have done a good trade this last week, and this (Friday) night there was much boisterous but innocent enjoyment; and some couples amongst the working classes as usual embraced the opportunity of getting united for better or worse; and to add a little variation to the scene, the Knight Templars of No. 3 Encampment, here, had their torch light procession on that night, and on leaving the hall a torch light procession was formed,

And headed by the band,
They formed a gay and lengthened line,
And was a sight quite grand.

Their costly silken banner waved,
The music sweetly played
In gay and rich regalia,
The Knights were all arrayed.

First to the village of Silverbanks,
They respectfully repair,
And the Grand Commander
Bids them turn there.

The gay Sir Knights next turn
Their way back through the town,
Where hundreds of spectators view
Them marching up and down.

Within the hall the Templars supped,
When their walk was past,
And thanks to Sir Knight Rennie,
It was a good repast.

Then speech and song and sentiment,
Was all the go that night,
And when the time for parting came
It seemed to all too (soon) bright.

There was some excellent Masonic and local songs, sung, interspersed with speeches, and recitations, and our worthy Scribe gave a recitation, the "Original of Fruit Stealing," which was rapturously encored. And on rising the Scribe said,—Worthy Sir Knights, our Charter bears date as far back as 1812, and I was one of 16 of the brethren who banded themselves together, and were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree of Masonic Orders, and were also raised to the highly honourable and magnanimous degree of Red Cross Knight of Malta and High Knight Templar of St. John of Jerusalem, and of these 16 there are only three alive in this country, one went to Australia, all the rest of the 16 have gone to their long home, and we who remain as mourners, go about the street and must soon follow. And I would say to all Freemasons, live a life that the outside world will not need to say so much against the Order of Freemasonry as they do, for be assured by living according to the strict principles of Masonry, the outside world will see that there is something real, something solid in Freemasonry, and you will also have the approval of your own conscience that you are doing right, and you will not be affected, in the smallest, by all the anathemas pronounced by the Pope, (and Cardinals Cullen or Wiseman and all the Catholic Clergy to boot) against Masonry. Sir Knights, Masonry is like the deep rooted rock on the sea shore, it has for ages defied the unavailing fury of the waves, and so Masonry has stood the test, aye and will stand the test for a long time to come, in spite of all that has been said against it.

These fools by their spleen plainly show,

They fain would deride what they gladly would know,

But let every true brother these vermin despise,
And the ancient grand secret keep back from their eyes.

and if you live according to the rule of Masonry, you will be a good subject to the Queen, a good member of society, and a good Mason, for a bad man cannot be a good Mason, in any sense of the word. Shortly after Sir Knight Young's speech, the encampment was closed in due and ancient form, each one seeming well pleased.

The following are unavoidably held over, on account of the pressure upon our columns:—Reports of Lodges 130, 1337; Chapter 70; Mark Lodge 65; Societatis Rosieruciana in Scotia. Communications from T.J.T., H.T.E. G.W.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT DERBY.

This handsome building is being rapidly erected in Gower-street. On Saturday last the Trustees met at three o'clock to place a memorial tablet in the banquetting-room. This simple and unostentatious ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Smith, P. Prov. G. J. W., the Mayor of Derby, Chairman of the Trustees. The stone was beautifully engraved, and the initials painted in, and is a permanent record of the originators and trustees of the enterprise. The following is the inscription:—

"This Masonic Hall was erected in 1873, by the following Trustees; the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M.; Haughton Charles Okeover, D. P.G.M.; Charles Robert Colvile, P.D.P.G.M.; Thomas Cox, P.S.G.W.; James Crossley, P.S.G.W.; Thomas Horsley, P.S.G.W.; Henry Hillam, P.S.G.W.; Frank Campion, P.S.G.W.; William Naylor, S.G.W.; George Wright, P.S.G.W.; Charles Brentnall, P.J.G.D.; James Worsnop, P.J.G.W.; Frank Iliffe, P.D.C.; Thomas Roe, Jun.; Henry Goodall, John Smith, G.J.W, Mayor of Derby, Chairman of Trustees, Geo. Woodiwiss, Builder; G. H. Sheffield P.G.S. of W., Architect."

The following were present at the ceremony.—Bros. J. Smith (Mayor), H. Hillam, T. Horsley, F. Iliffe, H. Goodall, Jas. Worsnop, G. T. Wright, T. Roe, jun., F. Campion, W. Naylor, G. R. Sheffield (architect), and G. Woodiwiss (builder).

The Mayor said—Gentlemen and brethren, having assembled at this building as the Committee of Trustees for the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Freemasons of Derbyshire, I, as Chairman of the Committee, have very great pleasure in laying this memorial stone and tablet, and I hope it will remain for generations to come. I also hope that Freemasonry may prosper within its walls, and that the brethren of all lodges in the province will do their best to promote the interest of so noble a work, and assemble under their respective banners to further the interests of the Order.

This concluded the interesting ceremony, and subsequently his Worship the Mayor hospitably entertained the trustees, architect, and builder at a sumptuous dinner at the St. James's Hotel. The Mayor has been a large donor to this new institution in Derby, and contributed £100 towards the building fund.

CONSECRATION OF A MILITARY LODGE AT CANTERBURY.

On Tuesday, 4th inst., an interesting ceremony in connection with Freemasonry took place in St. George's Hall. The large number of non-commissioned officers in our Cavalry Depot includes a goodly proportion of Freemasons, and lately several of their comrades have indicated their wishes to join the Craft. Accordingly in the true spirit of Freemasonry three or four brethren determined upon promoting a scheme for the founding a Military Lodge for Canterbury, and they were generously joined in the movement by Colonel Cureton, the respected Commandant of the Depot, and the necessary preliminaries having been gone through, a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of England. General Brownrigg, C.B., who is now the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, and who performed the ceremony of consecration for the Military Lodge at Chatham some three years since, and which is called by his name, was invited to do the same office for this new Military Lodge at Canterbury and at once kindly consented.

There was a gathering of about 150 brethren, consisting of deputations from several of the lodges in Kent, the brethren of the newly-formed lodge, and several officers of the army and volunteers, being Masons. The hall had been very appropriately prepared for the ceremony, which commenced with a procession into the room, headed by the Master of the Ceremonies (Capt. Watson), who kindly officiated in the absence of Bro. Cooley, who was prevented by illness from attending).

The Consecrating Master then appointed Bro. Winch, S.W., and Bro. J. R. Hall, J.W., pro

tem., and the lodge was opened in the three degrees.

General Brownrigg then delivered a short address, conveying some truly kind and valuable advice to the founders of the lodge; and this was followed by prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. — Hill.

The founders of the lodge, with Colonel Cureton at their head, were then arranged in order, and Bro. Mate (of Sandwich) acting for the Provincial Grand Secretary in his unavoidable absence through illness, read the Petition and Warrant, add this was followed by an admirable oration "On the Nature and Principles of the Institution," by the Provincial Grand Chaplain; followed by the Dedication Prayer and the ceremonies incidental. The whole of these ceremonies were increased in their impressiveness by the singing of appropriate psalms by the brethren, and selections of music on the grand harmonium, at which Brother. A. Cannon ably presided.

General Brownrigg having dedicated and constituted the lodge, deputed Brother Adamson (of Dover) to perform the ceremony of Installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Brother Alford Wade, which was done in impressive and complete style; and the other officers of the lodge were then inducted into their several offices as follows:— Bros. W. Greenwood, S.W.; Moorhouse, J.W.; Plume, Treas.; Ormond, Sec.; Tomkins, S.D.; Archer, J.D.; Cutting, I.G.; Frisby, Org.; Christian, Tyler. The lodge was then "closed down" with the usual solemnities.

The banquet was held at the Guildhall Concert Room, (which will in future be the lodge room for the Royal Military Lodge, as the Ancient United No. 31, and the 972 St. Augustine Lodges.) And excellent dinner was well served by the Shaxby. General Brownrigg presided until he was compelled to leave, when the chair was occupied for the remainder of the evening by the W.M. During the banquet, the Band of the Cavalry Depot, under Bandmaster Hardy, occupied the stage of the theatre, adjoining the Concert Room, and played selections of favourite and appropriate music.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were followed by others of a complimentary character, and the evening was enlivened by some excellent singing and speeches of mutual congratulation at the great success of the entire business and ceremonies of the day.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Provincial Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicestershire, on Wednesday, the 5th day of November, inst., under the auspices of St. John Lodge, No. 279, the chair being taken by the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, who was supported by Bro. W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M.; the Prov. G. Wardens, Bros. J. J. East, and Clement Stretton, and most of the Provincial Grand Officers. There was also a fair attendance of members of private lodges, though not so numerous as on recent previous occasions.

The business of the lodge, beyond that of installing the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was of an ordinary routine character.

The Committee of General Purposes reported favourably upon the Treasurer's accounts, and as to the progress of Masonry and the condition of the several lodges in the Province.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Sir Henry St. John Holford Bart, P.M. 1330, P. Prov. S.G.W. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master was very ably performed by the R. W. Provincial Grand Master.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:—

- G. Toller jun. Prov. S.G.W.
- W. Adcock Prov. J.G.W.
- W. T. Fry Prov. G. Chaplain.
- W. B. Smith Prov. G. Treas
- J. H. Douglass Prov. G. Reg.
- S. Partridge Prov. G. Sec.

- E. Falkner Prov. G.S.D.
- J. G. Bennett Prov. G.J.D.
- J. Barnard Prov. G. S. of W.
- T. B. Hall Prov. G.D.C.
- R. Boughton Smith Prov. G.A.D.C.
- Capt. P. P. Goodchild Prov. G.S.B.
- W. T. Rowlett Prov. G. Org.
- G. Clifton Prov. G. Purst.
- A Palmer Prov. A. G. Purst.
- M. H. Lewis Prov. Stand. B.
- Wm. Crow Prov. G. Steward.
- John Lorrimer " " "
- Walter S. Allen " " "
- Henry James " " "
- Thomas Macaulay " " "
- A. A. Barber " " "
- C. Bembridge Prov. G. Tylers.
- T. Dunn " " "

Bro. W. Beaumont Smith, who has, for several years, held the important post of Treasurer, was re-elected to that office, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to him for his past services.

Bro. Robert Waite, P.M., was nominated to represent the P.G. Lodge, as Steward at the next festival of the Girls' School.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which had been provided by the Stewards of the local lodge. The chair was taken by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Sir Henry Holford, in the absence of the R.W.P.G.M. who was unable to remain for this portion of the proceedings. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, those of the "Masonic Charities" and "The Visitors" being very ably responded to by Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec., Middx. and Sec. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The enjoyment of the evening was very materially enhanced by the efforts of the musical brethren, and in particular, by the instrumental selections performed by Bros. Henry Nicholson, G. L. Vaughan, J. A. Wykes and W. T. Rowlett, on flutes, oboe and bassoon, which were very highly applauded.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Manoah Rhodes has been selected as Mayor of Bradford for the ensuing year.

Bro. Edward Wates, Deputy Grand Master for Kent, Mayor of Gravesend, died on Wednesday night, at the age of 42, after an illness extending over several months.

We regret also to record the deaths of Bro. Henry Arthur Hoare, P.G.W., Vice-patron of all the charities, and Bro. Jabez Samuel Gower, 31^o, a Grand Officer, K.T., also of the Red Cross Order, and a liberal donor to the charities.

The post of Secretary at the Crystal Palace is vacant, and will be filled up at Christmas.

Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30^o, Sub Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge, Prior of the Temple, P. G. Chaplain, Mark Grand Lodge, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Suffolk, Preceptor of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction, is a candidate for the head Mastership of the Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Sanderson is well known in Ipswich and its neighbourhood, as a very distinguished Mason. He is the second Master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School at Ipswich, and it is no secret that in the event of the Head Mastership of that school becoming vacant through the advancement of the Rev. Dr. Holden (one of the greatest scholars in England) there are large numbers who would wish to see Bro. Sanderson, who is deservedly popular and admirably qualified as an experienced teacher of considerable attainments, take the place of the Rev. Doctor. Should Bro. Sanderson succeed as Head Master of the Boys' School, Ipswich will have lost one of its greatest luminaries in Masonic lore, and erudite scholarship, and the Masonic Institution will have gained a Head who will bring to it all that tends most to make so admirable an institution even more successful in the future, than it has been in the past.

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The Freemason,

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CHARITY ELECTIONS.

The conference which took place, under the auspices of the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, on October 30th, came, as was somewhat to be anticipated, to the practical conclusion "it's better to bear the ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of."

No one denies, that, as with all human institutions and arrangements, weaknesses may be discovered and abuses may be found in our charitable institutions, but as it has been very truly said, it is "far easier to describe the evil than to point out the cure, and even if the cure were obvious," it is as often "still more difficult to apply it."

Our great charitable institutions have grown with the growth of this great country, are peculiar to itself, and are so remarkably alike in their origin and their development, the personal and increasing benefits they convey to thousands of our humbler sisters and brethren in the world, that they have attracted the wonder of foreigners, and are justly a subject of satisfaction to ourselves.

We confess, that, we do not think the preliminary treatment of this important subject has either been judicious or fair.

In the first place, many of the most conspicuous assailants of our charitable organisation, (we specially exempt from this criticism the worthy, and active, and philanthropic late Lord Mayor,) know the Charities more in *theory* than in *practice*, and their experience, or fitness for judging of the present working of these Association is "ex necessitate rei" not to be compared with that of those, whose kindly efforts have been directed unswervingly for many continuous years to the efficient control and energetic usefulness of many of these much needed and most valuable institutions.

And in the next place a most unwise attack on the governors of these institutions has been made, attributing personal motives and sordid grounds to their resistance to the proposed changes.

Now this is manifestly improper and unjust. Too much praise cannot indeed be ascribed to those many unknown and unnoticed persons, who labour on, year after year, calmly, unobtrusively, and with nothing of worldly recognition, simply as an act of duty, and with an heartfelt wish to benefit their fellow creatures.

It is far too much the custom, at the present hour, in order to carry some supposed good or to compass some desired change, to asperse the actions of those who, on good grounds, deprecate the change and resist the alteration.

There seems a sort of idea amongst us all, that, "all is fair" as we say "in love and war," and that if we only "cast a certain amount of dirt on others" some of it will at any rate "stick."

Let us now see what are the changes proposed, and we will take them, as very clearly set forth in the *Daily News*, of October 30th.

"The proposal of the Lord Mayor is not to take the election from the subscribers, but to stop the traffic in votes, to discourage canvassing, and to abolish the public poll. The cases would, in fact, be submitted to the subscribers, as at present; but it would be done by the managers, who would send the description of the cases and their comments on them, and receive back the votes of the subscribers; the result of the poll being declared by circular and advertisement. It is evident that this scheme would remove many of the abuses of charity elections without abolishing the system."

And these changes are advocated on the following grounds, which are also equally clearly set before us in the same article of October 30th.

"On the very face of it, the system is vicious. The object of charitable institutions is to help those who have fewest friends; but by this method the very ground of choice is made to be that of having most friends. The most deserving recipients of aid are those who are in the straitest circumstances and the extremest need; but those who get the help these institutions give are just those who can raise most money or exert most interest. The candidate who has rich friends can make sure of election; the one whose friends are all among the poor is almost equally sure of failure. There is no pretence of selection. No question can rise of the most deserving. Five or ten thousand subscribers cannot investigate a case; and there are perhaps a hundred candidates from whom to choose. There is therefore not only an entire absence of any guarantee that the charity is given to those who really deserve it, but the chances are, in every case, that the most needy and probably the most deserving are rejected.

It is true that in many of these institutions votes given one year may be counted in succeeding years; but the advantage is, to some extent, illusory, since a person with but small resources may go on slowly piling up a few votes year after year, and each year a host of new candidates with larger resources may elbow their way past him. Large numbers of philanthropic people have, in fact, come to the conclusion that it is better to make what effort they can to benefit a poor person privately than to attempt to put into the lottery of a charity election."

Now if this picture were correctly limned in itself, if it were not rather a "wee bit" sensational piling up of the agony," we should at once say, make a sweeping change, even what the *Daily News* terms a "revolution," but the truth is, that many of these drawbacks are inseparable for many charitable institution, and are such as at present seem to us purely unavoidable.

For we must remember that all candidates for the charities have already passed the ordeal of the House Committee. If they have not properly investigated the cases, if they have done their duty in a perfunctory way, if any unworthy applicants are placed on the list, the fault lies with them, not with the subscribers; not with the charity itself.

All candidates are supposed, *prima facie*, to be equally necessitous, and equally deserving, and

the subscribers in voting, exercise their undoubted right of selection.

That eminent judge, Sir Colin Blackburn, in a recent case before the Court of Queen's Bench arising out of an agreement to exchange or sell votes, seemed to intimate that in his opinion, the voting power of the subscribers was accompanied with an implied condition to ascertain the worthiness of the individual case.

But he forgot, as it seems to us—we say it deferentially—that with the subscriber "cæteris paribus," on the ground of worthiness, by the acceptance of the case by the House Committee, it is to the individual subscriber only a question of degree, and of personal opinion.

There is no à priori reason why A should not say to B, "If you vote for my candidate, No. 10, this time, I will vote for yours, No. 12, the next time; or if you can get me 30 votes for No. 10 this half-yearly election, I will get you 30 votes for No. 12 next half-yearly election; and what A can say to, and do with B, C, D, and E can say to and do with F, G, and H.

Hence it must be very difficult to interfere with the liberty of the individual voter, or to say to the subscribers of any institution, "We, the committee recommend you to vote for certain candidates," because the inevitable result of such a system would be to make a close election of what is now an open election, to diminish individual interest and personal energy in particular cases; to reduce the general income of the society; and to introduce a "remedy" worse than the "disease."

With some modifications and amendments in existing arrangements, which must be left to the governing bodies to initiate and carry out, we do not think that at present much material change can be made in the rules and regulations of our many and valuable charities.

We do think, indeed, and have always thought, that, something might be done to lessen the large number of disappointed candidates, year by year, as in our Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools.

It has occurred to us, that, the managing committee might have power to select from those candidates, year by year, [who have failed twice, and whose candidature is feebly supported, a certain proportion of "cases of urgency," and place them on the roll of the school or the charity.

Beyond this we do not well see, what can be really done without seriously affecting the very existence of the charities themselves.

We have said all this, having considered the question very carefully for many years, and we feel certain that, with all due deference to others, we are right in deprecating hasty changes and unpractical interference with the working of our great and valuable charitable institutions.

But whatever we do, now and hereafter, let us keep clear of "sensationalism" in charitable questions and work. Let us seek to look at all these questions in a calm and kindly frame of mind, remembering that our endeavours should not be directed to carry out particular views, but to advance the cause of true charity, and to benefit our fellow man.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. the Rev. John Huyshe occupied the Z. chair, Comp. R. Hamilton the H. chair, and Comp. Murray the J. chair. Comps. John Hervey, S.E.; W. Pulteney Scott, N.; John B. Monckton, P.S.; Col. Whitwell, First A.; W. Glaisher, Second A.; were in their places, and the following companions were also present:— John Whichcord, D.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Prin. S.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; N. Bradford, P.G.D.C.; Benjamin Head, P.G.S.B.; H. Browse, P.G.S.N.; C. A. Murton, P.G.A.S.; E. S. Snell, P.G.S.B.; Major J. Creaton, P.G.S.B.; G. Campion, Z. 19; John Boyd, P.Z. 145; Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.C.; J. Bellerby, P.Z. 164; H. G. Buss; Joseph Dixon, P.Z. 271; H. Radcliffe, P.Z. 11; H. Massey, Z. 619; Thomas Cubitt, Z 177; A. A. Richards, Z. 8; J. A. Rucker, H. 12; S. G. Foxall, P.Z. 382; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; F. B. Davage, P.Z. 185; F. Adlard, P.Z. 214; and S. L. Tomkins, P.G.P.S.

Comp. Hervey read the minutes of the Quarterly Convocation of August, which were put and confirmed, and Comp. W. Pulteney Scott then moved, and Comp. Joshua Nunn seconded, "That the report of the Committee of General Purposes be taken as read" and "received, and entered on the minutes."

The motions were carried. The following is the report:— To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th July, to the 14th October, 1873, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance 16th July.....	£462	14	8
„ Subsequent Receipts	245	7	6
	£708	2	2
By Disbursements during the Quarter	£158	6	10
„ Balance.....	549	15	4
	£708	2	2

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer:

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Henry Radcliffe, as Z; Charles Fish, as H.; Henry John Reynolds, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Regularity, No. 91, London, to be called "The Chapter of Regularity," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

2nd. From Comps. Nicholas James West, as Z.; John Coombe, as H.; John Pearce Smith, as J.; and eleven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, to be called "The Hayle Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, Cornwall.

3rd. From Comps. Lieut. Col. Francis Burdett, as Z.; Robert Wentworth Little, as H.; Frederick Davison, as J.; and nine others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton Court, to be called "The Burdett Chapter," and to meet at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, Middlesex.

4th. From Comps. Samuel Gover Foxall, as Z.; Antonio John Codner, as H.; James John Pope, as J.; and eight others, for a chapter to be attached to the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, St. John's Wood, to be called "The St. Marylebone Chapter," and to meet at the British Stores, New Street, St. John's Wood, St. Marylebone, Middlesex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee regret to have again to report the violation of the regulations by two Chapters, the St. John's Chapter, No. 80, Sunderland, and the Stamford Chapter, No. 1045, Altrincham,

having each exalted a companion within the period prescribed by the Royal Arch Regulations Article 23, page 20, edition 1869. In their last report the Committee had to direct the attention of Grand Chapter to the fact of their having considered it necessary to endeavour to check a growing evil by the infliction of a fine of three guineas on the offending chapter, as reprimands alone appeared to be of no avail. In the present instance the cases are not so flagrant, but the Committee have deemed it their duty to inflict a fine in each case of two pounds, they have also ordered the two companions to be respectively re-obligated, the issue of the certificates to be suspended until that has taken place, and been duly certified, and that the Principals of each chapter be reprimanded, and ordered to be more careful in future.

The following notice of motion has been given by Comp. Edward S. Snell, P.G. Sword Bearer:—

"That the meetings of Grand Chapter in future be held at eight o'clock, instead of seven o'clock, as at present."

(Signed) W. PULTENEY SCOTT, President
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th October, 1873.

The recommendations of the Committee that the petitions for the new chapters be granted having been agreed to,

Comp. Scott said, he had nothing further to trouble the Grand Chapter with but the subject of the violation of Grand Chapter Regulations by chapters at Sunderland and Altrincham, Exalting brethren within the time appointed by Grand Chapter was a breach of the regulations, he was sorry to say, of very frequent occurrence, and the Committee had again found it necessary to impose fines on the offending chapters. He stated this merely for the information of Grand Chapter, and he hoped that Grand Chapter would disseminate the resolution it had come to, so as to prevent a repetition of the offence.

Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn enquired whether the Principals of the offending chapters were summoned before the Committee.

Comp. Scott said that the fullest enquiries were always made by correspondence.

Comp. H. Browse also informed Comp. Martyn that the Principals were not summoned, but they were communicated with, and had every opportunity given them of justifying their acts.

Comp. Scott: And of appealing if they thought proper.

Comp. Browse added that the offence committed was much on the increase, and the Committee had inflicted a fine to stop it.

Comp. John Hervey, with reference to the remark of Comp. Browse, that there was an opportunity given for justification, said that there was no justification. A chapter in the return it made to Grand Chapter of the brethren exalted, named the day on which the exaltation took place. In the return to Grand Lodge, of brethren raised to the third degree, the day of raising was also named; so that the times of raising and exaltation were put beyond the possibility of question. There was no opportunity for explanation why a discrepancy appeared, and no chapter could justify its breach of the regulations. Grand Chapter laid it down distinctly what time should elapse between a raising and an exaltation, and chapters were called upon to conform to these regulations.

The following letter was read by Comp. Hervey from Lord de Tabley in explanation of his non-attendance.

"I very much regret that absence from London will prevent my attendance in Grand Chapter on the 5th November. Pray make my excuses to the companions, and believe me,

"Yours truly and fraternally,
WARREN DE TABLEY."

Comp. E. S. Snell, on bringing forward his motion "That the meetings of Grand Chapter in future be held at 8 o'clock, instead of 7 o'clock, as at present" said that when the alteration of the hour of meeting in Grand Lodge from 8 to 7 was made, the reasons were strong and powerful; but with regard to Grand Chapter the same reasons did not hold. Grand Chapter was never detained so long in transacting its business

as Grand Lodge, and had it not been for his motion this evening, the business of Grand Chapter would have been concluded in half an hour. He hoped the companions would agree with him that meeting at 7 o'clock was most unfortunate and awkward. Many companions like himself, could not leave business in time to dine and dress and come down to Grand Chapter by seven. He thought that eight o'clock would be more suitable, and that more companions, would be got together at that hour than at seven.

Comp. S. L. Tomkins seconded the motion. He represented a class which would be considerably benefited by the proposed alteration. Where men's business hours were from nine or ten till five, it took an hour later to finish up for the day; and if Grand Chapter met at seven, there was not sufficient time left for companions to dine and dress before they reached it. He himself had to apologise for not being dressed then; if Grand Chapter met at eight this would be remedied. When Grand Lodge met at eight the discussions were frequently kept up till eleven o'clock, and brethren could not get away in time for their late trains. But Grand Chapter had much less business to transact, and companions would be able to get off in plenty of time for such trains.

Comp. John B. Monckton felt that there was nothing to be added to the able arguments which had been adduced in favor of the change proposed, and he begged to support the proposition.

Comp. S. Rawson proposed as an amendment "That Grand Chapter meet at half-past five," which would enable Companions to attend Grand Chapter before they dined.

Comp. Major J. Creaton seconded the amendment. He thought half-past five would be much more convenient, on this principle, that they would be following as much as possible the example of private lodges and chapters, which did their work first and dined afterwards.

Comp. H. Radcliffe would be happy to vote for the amendment. He did not agree with Comp. Monckton that the arguments in favour of an eight o'clock assembling were strong; he thought them very weak. It would be far better to go to business first and dine after.

On a division being taken, 16 companions voted for the amendment, and 12 against it.

Before the amendment was put as an original motion,

Comp. H. Radcliffe suggested that the hour of half-past five should be tried for a twelvemonth, to see whether the attendance of companions was more numerous than at present.

Comp. Joshua Nunn thought the change was a move in the right direction. In Masonry, generally, business was transacted first; and in Grand Lodge of England it would be far better for those who spoke, and for those who unfortunately had to listen, if they dined after business. Half-past five would suit provincial companions just as well, because if they came up to town they could not go back the same night, and they would have an opportunity of visiting places of amusement after Grand Chapter was over.

Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn said he agreed with Comp. Nunn. He was obliged to stay in town a night when he came up to Grand Chapter, because his train left London at half-past four; and Comp. Huyshe was even worse off than that. If Grand Chapter met at half-past five, the companions from the country would have an opportunity of visiting their friends after Grand Chapter was over.

A division was then taken, when there appeared

For the amendment, as an original motion	19
Against.....	11
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Majority for meeting at half-past five.....	8

Comp. Browse asked whether next Quarterly Convocation would be called for half-past five.

Comp. John Hervey said no, the minutes of this evening must be confirmed before that could take place.

Grand Chapter was then closed and adjourned till the first Wednesday in February, 1874.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

A meeting of the second series of the Mark Benevolent Association in London, was held at the Essex Head, Essex Street, Strand, on Monday last, when Bro. Meggy presided, and before proceeding with the business of the association, worked the ceremony of advancement in his usual admirable style. The following brethren also attended, S. Rosenthal, H. F. Binckes, E. Harris, C. Hammerton, C. J. Sparks, G. Barlow, A. D. Loewenstark, Charles Horsley, Charles Allen, B. H. Mallam, James Mander, I. J. H. Wilkins, F. Binckes, Hyde Pullen, R. Wentworth Little, and H. Massey.

The object of the association is very well known. By payment of a shilling per week, the contributor is entitled to take part in a ballot for a Life Governorship of one of the three Masonic Charities, and if the ballot is in his favour, has the liberty of choosing of which of the Institutions he will be a Life Governor. The association endures for 210 weeks, and the first series having completed its term, is now exhausted. This, the second series, is therefore established on the same principle.

The business of the first meeting of the second series having been completed, the brethren sat down to supper; but it was announced by Bro. Meggy, that the other meetings would be held in different quarters of the town, to give brethren living in all parts, the opportunity of attending without inconvenience. Bro. Meggy's exertions on behalf of the Charitable Institutions having been very great, it was deemed to be only a proper acknowledgment of his services, to present him with a testimonial, and this took the form of a handsome jewel. At the supper Bro. F. Binckes presided, and in presenting the jewel to Bro. Meggy.

Bro. Binckes said that the exertions of Bro. Meggy were very well known wherever Masonry was known, because his good deeds and activity were not confined to any particular sphere. He had known him advocate the great cause of Masonic Charity by sending his missives all over the world. Wherever there was the work to be performed, Bro. Meggy was always prepared to do it. Duty was his great guiding star, and Bro. Meggy had always been ready to discharge his duty. He had been the originator of one very successful association like the present in connection with the Mark Degree. Several brethren had through it been recipients of its benefits, benefits which they would not have received but for Bro. Meggy, and great credit was due to him for his untiring perseverance and his devotion to the great cause of Masonic Charity. Life governorships were by this means easily obtainable by brethren. By a small weekly contribution they were able to do in time what the more affluent did at once. The brethren who believed they could do nothing for the Charities were shown that it was in their power to forward the great object which Masons had at heart. No matter how little a man contributed; if he contributed his mite only, it was a positive proof that he regarded the obligation he came under at his initiation. These associations had done an immense amount of good, and one of them having been worked out, testified that they were successful. On the present occasion certain brethren were anxious to show Bro. Meggy that they appreciated his efforts in aiding Masonic Charity, and they presented him with a jewel, which would remind him that they were not forgetful of his services. He was sure that in placing that mark of his brethren's affection on his (Bro. Meggy's) breast Bro. Meggy would not regard merely the pecuniary value of the jewel, but only as it exhibited the sentiments by which his brethren were actuated. With the jewel he hoped Bro. Meggy would receive the hearty and sincere thanks of the brethren for what he had hitherto done, and their best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity.

Bro. Meggy in reply said he fully appreciated the great kindness of the brethren and the good feeling shown by Bro. Binckes in the address he had just delivered. He felt that Bro. Binckes had said more of him than he deserved, but he was deeply impressed with his observations. Of what he had done for Masonry he could only say he had

endeavoured to make himself a true Mason and to promote the cause of Charity. It was the great standpoint of Masonry to help their fellow creatures, and there were of course various ways of doing it. He was pleased to find what he had done in that way had met with the approbation of his brethren. When he undertook to form these associations, he did not expect that he would meet with such high approbation; but he nevertheless could not refuse to accept their acknowledgment of his poor services when it was so kindly offered. He required no such acknowledgment to spur him in his work, and he would always be ready to continue it. He had not expected the great success which had attended these associations, but he was now convinced that though they had been a marvel to himself they might be continued with equal prosperity. He agreed with Bro. Binckes, that every one might contribute something, and he should endeavour to impress that fact on the minds of the brethren.

Bro. R. Wentworth Little, responded for "The Masonic Charities," and in an able speech showed what an immense amount of good they had been the means of doing. All the Masonic Institutions worked together in great harmony, and if there was any rivalry between them, it was only that honest rivalry which was shown in trying which could do the most good. He spoke in the highest terms of the efforts of Bro. Binckes to promote the cause of charity even before he became Secretary of the Boys' School, and he thanked him for the interest he had exhibited in the Girls' School, of which he (Bro. Little) was Secretary. The usefulness of all the institutions was being very much extended, and though the Masonic Order was making such marvellous strides, the institutions were keeping pace with the extension of Masonry, and would always show themselves worthy of any support which might be given to them.

After some other speeches had been delivered, the brethren separated.

RELATIONS OF STS. JOHN TO FREE-MASONRY.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON

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Now, there are two conflicting statements pervading those legends. Some claim that lodges were dedicated to *both saints*, since their own time, while others attribute the origin of dedication to the *Baptist only*, since the Crusades. Both ideas cannot be true, but both may be false. The question, then, is: How far back can the existence of these legends be traced with certainty?

For ascertaining this I have waded through more books than those enumerated in Bro. Pierson's preface, and, without consulting Calmet, I venture to assert that Father Calmet never said that the Baptist was a "Freemason." This is doubtless, an interpolation of Bro. Pierson, or of some former luminary. Briefly, then, I have searched through ecclesiastical histories, encyclopedias, lives of saints, and books devoted to evidences of Christianity, including Dr. N. Lardner's work of "Jewish and Heathen Testimonies," but could find nowhere any testimony of either Christian, Jew, or heathen, in relation to the Saints or Saint John being a Freemason, and as it seems impossible that such an event as the Evangelist's Masonry could have escaped the notice of all early writers, I must come to the conclusion that St. John knew as much of Masonry as the man in the moon.

But Bro. Pierson is certain that the traditions were believed by the Craft in the fifteenth century. Fortunately, we have the Halliwell poem, and the Strasburg Constitution of 1456. The former contains legends about Euclid, Atheistae, Nabogodonozor, Noah, etc., but no allusion to the Saints John. Each of these documents contain an invocation to the Godhead, the Virgin, and the "four holy crowned martyrs." These martyrs, then, were the patron saints of both English and German Masons in the fifteenth century, and *not the Sts. John*.

Having examined all the existing authorities

before the Reformation, it is now necessary to say something about *Patron Saints*. Catholics entertain a notion that every society should enrol itself under the protection of some saint. Usually saints were selected who were, in this world, of the trade or of the society or sodality whom they were to be patrons of. The "four martyrs," the poem says, were "architects, and gravers of images, too." This, however, was not always adhered to; for instance, the Baptist was the patron saint of the London tailors and drapers, without pretending that he ever handled a tailor's goose or shears, or had ever presided over an assembly as a Grand Master Tailor.

The idea of a patron saint, among Catholics, is that of a celestial ambassador, who, for the honor of the appointment, is expected to keep an eye, or both eyes, open to watch over the welfare of the sodality who chose him for that office, and also to facilitate the entrance into Paradise of its departed members, and give them a comfortable place. Now this idea was rejected by the first Protestants. Hence, the first Masonic document written by a Protestant, viz. Matthew Cooke's MS. is minus the invocation, both of the "Virgin Mary" and of "the four martyrs." This author extended the history of the Craft to Enoch, and introduced a great many personages in it not found in older MSS., including St. Alban, but makes no mention of Saints or Saint John, or any kind of a patron Saint. The same may be said of those MSS. lately published by Bro. Hughan, which were, no doubt, the rituals of the pre-1717 Masons; the oldest, probably, was written in the latter half of the sixteenth century and the latest in 1714, and though each gives the history of the Craft from Enoch, they are all silent about St. John, or patron saints of any kind.

Three pre-1717 lodge records, however, do make mention of patron saints: 1st Aberdeen Lodge in 1670, revered the Evangelist as its patron; 2nd. Kilwinning Lodge, in the seventeenth century, held its meeting on the 20th December, and in 1679, it resolved hereafter to hold its festival on the 21st of December, this being St. Thomas's day; and in 1701, Alnwick Lodge, Northumberland, it is stated, revered St. Michael, the Archangel, as its patron. We do not, however, know in what year these respective appointments were made. But the mere acknowledgement by a solitary lodge of one St. John as its patron, does not necessarily imply its belief of its patron having been a veritable Grand Master, or even a Mason. This has already been shown in the case of the London Tailors versus Baptist, and may further be illustrated by Alnwick Lodge, who, though it revered St. Michael as its patron, yet it could never have supposed that the Archangel had ever handled chisel or mallet, that he had ever decorated himself with white apron and gloves, or that he had ever wielded the gavel as Grand Master of Masons.

Thus far, then, no evidence exists to sustain the Sts. John legend, or that Masons have dedicated lodges to both Sts. John, or indeed, of having dedicated lodges at all. The inference, therefore is, that the said legends were invented by very modern Masonic *humbugs*. They manufactured them not because of the old Catholic belief, to induce the saints to take an interest in the welfare of the Craft, and to furnish its members with comfortable quarters in the next world, but to afford the *pious ones* a pretext to rant and cant in Masonic meetings about what they call "Christianity;" to mar the harmony of the lodge, and to destroy the universality of the institution.

I next examined Anderson's and Desagulier's Constitutions of 1721, 1723, and 1738. Anderson began the practice of dedicating lodges to the Baptist.* He also enjoined the observance of the St. John's days by Masons. He also manufactured the story of Masons having met in 1502 on the Baptist's day; and in 1561, Elizabeth ordered the breaking up of a lodge in York on the Evangelist's day, and in 1663, the

*Webb, in 1805, dedicated his lodges to the Baptist only, and still another Monitor, of 1812, mentions also the Baptist only at the dedication.

Grand Lodge, under G. M. St. Alban's, also met on the Evangelist's day; all which is purely apocryphal. Anderson had no authority whatever for those statements. The same Anderson also enumerates all the Grand Masters, Wardens, and Deputies from Adam up to his own time, which is also fictitious; and yet, though he made every prominent man from the creation, into a Masonic Grand of some kind, he never alluded to the St. John's, as either having been G. Masters or even simple Masons.

I next perused the several works written in the last century by the most distinguished English Masonic authors, viz: "The Freemason's Pocket Companion" (both English and Scotch editions), Dermott's "Ahiman Rezon," Preston, Smith, Calcott, Hutchinson, and every publication I could find in the Massachusetts Grand Lodge Library, or that I could obtain elsewhere. The first six authors named all give the early history of the Craft, or make profound comments (Masonic fashion) on the early history of Masonry; but I could never find a solitary author of the last century who knew of the St. John's ever having been either Grand Masters or Masons.

Hutchinson says: "In modern Masonry it is given as a principle why our dedication of lodges is made to St. John, that the Masons who engaged to conquer the Holy Land chose that saint for their patron;" and he continues: "We should be sorry to appropriate the Balsarian sect of Christians to St. John as an explanation of this principle;" and then goes on; "St. John obtains our dedication [not because he learned to eat dates among the Essenes, but] as being the proclaimer of that salvation which was at hand by the coming of Christ * * * and in the name of St. John the Evangelist we acknowledge [not that he was G. M. when upwards of 90, but] the testimonies which he gives to the divine *logos*, etc." Here then, we see that Hutchinson, in 1775, knew nothing at all about the Masonry of the Saints. One remark more about Hutchinson; he objects to the theory of the Masons in the Holy Land having introduced the Baptist as the patron saint, on account of his reluctance "to appropriate the Balsarian sect of Christians to St. John." What he meant by it is more than I can tell, as I do not believe that "the Balsarian sect of Christians" ever existed at all; it is a bull, and yet that paragraph was quoted by Oliver, and probably by others, without stopping to inquire who the Balsarians were.

I next obtained Thomas Smith Webb's Monitor of 1805, (the first of Webb's Monitors dates 1797). Here I found for the first time in print, the Saints John Masonized; he says they (the saints) were parallels in Masonry as well as Christianity, or *vice versa*; but even Webb was ignorant of the cock-and-bull story so pathetically related in our lodges, of the Evangelist becoming Grand Master when upwards of ninety years of age.

I next consulted another Monitor, published in Salem, Mass., in 1822, in which I learned no more about the Saints John than Webb gave. Next, I inquired of a brother who was initiated in Massachusetts in 1821, and who very soon after his initiation took office in the lodge, and made himself well acquainted with the ritual; that brother assured me that the delectable story of the Evangelist's Grand Mastership was unknown to him for some years after his initiation.

And last, when I acquainted Bro. W. S. Gardner, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, with the result of my inquiry, Bro. Gardner (who was certainly the best informed Grand Master that Massachusetts had had during the last 30 years, remarked "I have not the slightest doubt that the story of the Evangelist's Grand Mastership was manufactured, either at the very close of the last century, or the beginning of this."

The truth is, Anderson first began the practice of dedicating lodges to St. John the Baptist, and the Baptist only. Ramsay, in 1735, jumped therefore to the conclusion that the Masons must have been formerly connected with the Templars, from whom they borrowed the Baptist as a Patron Saint, and this led Ramsay to manufacture Templar degrees, etc. Hutchinson, in 1775,

discarded the theory of Masons having derived their Patron Saint from the Templars, and candidly admitted that lodges are dedicated to the Sts. John on account of their having propagated Christianity. Dunckerley afterward manufactured the symbol of the "parallel lines," when he for the first time Masonized the saints, which Webb afterward copied into his Monitor.

This continued effort to Christianize Masonry doubtless created discontent among the then Jewish Masons. To be sure Christian Masonic luminaries then, as well as now, did not care, or trouble themselves about Masonic consistency, but I am also satisfied that, though some of the fraternity at that time were bigots, there were also others who were disposed to preserve Masonry, not for the benefit of sects, but for *mankind*. For instance, Preston excluded Christian prayers from his system, and in 1813, the Grand Lodge of England itself abolished the keeping of saints' days, and of dedicating lodges to saints. It was about the period when these conflicting ideas agitated the minds of the active members of the Craft, or as Bro. Gardner thinks, either the latter part of the last, or the beginning of this century. About that time, a Masonic quack invented the fable of the St. John's Grand Mastership. This fable is as greedily seized by the Godly St. John day lecturers of the Pierson kind; it was voraciously swallowed by the pious noodles, and it was welcomed by the conservatives; a class who think more of *expediency* than *principle*, and who will not scruple to resort to the meanest dodges and quibbles in order to stop all kinds of reform. They welcomed the fable, imagining that it would serve as a soothing balm to allay the irritated conscience of the Jewish Masons. So that their future grumbling about the violation of the promises received at their initiation might be answered, as Bro. Mackay really did afterwards answer, "We do not dedicate lodges to the Saints John because they were Christian saints, but because they were eminent *Masons*." This, however, did not satisfy the Jews, and the result was, in 1813, Dr. Flemming, an English clergyman, when ordered to revise the ritual, abolished the practice of dedicating lodges to the Saints John, and the Grand Lodge discontinued observing the saints' days as Masonic festivals.

Having proved that our Masonic legend mongers are either a pack of credulous and ignorant scribblers, or totally void of the principles of truth, honour, and justice, I shall here only add that the obstinate retention of those *pious frauds* in our ritual by our Grand Lodge luminaries, in spite of all demonstrations and remonstrances, must certainly tend ere long, to arouse an indignant contempt for the Masonic institution, both among Jewish Masons and the better minded portion of the Christian community.

PRESENTATION TO A BROTHER.—Last Friday evening, at the conclusion of a successful benefit entertainment for Bro. Sam. Hague, proprietor of the "Hague Minstrels" who then completed the third year of uninterrupted and genuine success at St. James's Hall, Liverpool, the whole of his company were entertained by him to a magnificent supper at his residence. During the evening, Bro. T. D. Fenner, Stage Manager, and interlocutor on behalf of the whole company, presented Bro. Hague with a splendid sterling silver tea and coffee service, and claret jug, cup, &c., as a token of the esteem in which he is held as an enterprising manager and a thorough gentleman. Bro. Fenner also presented Mrs. Hague with a very handsome silver cup. Bro. Hague feelingly acknowledged the gifts, and assured every member of his troupe that he would strive to retain their esteem, and provide entertainments which would be worthy the support of the public.

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Original Correspondence.

"FREEMASONRY :—ITS SYMBOLISM,
RELIGIOUS NATURE, AND LAW
OF PERFECTION."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to say a few words in your paper with reference to a review which appeared in the November number of the Masonic Magazine, of my recently published work, "Freemasonry: its Symbolism, Religious Nature, and Law of Perfection." I do not complain of the review, I am far from having any reason to do so. If it had been a severe cutting up of my book, I would not have complained, unless in case of manifest unfairness. But this is far from being the case. The review is evidently written in a fair and brotherly spirit, and I have to thank the writer of it for a meed of praise even beyond my expectation. But although, perhaps, the reviewer may be right in thinking that I have undertaken too wide a field, I cannot agree with him in deeming the Religious Nature of Freemasonry and its Law of perfection subjects not cognate to that of Masonic Symbolism, which occupies the greater portion of the work, nor in thinking that Jewish Symbolism is a subject not much to the point in a Masonic treatise on Masonic Symbolism. According to the tradition of our Order, we derive our Freemasonry from the ancient Jews; and many of the most familiar Masonic symbols have reference to things Jewish, so that it seemed and still seems to me, that some account of Jewish Symbolism is a proper introduction to the study of Masonic Symbolism. But this is of little consequence. If I have erred in making the book a little larger than it needed to have been, by a few chapters on a subject which it was not necessary for me to treat of, the reader who does not care for it may pass them over. As to the religious nature of Freemasonry, I hold that subject to be most intimately connected with its symbolism, for the doctrines of religion are inwrought into the whole system of Masonic Symbolism. And as to the Masonic Law of Perfection, that physical perfection which is required in candidates for admission into the Masonic Order, is itself symbolical of the moral perfection which it is the great aim of Freemasonry to promote. Thus in writing of Masonic Symbolism, I felt it impossible to avoid these subjects.

I must beg leave also to say that I cannot admit the soundness of my reviewer's criticism of my explanation of the Pentalpha, when he says "He confounds the Pentalpha or Pentacle as it is sometimes called," (Pentacle, I suspect being a misprint for Pentaugh,) "with Solomon's Seal, though afterwards adopted by the Christians, and Solomon's Seal, was the double triangle, the well known symbol of our Royal Arch." I have not confounded the Pentalpha with Solomon's Seal, but have merely mentioned the old legend of its having been the device engraved on Solomon's Seal, and also on the foundation stone of his Temple, without expressing any opinion as to its truth. When the reviewer goes on to say, "it is somewhat strange that Bro. Paton apparently altogether ignores the double triangle, though it is really one of the earliest of our Masonic Symbols, and was even used as a Mark," I must say that I differ from him as to its having ever been used as a mark. Every Freemason knows that a Masonic mark must have an odd number of points, as the Pentalpha has, whereas the double triangle has an even number, six. And however early may have been the use of the double triangle as a Masonic Symbol, it has never, that I am aware, been received as a symbol of Craft Masonry, which alone is acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and universally throughout the world. It is a symbol of Royal Arch Masonry, but as the reader will find stated in my book, I have strictly limited myself, in my explanation of Masonic Symbols, to those of Craft Masonry.

I cannot conclude without again expressing my sense of the kind treatment which I have received from the reviewer of my book, for the acknowledgment of the book as the fullest work on Masonic Symbolism which has yet appeared,

as well as of the encouragement the reviewer gives me to proceed in a design, which I have long entertained, of pursuing the subject through that department of which he points out the omission, the History or Archæology of Masonic Symbolism. But I know that the subject is a difficult one, and that much laborious research would be necessary. If I can find time for the work, I hope to enter upon it.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

CHALMERS I. PATON.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Keet, has an easy way of disposing of facts of which he happens to be uncognisant, and which he therefore deems incredible. He assumes the thing in dispute, and concludes that he has disposed of it. Shakspeare has made Hamlet speak of the "undiscovered country" as "that bourne whence no traveller returns." Is Bro. Keet willing to take Shakspeare as arbitrator? Will he, on this and on all other questions, take the authority of Shakspearian against all other authorities, and against the individual experience, and recorded testimony of millions of persons, who, if not, Shaksperes, include some of the greatest scientists of Europe and America; and does he believe that any one who dissents from that authority has "fallen into the grave of superstition?" But if Shaksperian authority is enough, we claim it on our behalf. That Shakspeare believed in Spiritual manifestations is testified to by many passages in his writings; nay, Hamlet himself is not made to believe that the undiscovered country is "that bourne whence no traveller returns," for he had previously been satisfied that he had seen and conversed with the disembodied spirit of his father. He was satisfied that it was no illusion, for he exclaims, on the ghost's parting injunction to remember him—"remember thee? yes, from the table of my memory I'll wipe away all trivial fond records, all saws of books, all forms, all pressures past that youth and observation copied there, and thy commandment all alone shall live within the book and volume of my brain, unmixed with baser matter: yes, by Heaven!" The truth seems to be, that Hamlet is made to appear so far the victim of prejudice, that he occasionally resists the evidence of his senses, and utters thoughts which his reason repudiates. There are Hamlets in these our days, as sceptical and as inconsistent as was the Prince of Denmark.

As I do not pretend, like Bro. Keet, to possess "knowledge of all things possible," I shall not presume to discuss with him, whether "spirits in the flesh, can communicate from one part of the earth to another," without an electric cable. I am ready to accept any new discovery, on adequate evidence, but not to pronounce a thing, of which I know nothing, to be "more possible" than something which I do know.

Will Bro. Keet kindly inform me where I can find it recorded, that investigations into spiritualism which have taken place have produced no satisfactory result, simply, according to the spiritualists, because the persons present were sceptical?

WILLIAM CARPENTER.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF FIFE.
CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT CROSSGATES.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Fife and Kinross was held at Crossgates, by Dunfermline, on the 5th inst., for the purpose of consecrating the Lodge of St. John, Crossgates, No. 540. It is only of recent date that the spirit of Freemasonry began to show itself in the locality; but the increase of membership has been so rapid that already even the local Order is regarded as an "institution," and with a view of giving *clat* to this occasion, business seemed, as it were, for the nonce suspended. The brethren belonging to Crossgates assembled about ten o'clock, and walked in procession to the station to await the arrival of the trains bearing deputations, invited from such lodges in

Edinburgh, Perth, and Dundee, &c., as might make it convenient to attend. The various trains having arrived, it was evident that the Fraternity from other quarters was to be well represented, and that, with the crowd which had assembled, the display altogether would be worth witnessing. The procession having been formed under the direction of Wm. Bryce, Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, took its way to M'Lean's Hall, in the village, where the business of the day was to be transacted. All along the route large groups were assembled here and there, who lustily cheered as the procession passed along. Having reached the place of meeting, which was neatly decorated with Masonic emblems and mottoes, enhancing the effect of the glittering costumes of the brethren themselves, no time was lost in putting the local lodge and deputations in working order. A raised platform at one end of the room was occupied by the following members of the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges:—John Whyte-Melville, P.G.M.; J. T. Oswald, S.P.G.M.; Captain Lindsay, Acting S.P.G.W.; Rev. David Rose, Ferryport-on-Craig, Acting Grand Chaplain; P. H. Pagan, P.G. Secretary; and W. M. Bryce, Acting P.G. Tyler. The other lodges represented, giving the names of the Right Worshipful Masters, or their deputies, were:—No. 5, Leith and Canongate (*vice versa*), Wm. Kelly and R. Wooley. No. 19, St. John's Cupar, John Hood, R.W.M. No. 26, St. John's Dunfermline; R. Lindsay, R.W.M. No. 250, Union, Dunfermline; John Stewart, R.W.M. 400, Duncarn, Burntisland; T. Hutchison, R.W.M.; No. 468, Oswald of Dunnicker, A. Galloway, R.W.M. No. 532, Rothes, Leslie; and other visiting brethren from Innerkeithing, and even No. 382, Kirkwall Kilwinning, which, with the members of the local lodge, increased the number of Freemasons present to close on 300.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and Bro. Whyte-Melville, the P.G.M., on whom the duty of consecrating the lodge devolved, having stated why he had called the present lodge, the charter granted by the Grand Lodge was read by the P.G. Secretary, which, having been considered, was sustained; and after all the usual and necessary forms, ceremonies, and solemnities, the Lodge St. John, Crossgates, was declared regularly consecrated. The various office-bearers were then installed as follows:—Henry Cook, R.W.M.; John Paterson, S.W.; Thomas Muir Long, D.M.; Thomas Campbell, S.W.; Alex. M'Lean, J.W.; Walter Beveridge, Treasurer; Andrew W. Cowen, Sec.; William Reid, S.D.; Wm. Sharp, J.D.; Andrew Campbell, Inner Guard; David Robertson, Tyler; W. Spence, S.S.D.; James Brand, Chaplain, &c. Each office-bearer having been invested with the jewel of his office, and the P.G.M. having complimented them on the progress they had made, Bro. Cook, R.W.M., in appropriate terms, warmly acknowledged the obligation his lodge and himself were under to the R.W.P.M., and the various officers of Grand Lodge, for their attendance, and the admirable and impressive manner in which the consecration had been conducted, and the several office-bearers installed. He also thanked the deputations for their attendance.

The lodge was then duly closed, and the principal business of the day having thus been accomplished, the brethren were again marshalled by Bro. Bryce, who handed some of the jewels and "valuables" belonging to Grand Lodge to the most deserving office-bearers, in token of the progress they had made in the "ancient, high, and honourable art," and the whole body again walked in procession through the village and neighbourhood.

After perambulating the place to the lively strains of the band for fully an hour, the company returned to the hall, where a Masonic banquet was held in honour of the occasion—the P.G.M. presiding. After doing ample justice to the repast, numerous appropriate and complimentary toasts were given and responded to. Loyalty was duly expressed, as was also patriotism; and the other toasts were much of the usual post-prandial character. Having spent a harmonious and happy afternoon, the company separated after the manner of Freemasons—

"Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

It is hardly necessary to say that the brethren were highly gratified with the excellent arrangements and work performed under the direction of P.G.M. Whyte-Melville, whose devotion to the Order is well known and highly appreciated by all Freemasons.

In the evening a ball was given in the hall, when good fellowship was observed—the old maxim of the Order "We meet on the level, and part on the square," was evidently not forgotten by the brethren present. Everything went on successfully, and the "Guy Fawkes' day" of 1873, will we are sure, be long remembered in and about Crossgates.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire Freemasons held their annual meeting on Wednesday the 5th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Market-place, Derby. The attendance was not so large as usual.

The lodge was opened at 2.30 by Bro. H. C. Okeover, D.P.G.M., in form, prayer being offered up by Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., Vicar of Wormhill, Buxton, R.D., and Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the two previous Grand Lodges were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Masters of the numerous lodges read their annual reports, from which it appeared that Masonry had very much increased during the past year.

The Masonic Hall Committee presented their report, which was adopted.

Bro. T. Cox was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

A proposition was made that a sum of £250 be transferred from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Derbyshire Masonic Hall fund.

On the motion of Bro. J. CROSSLEY, P.P.G. S.W., seconded by Bro. the Rev. A. A. BAGSHAWE, P.G. Chaplain, the sum of £250 was unanimously adopted.

The Acting Grand Master then appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

- Rev. A. A. Bagshawe..... Prov. G. S.W.
- G. Hazlehurst Prov. G. J.W.
- Rev. M. H. Middleton Prov. G. Chaplain.
- J. M. Moore Prov. G. R.
- J. D. Calder Prov. G. S.D.
- S. Whitehead Prov. G. J.D.
- J. L. Gibbon Prov. G. S. of W.
- W. H. Marsden Prov. G. Sec.
- Milligan Prov. G. D.C.
- P. G. Hammond Prov. G. A.D.C.
- Allen Prov. G. Organist.
- Simpson Prov. G. S.B.
- J. Pym Prov. G. P.
- G. Staley Prov. G. S.B.
- T. Slinn Prov. G. Tyler.
- Thos. Merry Prov. G. Steward.
- G. Woodiwise " " "
- W. C. Watson " " "
- Robinson " " "
- S. Pipes " " "
- J. T. Eaton..... " " "

Amongst those present at the Grand Lodge were the following brethren.—H. C. Okeover, Wm. Naylor, Augustus A. Bagshawe, Wm. H. Marsden, T. A. Jackson, James McAdam, G. H. Sheffield, W. Webb, M.D., J. W. Webster, W. L. Dodd, Geo. Garnham, J. S. Writham, Wm. Welbourn, Thos. Slinn, F. Campion, J. W. Moore, W. M. Hewitt, Geo. Haslehurst, Frank Iliffe, Thomas Horsley, G. T. Wright, J. Kinder, Joseph Pegg, W. H. Burton, Saml. Taylor, R. Waite, J. Hornsey Casson, John Maxwell, John Farnsworth, Jas. D. Calder, Charles Parkin, Fredk. Turner, W. Certes Sugg, M. H. Humphreys, A. W. Brentnall, C. R. Colvile, Isaac Bowmer, James Worsnop, Samuel Whitehead, J. H. Jackson, J. Barrowby, B.A., W. Knight, Wm. Brammall, Arthur Strutt, W. C. Watson, Thomas Merry, John Brown, J. C. Merry, Wm. Dawson, Wm. Holmes, Jas. Hindle, Robt. Bindley, E. Grindrod, Geo. Woodiwiss, J. Allen, Walter Loverock, Samuel Pipes, Geo. Pipes, W. E.

Webster, Henry Burn, W. J. Gothard, Thomas Henry Warner, P. J. Hammond, George Sperey, John Hancock, Jos. Pym, D. Douglas, Jos. Fearn, Jonn Nield, James Ollerenshaw, R. Darwin, P.P.I.G.W.

Previous to the assembling of the Grand Lodge, the Hartington Lodge, held at the St. James's Hotel, was consecrated in ancient and solemn form by Bro. Okeover, D.P.G.M., when Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.G.C., delivered a very appropriate oration.

The banquet was held at the St. James's Hotel, at five o'clock in the evening, under the presidency of H. C. Okeover; Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe being in the vice chair. The usual Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT CROSSHILL, GLASGOW:

Crosshill and Queen's Park, though fashionable suburbs of Glasgow, are not in the County of Lanark, but in the Masonic Province of East Renfrewshire. It having been thought desirable to open a lodge there, for the benefit of those who reside on the south side of the city, Bro. J. D. Parkins, P.M. of 360, with the assistance of Bro. Giles, and Findlater, set about raising a lodge, and in order that it might be completed, they also determined to get up a hall of their own. The labours of the officers for the last few weeks have been unremitting, to get the hall, fitted, painted and decorated, but the *coup d'œil* presented, when it was opened fully repaid them for their trouble. The roof wants a little more attention to make it complete, but with that exception the arrangements were nearly complete. The chairs are massive, and covered with purple. Instead of the usual pedestals in front, they have followed the description of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia by having at the right side a pillar with a wide top representing respectively the Doric Ionic, and Corinthian columns, the centre of the room was covered with crimson cloth, the walls were tastefully draped and ornamented with rosettes and evergreens. The hall is lighted from the roof, and perfectly ventilated. At half-past 4 o'clock Col. Campbell, M.P., P.G.M. of Renfrewshire East, entered the Hall, accompanied by H. Lee Hervey, P.G.D.M.; W. Robertson, P.G.S.M.; O. G. McGregor, P.G.S.W.; J. Caldwell, P.G.J.W.; Jas. B. Lamb, P.G.A.; Rev. Stephen, P.G. Chap.; Alex McLeod, P.G.S.D.; Jas. Buchanan, P.G.S.B.; John Creswick, P.G.M.; and Thos. Bustad, P.G.T. Amongst the visitors we recognised:—J. C. Spiers, Mother Kilwinning No. 10; T. J. Smilie R.W.M. No. 3; J. Miller, R.W.M. 87; A. Burton, R.W.M. 109; J. Thickwood, R.W.M. 157; J. Wilson, R.W.M. 219; G. McNaught, R.W.M. 273; J. Carringham, R.W.M. 357; J. Mere, R.W.M. 390; J. Anderson, R.W.M. 370; J. Miller, R.W.M. 413; J. Walker, R.W.M. 524; and C. Jum, P.M. 2 (I.C.). While the Royal Arch was represented by the following Principals. J. Miller, Z. 50; J. Duthie, P.Z. 67; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; J. Singleton, P.Z. 87; Thos. Holthet, 113; G. Thollon, Z. 119; and above 200 brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form by the P.G.M. and his Wardens, the P.G. Chap. gave the invocation, the choir sang the Anthem "Ye gates lift up your heads." The P.G.M. then gave an Oration on Masonry, in the course of which he narrated the history of Freemasonry from the early days of Egyptian Masonry, stating that during his recent travelling in Egypt and the East, he was fully convinced that the necessity of organization at the building of the Pyramids and Temples of antiquity had led to the establishment of Masonic Lodges. Let any one stand as he had at the Temple of Avena and gaze at the statues of the gods, cut from the solid rock, with that gracious smile on their faces, as, like our J.W., they sit with their backs to the rays of the sun, and then say that there is nothing in the alleged antiquity of our Order. This old fraternity of Masons had travelled all over Europe, and in our

own land they had left their marks in such places as the old Abbey of Thelwinny and the grand Cathedral of St. Mungo, in Glasgow; the old Masons had done much for the exterior of it and the munificence of Masons and others had now so added to its interior magnificence, that it stands a glorious memorial of the old Masonic art. No one can gaze on the old Masonic piles, and see the Mason marks left on them by the builders of former ages, and then go away and say there is nothing in Masonry, or that it is merely a thing of the present day. But the days of the old operative Masonry are past, and now it is only mural temples that we have to build. These temples are built in our various lodges on the solid foundation of the open volume of the Sacred Law, and on this point he would ask them to bear in mind the grand address given them by their own G.W.M. elect at the first meeting of the lodge. With such a Master, and such principles to guide them, he had no fear for the future prosperity of the *Marie Stuart* Lodge, but was sure that it would prove a blessing, not only to the brethren belonging to it, but to the whole of the inhabitants of Crosshill, and even extend its influence to the City of Glasgow. After the lodge had been properly consecrated, the P.G.M. proceeded to install the following brethren as officers of the lodge: J. D. Porteus, R.W.M.; Wm. Gillies, Depute Master; John Johnston, Substitute Master; J. Brodie, S.W.; W. M. Mason, J.W.; Thos. Renton, Treas.; S. Findlater, Sec.; James Stanning, S.D.; and J. Fraser, J.D. The charge to the Masters was given by the P.G.M. in a masterly style, and with the address to the Wardens and Officers elicited repeated cheers. The newly installed R.W.M. briefly thanked the P.G.M. for his kindness in coming to conduct these ceremonies in person, and requested him to kindly continue to fill the chair during the remainder of the proceedings. Col. Campbell having resumed the chair, the lodge was called from labour to refreshment, in the course of which the R.W.M. proposed "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East," expressing the thanks of the lodge to the brethren, most of whom had come from a considerable distance to assist in these ceremonies, Col. Campbell, M.P., P.G.M. in reply expressed his pleasure and that of the Provincial Grand Lodge at the admirable arrangements that had been made for their comfort, also for that of the numerous brethren, not only from their own Province, but from the Sister Province of Glasgow who had to come to give eclat to the preceding Masonry, he said, was growing rapidly in his province, this was the seventh lodge he had consecrated in six years, and professed to be one of the best. He would now give, "Success to the Marie Stuart Lodge, with the Health of its First Master. Bro. Porteus in replying invited the Sister Lodges in the Provinces of Glasgow, to visit them when they should be settled down to their usual work. They had till the present been working under a dispensation, and then sickness had been great, but the large attendance to-day he took as a augury of even better things in the future, and it would be the constant care of himself and officer to see that Masonry did not suffer in any way to the establishment of the Maire Stuart. The lodge having been recalled to labour was shortly after closed by the P.G.M. in accordance with ancient custom. The ceremonies were much enhanced by the excellent singing of the brethren who had volunteered to form the choir, amongst who we recognised Bros. Robert Faazer, J. Miller, 250; J. McPhie, R. Robertson, Bolman, R. Seak, and others. Bro. Thompson presided at the Harmonium.

AID TO HAPPINESS AND HEALTH.—Bilious affections, with all their concomitant annoyances, induced by atmospheric changes, or too liberal diet, should be checked at once, or serious consequences may ensue. When any one finds his ideas less clear than usual, his eyesight dimmed, and his head dizzy, with indisposition for all exertion, physical or mental, he may be quite sure that he is in immediate need of some cooling and purifying medicine. Let him send at once for a box of Holloway's Pills, which will free him from his sufferings, and speedily recover his usual healthful feelings. If the bowels be irritable, Holloway's Ointment should be diligently rubbed over the stomach and liver every night and morning.—ADVT.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 14, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, November 15.

Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 1320, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, November 17.

Lodge 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 38, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (No. 1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottlieb, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, November 18.

Board of General Purposes at 3.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 194, St. Pauls, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 " 857, St. Marks, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
 " 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle Hotel, Southwark-bridge-road.
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 186, Industry, Freemason's Hall.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, (emergency) at 5.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8. Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, November 19.

General Committee, Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence at 6.
 Grand Stewards' Lodge.
 Lodge 144, St. George's Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 193, Oak, Freemason's Hall.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons Hall.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched-friars.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubit Town.
 Chap. 127, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, November 20.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Ripon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's-wood.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-road.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemason's Hall, Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Sean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, November 21.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 143.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Heart Hotel, Barnes.
 " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 92, Moria, London Tavern, Bishopsgate street.
 K.T., Preceptory, Kemeys Tynte, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (No. 140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 22, 1873.

Monday, November 17.

Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Lodge 447, Mersey, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington at 6.30.

Tuesday, November 18.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Chap. 537, Zion, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, November 19.

Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 527, Zetland, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (210), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 Lodge 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1350, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 6.30.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, November 20.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.
 Lodge 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston, Hotel, Garston, at 4.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Friday, November 21.

Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Encampment of Jacques de Molay, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 4.
 Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW!

For the week ending Friday, November 22, 1873.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 17.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st.
 St. Mungo Encampment, K.T., 213, Buchanan-street.
 Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
 Chap. 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hall, Dumbarton;

Tuesday, November 18.
Lodge 3 1/2, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.
Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 419, Neptune, 35, James-street.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
Chap. 69, St. Andrews, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, November 19.
" 128, St. John, Shettleston.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 113, Partick, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

Thursday, November 20.
Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 366, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
Lodge 275, Thistle and Shamrock, 22, Struthers-street.
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, November 21.
Lodge 408, Clyde, Festival at Assembly-rooms, Bath-st.
Chap. 109, Sir William Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 22, 1873.

Monday, November 17.
Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemason's Hall, George-st., at 8.

Tuesday, November 18.
Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Registrar-street, at 8.
" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, November 19.
Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nelson-street, at 8.

Thursday, November 20.
Lodge 48, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
" 226, Portobello, Town Hall, Portobello, at 8.
Red Cross Conclave, 103, St. Giles', Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

Friday, November 21.
Chapter 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

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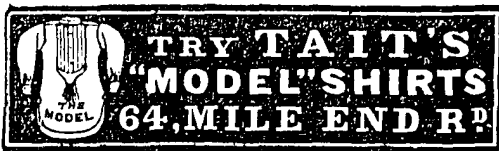
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—*Palatine Lodge* (No. 91).—The brethren of the Palatine Lodge assembled in the Masonic Hall, Toward Road, on Thursday 13th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Brother R. Humphrey, P.G.S.D. This being the annual meeting for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the choice of the brethren fell on Brother S. P. Austin, S.W. He was declared by the Master as W.M. elect. The brethren, about 50 in number, afterwards adjourned to the banquetting hall, when after a very choice repast, Brother S. P. Austin, S.W., rose, and in a suitable address, in the course of which he was warmly applauded, begged of the W.M. to accept from the members of the lodge a very handsome full-dress suit of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing, together with a jewel, as P.G.S.D., in recognition of the very eminent services rendered by Bro. R. Humphrey to the Craft in general, and more particularly with reference to the arduous duties undertaken by him, when recently, as a Steward to the Grand Lodge, he collected and carried to London the substantial sum of upwards of £300 for the benefit of the Boys' School at Wood Green, London, this being perhaps the largest sum ever collected by one brother. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, to Bro. R. Humphrey, W.M., together with Provincial Grand Lodge Clothing—Senior Deacon, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Craft in general. Nov. 13th 1873."—The following lodges were represented:—No. 80, Bro. Elwen, P.M. and W.M. Elect; No. 94, Bro. R. Lutert, S.W. and W.M. Elect; No. 424, Bro. Jonathan Cooke, P.M.; No. 949, Bro. Shadforth, J.W.; No. 1389, Bro. Riley, J.W.; as well as many respective members. Amongst the P.M.'s present were Bros. H. Crooks, Provincial Grand Secretary; Bros. J. J. Clay, I.P.M., Wm. Skelton, J. Stainsby, G. Lord, M. Allison, P. Vistendahl. These, as well as all others present, rose and cheered heartily when Bro. Humphrey had been invested with the clothing and jewel. Afterwards the recipient addressed the brethren, and said in the course of his remarks that the handsome present made to him that night would remind him of the duties he owed, not only to the Palatine, but to all lodges in the province, and he would make it his study to deserve the fraternal esteem of the members in general, and he trusted that his children might be spared to join the Craft, and look on the beautiful gift as a token of the appreciation in which their father had been held; and he might say one of his boys was already a life governor of the school, having obtained that honour when only 20 minutes old. Bro. Humphrey resumed his seat amid long-continued cheering, Masonic toasts and harmony passed away a very enjoyable night—one such as has never been known in the new hall. The goods were from the noted firm of G. Kenning, Little Britain, London.—*Newcastle Journal*.

ROYAL GLOUCESTER LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 130).—A most interesting meeting of this

Lodge of Instruction, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bugle-street, Southampton, on Monday week, on which occasion the members gave practical proof of their ability for Masonic Work, tangible proof of their gratitude to one who was mainly instrumental in establishing the lodge and during the three years of its existence acting as Preceptor. After opening the lodge, in due form the seven sections of the first lecture were worked as follows:—

Bro. J. B. Thomas W.M., Preceptor.	
First Lecture, 1st Section	Bro. Hickman.
" " 2nd "	" Philips.
" " 3rd "	" Manby.
" " 4th "	" Feuvre.
" " 5th "	" Wilson.
" " 6th "	" Miles.
" " 7th "	" Sharpe.

At the conclusion of which the W.M. (Bro. Thomas), in a few words, reviewed the history of the lodge, since its establishment, and congratulated the members on its success, showing how it had begun, by two or three of them meeting to learn the first three sections, and that afterwards through the instrumentality of Wor. Bro. Le Feuvre, it had been founded as a regular Lodge of Instruction, had done much good in instructing the Masters nominate and other officers of the different lodges of the Town in their coming duties, and in providing a number of brethren, ready qualified, and capable of filling any temporarily vacant office in lodge if called upon to do so. He proceeded to show that all this good result was mainly due to Wor. Bro. Le Feuvre's exertions, who had at great sacrifice of time and of his own convenience, done so much to help the lodge forward, and keep it going. He (the W.M.) then on behalf of the lodge presented Wor. Bro. Le Feuvre with a P. Prov G. Sec. jewel, and begged he would accept and wear it as a token of the obligation the lodge felt under to him for his past and present services in founding and maintaining it in its present efficiency. Wor. Bro. Le Feuvre was quite taken by surprise at this sudden termination of the W.M.'s remarks, he expressed his great gratification at the compliment paid him, but regretted he had not had some previous intimation of the intention of the brethren, as he should have been then better able to give expression to his feelings on the subject. He assured the brethren he felt their kindness very much, and that he should ever esteem and wear the jewel in remembrance of his connection with the lodge, and of their willingness to assist him, for without their aid he could have done little, and although his occupation as Preceptor seemed to be nearly gone, his pupils having taken the lead of him, (no, no,) he should always be ready and ever willing to aid and assist them in all their undertakings. He begged to thank them from the bottom of his heart.

TRANQUILITY LODGE (No. 185).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Monday, the 17th inst., which was attended by a vast number of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Cohen and Phillips were passed to the second degree, and Bros. Foss, Rees, Child, and Croaker, raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The W.M., Bro. Nathan Moss, conferred these degrees in his usually impressive manner, and his working throughout was perfect. The lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the sum of £10 was unanimously voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, the same to be placed on the list of the W.M., who has undertaken a Stewardship of the said institution. A further sum of ten guineas was voted towards a testimonial for the retiring W.M. The lodge was then closed and the brethren repaired to the banquet chamber. A very substantial repast was provided, under the able presidency of the newly-appointed sub-manager of the hotel, Bro. Smith, and we congratulate him upon his success in catering for the brethren, who expressed themselves on this occasion, thoroughly well pleased with his efforts. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and ably responded to. Several of the members contributed to the harmony of

the evening, the most noteworthy being Bro. T. P. Child, who sang "Come into the Garden, Maud," with taste and ability. The S.W., Bro. John Constable, solicited the members to encourage the project for obtaining a Life Governorship of the Benevolent Institution;—to this we referred some months since, and we heartily wish him success in his undertaking. The example presented by the principal officers of this lodge is well worthy of emulation, the W.M., S.W. & J.W., having each undertaken the Stewardship of the Benevolent Institution at the next festival, and we hear that the S.W. has collected a very considerable sum. The brethren separated early, after a very agreeable evening.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—*St. Hilda Lodge* (No. 240).—A meeting of this lodge was held at South Shields on Monday week, when Bro. E. Thomson, J.W., was unanimously elected to the office of Worshipful Master for next year. The brethren at the same time resolved to subscribe five guineas annually to the funds of the Ingham Infirmary, South Shields.

PECKHAM LODGE (No. 879).—Whatever differences may have been observed among the brethren of the Peckham Lodge during the past year, it is impossible to imagine a more harmonious gathering than that which assembled on Thursday last, the 13th inst., at Bro. Freeland's Southwark Park Tavern, Bermondsey. The lodge was opened at half-past six, military time, by the W.M., Bro. C. W. Kent, assisted by Bros. Pennefather, S.W. and pro tem Secretary; T. A. Hudson, J.W.; J. Howe, P.M., Treasurer; E. Brewster, J.D.; A. Emler, D.C.; Villenger, W.S.; and O. Lingwood, I.G. Bro. Knowles was crafted; and Messrs. T. Kent, J.J. and G. Latt, initiated into the Order. Another candidate would have been initiated had time permitted. Bro. Johnson, of No. 1178, was admitted as a joining member. Many propositions of candidates were made for the next meeting of the lodge. An excellent banquet was afterwards partaken of by the brethren, and the proceedings throughout were enthusiastic and harmonious in the highest degree. Among the numerous visitors we observed Bros. W. H. Green, W.M., 619; H. Bartlett, W.M., 147; G. J. Wintle, W.M., 548; T. Neville, P.M., 765; J. J. Hole and J. Phillips, 73; E. J. R. Lugg, 193; J. Davison, 299; and many others.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held for the first time at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road, E., on Tuesday, the 4th instant, the lodge having lately been removed from the New Globe, Mile End Road. The business commenced by balloting for six candidates, four of whom, Messrs. Armstrong, McKenzie, Hancock and Rowlandsen, being in attendance, were duly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. Weatherill the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The beautiful ceremony of installation was most effectively rendered by Bro. Barford, P.M., assisted by Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 933 and 554. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Darling, S.W.; W. Hogg, W.M. 1349, J.W.; E. Jex, P.M., Treas.; G. Clayton, Sec.; W. Lusty, S.D.; G. Rowe, J.D.; R. Bradbrook, I.G.; Verry, Tyler. Bro. Weatherill, W.M., then had the pleasing duty to perform of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Salter, with a very handsome P.M. Jewel. The Installing Master then, on behalf of the W.M., and brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. E. Jex, P.M. and Treasurer, with a massive silver cup, subscribed for by the brethren, as a token of their regard and esteem for the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. The recipients of these presents returned thanks, after which the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Aldershot, on Thursday, the 30th October, 1873, when the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Capt. Richardson, he being supported by the presence of all his officers, and a numerous attendance of the brethren. The lodge having been opened in form, Bro. P.M. J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., 30°, and Bro. P.M. Samuel Cole, W.M. No. 1424, P. Prov. G. P. Kent, were balloted for as

joining members, the ballot in each case being unanimous. Four candidates were also balloted for, and a fifth, previously elected, appeared on the agenda paper for initiation, but only two of them being present, Messrs. Fisher, and Peterkin, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. Irwin, was passed as F.C., and Bro. Pain raised to the sublime degree. The Report of the Committee of reference, respecting the audit of the Treasurer's Accounts for the past year, &c., was then read and unanimously approved, after which it was proposed by the W.M. elect, seconded, and resolved by the brethren that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Capt. Richardson, the W.M., for his services to the lodge generally, and for his year of office in particular, during which he has acted in the joint capacity of W.M. and Treasurer, also for the highly satisfactory manner in which the balance sheet for 1872-73, had been prepared by him. The lodge was then closed with prayer, about 7.30 p.m.

The annual Installation meeting of this lodge was held in the same place, on Thursday, the 6th inst., at 3 o'clock p.m., when the chair was again taken by the W.M. Bro. Capt. Richardson, Installing officer, the whole of his officers being again present. The lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and lodge of emergency separately read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. A. McKenzie, the W.M. elect, presented for the benefit of Installation, by Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, 30°. The usual preliminaries, having been gone through, a board consisting of eight Installed Masters, was convened, and Bro. McKenzie placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. He then invested his I.P.M. The Master Masons having been admitted, the new W.M. was saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in that degree; the working tools presented and the charge to the W.M. being delivered by the Installing Officer. The lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the F.C.'s admitted, when the W.M. was saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in that degree, the W.T. of which were likewise presented. The lodge was resumed to first degree, and the E.A.'s admitted, when the ceremonies of saluting, &c., appertaining to that degree, were carried out; after which the Book of Constitutions, Bye-Laws and Warrant of the lodge, were duly delivered into the custody of Bro. McKenzie. The charges to the Wardens and brethren were then given in a correct, and most impressive manner by the Installing Officer, the I.P.M., who received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, especially of the visitors from lodges in the locality, and other provinces, for the faultless manner in which the whole ceremony had been conducted. A valuable gold P.M.'s jewel subscribed for by a number of the brethren, was then presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Richardson, who in returning thanks, expressed his delight that the humble endeavours he had made to faithfully, zealously, and impartially administer the duties of his office, had met with the approbation of the brethren, assured them that he prized very highly the decoration they had conferred upon him, and really appreciated it in a much higher degree, than if it had been simply presented from the lodge funds. Bro. Williams, Surveyor, R. E. department, having been proposed and seconded as a joining member, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer, about quarter to 5 o'clock p.m. The Installation banquet, at which forty or more brethren sat down, took place at half-past 5 o'clock. The new W.M. presiding, when from the beautiful and artistic manner in which the tables had been laid, combined with the brilliant uniforms of the military, and the evening costume of the visiting civilian brethren, the spacious well lighted room in which the banquet was served, presented an aspect rarely to be witnessed on such occasions. The catering of Bro. Kneec, the host, could not be surpassed, and all present expressed their high satisfaction at the unexceptionable quality of everything supplied. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the greatest cordiality, and after spending a most enjoyable evening, the brethren began to separate at half-past 10 o'clock, the visiting brethren expressing themselves highly delighted with the very cordial reception they had received.

CHIPPING SODBURY.—*Tyndall Lodge* (No. 1363).—The installation of Bro. F. Vizard, as W.M. of this lodge, took place at the Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. Henry Gratte, P.M., P. G.S.D., Mon., 471; Robert Fendick, P.P.G.S. W., Bristol, 103; Richard Fox Gee, P. Prov. D. C. Bristol, 103; W. Benham, P. Prov. J.D.C., P.Z., 103; M. Worlock, W.M. 1388; G. Rennie Powell, P.M., P.G.P. Gloucestershire, M.M. England, 1363; L. White, P. Prov. G.S.D., Gloucestershire, 855; S. Davis, W.M. 363 and 270; Osborne Dauncey, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D. 855 and 76, &c.; The following officers were appointed:—Bro. S. Davis I.P.M., J.D.; B. Trenfield, S.W.; Charles A. Bush, J.W.; Alfred Pontifex, Chaplain; W. H. Hartley, Steward; G. Rennie Powell, D.C.; J. Trenfield, Treasurer; James P. Curtis, Sec., Algeron Sudlow, S.D.; C. M. Heim, J.D.; F. Townsend, I.G.; James Iles, Organist; and E. Holiday, Tyler; After the ceremony the brethren walked in their Masonic clothing to the Grapes Hotel, where they sat down to a most sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. W. Codrington.

HIGHGATE LODGE (No. 1366).—A meeting of this flourishing young lodge took place at the Gate House Hotel, Highgate, on Monday the 8th inst., under the presidency of the new W.M. Bro. Jesse Owens, assisted by his officers. Bro. Watkins and Knight were passed, and four candidates were initiated. Bro. Charles Grey Hill announced his intention of serving the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, this being the third time he has officiated in that capacity, shews that he has the good of the charities at heart. Since the Installation meeting, the ex-Secretary, Bro. Barton, has departed this life. His loss is deeply lamented by the lodge, and the W.M. undertook to write a letter of condolence to his relatives. The visitors were Bros. Gompertz Odell, Dagley, McRober and others. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to supper.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—An emergency meeting of the above chapter was held on Tuesday the 18th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Present—Comps. E. Roberts, M.E.Z.; King, H.; Newman, J.; Copstick, N.; Birdseye, P.S.; Kenning, Treasurer; Muggerridge, E.; Yeoman, Organist; H. Muggerridge, Cook, Figes, Bartholomew, Chapman, Phythian, Arkell, Cann, Kent; Visitors Comps. R. W. Little, P.Z., Domestic Chapter; Binckes, jun., Panmure Chapter; Meakins, British Chapter; and Levander, P.Z.; Panmure Chapter. The following Brethren, being in attendance, were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch:—E. F. Stoor, Neptune Lodge; A. G. Marks, Lion and Lamb Lodge; J. A. Acton, Royal Albert Edward Lodge; F. Fellowes, Lion and Lamb Lodge; and J. W. Vickers, Royal Albert Edward Lodge. The usual banquet was provided, when toasts, songs, and recitations beguiled the evening until a late hour.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTHWARK LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 22).—One of the most interesting and brilliant meetings of the Masonic Season took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The Southwark Mark Lodge, after having had a successful career for many years, had fallen of late into the sere and yellow state of existence, and for some time had seemingly ceased to exist. At length some City brethren, feeling that it was discreditable to the Mark Degree that a lodge so conveniently situated and of such former excellence should fall into disrepute, rallied to the rescue, and with such success that it has at once been placed in the first rank in point of respectability and working order. Thursday week was the annual period of installation, and it was originally intended that the proceedings should terminate with the appointment of

officers, but an intimation having been given that Colonel Francis Burdett, P.G.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, proposed to honour the lodge by visiting it for the first time, it was determined that the occasion should be distinguished in a manner which should unmistakably evince the appreciation of the Southwark Mark Lodge of the proposed visit. Accordingly orders were given to Brother Spencer, the proprietor of the hotel, to prepare a suitable banquet in his honour. The brethren met at six o'clock, the retiring Master, Bro. John Read, P.G.O., in the chair, with a numerous attendance of officers and brethren. The brethren received with regret an intimation that, owing to important business, the P.G. Master would be unable to pay his proposed visit until another opportunity should occur. The W.M., after the usual preliminary business had been disposed of, advanced to the Mark Degree Bros. A. Brett and H. A. Milford, of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 134; D. Greenaway, of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907; J. Hutt, Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13; and S. Lilley, Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73; Bro. W. Klingenstein, of the Samson and Lion Mark Lodge, No. 86, was elected a joining member. There were several other candidates belonging to eminent City Craft Lodges, whose other engagements did not admit of their presence this evening, but who will be present at the next meeting, which promises to be equally successful with that which we are at present recording. The advancements having been finished, Bro. Read vacated the chair, which was then assumed by Bro. T. Meggy, P.G.M.O., who is an honorary member of this lodge. The W.M. elect, Bro. I. J. H. Wilkins, P.G.S.B., was duly presented to and installed by Bro. Meggy in a most impressive manner, Bro. Meggy being one of the very few brethren in possession of this important ceremony. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. John Read, I.P.M.; Stidolph, S.W.; Sparks, J.W.; Harry Brett, Treas.; Harry Read, Sec.; Poore, M.O.; Spluch, S.O.; Gilbert, J.O.; Bouts, S.D.; Montgomery, I.G.; and Hutt, Registrar. Several propositions of candidates were made, a discussion entered upon with regard to the raising of the subscription fees of the lodge to a very considerable amount, which will doubtless before long be carried into effect; and the resignation of Past Master A. D. Loewenstark, for many years Treasurer of the lodge, was tendered and accepted. The lodge was then closed. The banquet took place in the large ladies' coffee-room on the first floor of the hotel, and was really worthy of the very highest commendation that words can bestow upon it. Bro. Spencer had evicently disdained cost, and placed every delicacy which money could procure before his patrons, and the tables, decorated with consummate taste and artistic skill, were worthy the eye of a painter. A nobler banquet was never yet served, "Ab ove usque ad maia," and was duly done justice to by the numerous company, which included as visitors Bros. Binckes, G. Sec. (who, as usual, spoke most eloquently, and congratulated the lodge on its improved position and elevated tone); Emberlin, Gotthiel, Lazarus, and others. Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M., came express from Brighton on purpose to attend this meeting, the most important, beyond all comparison, since its consecration.

LIVERPOOL.—*West Lancashire Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 65).—The brethren of this lodge were summoned to attend their Masonic duties at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 3rd inst., when a most interesting meeting took place. Bro. T. Ashmore, W.M., presided at the opening of the proceedings, supported by Bros. T. Clark, P.M.; J. Taylor, S.W.; H. Nelson, J.W.; J. R. Goepel, P.M., Treas., P.G.S.O.; Joseph Wood, Sec.; W. Shortis, M.O.; C. Leighton, S. D.; A. Bucknell, J.D.; and P. Bell, Tyler. The members present were Bros. C. H. Hill, J. Hamer, W. Fish, E. Clements, H. Jackson, W. Doyle, J. Capell, H. Burrows, J. W. Newman, C. Tryer, J. K. Smith, and J. E. Jackson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken from Bros. R. T. Owens, of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, and Bro. T. Large, of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393. As this proved unanimously in their favour,

they were duly inducted into the privileges of the Order. In pursuance of notice, Bro. J. E. Jackson proposed, and Bro. J. Taylor, W.M., elect, seconded the nomination of Bros. J. Hamer, P.M., and P.G.M.O. as an honorary member of the lodge so long as he should live. The proposition was carried by acclamation. Bro. J. Taylor was presented to the W.M., to receive the benefit of installation, when all below the rank of Installed Masters were requested to retire. Bro. Hamer took the chair, and performed the ceremony of installation, and I.P.M. Ashmore afterwards delivered the charges to the following officers:—Bros. H. Nelson, S.W.; Joseph Wood, J.W.; W. Doyle, M.O.; J. E. Jackson, S.O.; A. Bucknell, J.O.; H. Jackson, Chaplain; J. R. Goepel, P.M., P.G.S.O., re-elected Treasurer for the ninth time, amidst the most general expression of approval; W. Shortis, Sec.; Reginald Young, Registrar of Marks; J. Hayes, S.D.; J. Capell, J.D.; J. K. Smith, D.C.; W. Fish, S.S.; H. Morris, J. S.; C. Tyrer, I.G.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The lodge was subsequently closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

BRIDPORT.—*St. Mary's Lodge Royal Ark Mariners*.—In accordance with summons duly issued, the following Royal Ark Mariners met at the Masonic Rooms, Bridport, on the 12th November, for the purpose of constituting a Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge:—Bros. P. H. Newnham, J. C. Vigne, J.M.P. Montague, and T. Coombs. Bro. Philpot, of Poole, was prevented from attending by the loss of a train, and sent a telegram to that effect. Bro. Newnham having assumed the chair; a R.A.M. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the following brethren were admitted and regularly elevated to the degree of R. A. Mariner, Bro. Vigne acting as I, and Bro. Montague as S. Bros. J. Gundry, B. P. Gundry, W. Chick, J. S. Webb, W. H. W. Toby, J. Hinc, C. Tucker, W. H. Hay, P. Montague, H. G. B. Frampton, T. Long. The newly-elevated brethren having taken their seats, Bro. Newnham announced that he was empowered by the Grand Secretary formally to consecrate and constitute the *St. Mary's Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners*, and called on Bro. Tucker to read the Warrant of Constitution. Bro. Newnham then delivered a short address upon the origin and antiquity of the Royal Ark Mariners' Degree, in which he showed the great probability that this degree was derived from the mystic worship of the "Ark" in the earliest times, even as other portions of Freemasonry shewed traces of the primitive worship of the "Pillar." A similar allusion to the "Ark," was kept up by the Druids in their ceremonies of initiation, and it was probable that, in later times, their ideas and practices had become merged into the Bible record of Noah's Deluge, in which form they had been laid hold of by the early Freemasons, and so handed down to us in their present shape. The ceremonies of consecration were then duly performed, Bro. Vigne carrying round the corn, Bro. Montague the wine, and Bro. Coombs the oil. Bro. Newnham then declared the *St. Mary's Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge* duly constituted. The Brethren were then called upon to elect their Commander, when Bro. Newnham proposed, and Bro. Vigne seconded Bro. Montague, and he was unanimously elected. He was then presented, and replied to the preliminary questions. All Brethren below the rank of W. Commander having withdrawn, and a Board of Installed Commanders opened, Bro. Montague was obligated and installed in the chair of N. The brethren were re-admitted, procession formed, and Bro. Montague duly proclaimed and saluted. He then proceeded to appoint his officers:—Bro. Vigne, J., Br. J. Gundry, S., Bro. B. P. Gundry, Treas., Bro. C. Tucker, Sec. After a code of bye-laws had been discussed and the Lodge formally closed, the brethren separated, all highly pleased with their introduction to this interesting old degree.

At a regular meeting held on the 10th inst., it was resolved that the Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction should in future be held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, every Monday evening, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of Instruction in Mark Masonry.

VOTING AT CHARITY ELECTIONS.—Mr. Charles Reed, M.P., has written to the Lord Mayor, saying that the managers of the principal charities have consulted, and are prepared to adopt the "suggestions" of those who advocate reforms. Meanwhile a committee is being formed under the Charity Organization Society for promoting the reform of the elections to charities, and many gentlemen of great influence have agreed to join it. The object will be to give information, and divert subscriptions from the voting to the non-voting institutions.—*Athenaeum*.

The will of Bro. William Robert Clemow, of Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, was proved on the 5th inst., by Mr. Robert Clemow, the uncle, and Mr. Francis Harding Clemow, the brother, the executors, the personalty being sworn under 7,000*l*. The testator leaves to his partner and brother, Mr. Francis Harding Clemow, all his half-part or share in the business premises, furniture, stock, &c., of Anderton's Hotel. The rest of his property he gives to his brothers and sisters and a cousin.

ROMAN-BRITISH REMAINS.—Many persons who are interested in the recent discoveries of Roman-British remains at the site of the National Safe Deposit Company's premises, Mansion House, will be glad to learn that an opportunity is afforded for inspecting the collection between the hours of one and three, from Monday, the 24th, to Saturday, the 29th inst., inclusive, at the offices of Bro. John Whichcord, F.S.A., Architect, 12, Queen Victoria-street. Admission will be by tickets, which will be forwarded by Mr. E. W. Bradbrook, F.S.A., 1, Elm-court, Temple, and Mr. J. E. Price, F.S.A., 53, Beresford-road, Highbury New Park, Honorary Secretaries London and Middlesex Archaeological Society.

THE BAIRD TRUST.—The *Glasgow News* publishes a resumé of the trust deed settling the munificent gift by Mr. James Baird to the Church of Scotland of £500,000. The deed says that the donor has been moved to give the £500,000, because he "feels deeply impressed with the extent to which spiritual destitution prevails among the poor and working population of Scotland, and is satisfied that this proceeds in a great measure from the want of properly organized and endowed territorial work. He is also convinced that there is a "tendency to a departure from the truth, and to an exclusion of religion from the teaching of the young;" and that "the means available by law are insufficient to provide for the faithful preaching of the word of God, for the refutation of error, and for the support of the Church, and for educational and other purposes of a religious character." He therefore, to aid in carrying out these objects, vests the £500,000 in seven trustees, viz., himself, Alexander Whitelaw, ironmaster, of Glasgow; David Wallace, ditto; William Weir, ditto; William Baird, of Elie; James A. Campbell, jun., of Stracathro; and the Rev. Archibald Scott, minister of Greenside Church, Edinburgh. The trustees may increase their number to nine, and they have the most ample powers to apply the interest of the £500,000 to any of the purposes set forth above. Provision is also made for an annual lectureship of six discourses on religious subjects. A curious provision in the trust is that the donor provides that the trustees may, at the expiry of fifty years bring it to a close if they think fit, by expending the capital, as well as the interest, for the object specified. The trustees are to have £500 yearly divided among them, according to the number of meetings they attend. They are all to be members of the Church of Scotland, and not more than one is to be a clergyman.

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MASONIC FUNERAL IN GLASGOW.—Bro. Jacob Bright, a P.M. of Lodge Prudence, 170, New York, having been taken ill while in this city, was taken to the Infirmary, where the Lodge Union has a bed at their disposal. Here his wants were attended to, and he gratefully admitted that, though in a foreign land, he was still at home. But it pleased the Great Architect to call him to the Lodge above, and on Thursday his remains were accompanied to the South Side Cemetery by a number of the brethren, foremost among whom were Bro. R. Mitchell, P.M. 382; J. Cunningham, R.W.M. 475; W. Bassett, 27; G. W. Wheeler, 73; R. Ramsay, 408; and J. Humber, 408, and about 30 other brethren. Had the day been more propitious, there would have been a larger assemblage. Bro. the Rev. J. Reid, of Christ Church, Mile-end, had kindly offered his services, and accompanied the melancholy cortège from the Infirmary, nearly three miles to the grave, and when there impressively rendered the last services of the dead. By the kindness of the Clyde Lodge No. 408, who own a double lair there, our Brother's body was deposited in front of the splendid granite monolith they have erected to the memory of departed brethren of the Lodge. But it was felt that in a port like Glasgow, where so many American and Continental Masons are continually arriving, and some of them frequently dying in our midst, that we should have a grave belonging to the Craft at large, and not have to apply to one lodge to grant a portion of her ground for that purpose; and Bros. Mitchell, Wheeler, Bassett, Cunningham, and Ramsay were appointed a Committee to lay the subject before the various lodges.

GIFT BY THE EX-MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL TO THE POLICE BANDMASTER.—Bro. G. Samuelson ex-Mayor of Liverpool, as is generally known, is not only a literary man, but a skilled musician. One of the last complimentary acts he performed, before relinquishing office, was to pay a pleasing tribute to the police band through their master. His worship summoned Mr Beardhall to his "private parlour" in the Town Hall, and there presented him, without public display, with a magnificent ivory bâton, mounted with gold, and bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by Edward Samuelson, Esq., Mayor, to Bandmaster Francis Beardhall, to mark the time of 1873." A more public presentation of the testimonial was made to Mr. Beardhall by Major Greig, C.B., the Head Constable, at the "setting of the afternoon parade," Main Bridewell yard.

IRISH FISHERIES.—The Baroness Burdett-Coutts having offered (in addition to other contributions which she has given, viz., £250 for the benefit of the Boffin and Shark Islands, and £300 for the Claddagh fishermen) a prize of £10 for the best essay "On preventing Nets from Rotting"; and, as President of the Ladies' Educational Committee for the prevention of cruelty to Animals, a prize of £10 for the best essay on "On killing Fish (particularly those of the larger species, such as the basking shark, sun fish, &c.) with the least cruelty," these subjects are now open to public competition throughout Ireland, and essays on either or both will be received up to the 31st March, 1874.

According to the latest arrangements, the German Imperial Crown Prince and Crown Princess will leave for St. Petersburg on the 17th of January, where the marriage of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh with the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia will be celebrated on the 21st of that month.

The merchants of Liverpool have prepared a petition to the Postmaster-General, urging the immediate necessity of the Liverpool Exchange and the Central Telegraph Station, London, being placed in direct communication by special wire.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1873.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE
IRISH GRAND LODGE.

We understand that, at a recent meeting of the Irish Grand Lodge, amid other questions which naturally arose, clause 133—to which we so strongly objected in a previous number of the *Freemason*—gave rise to a prolonged and animated debate. It was objected to, mainly, we believe, on the grounds we had ourselves previously laid down as most opposed to the dignity and honour of the Grand Lodge itself, but was upheld on the other hand by those who apparently wish to maintain this most anomalous state of affairs. We believe that nothing was actually decided, and that the matter stands over, on a point of order, whether an amendment to strike out the names of the other alien authorities can be legally received.

We can hardly believe the statement, that, any presiding officer holds such a view, or will persist in such an opinion. All we can say is, if he does so, the position he takes up is unexampled, and, *ipso facto*, illegal; and that such a decision must place the Grand Lodge of Ireland in a most difficult and delicate position.

Other Grand Lodges may fairly ask the question, can that be said to be the Grand Lodge of Irish Craft Masonry, which admits the decisions of other, and exterior jurisdictions as binding irrevocably on Grand Lodge.

We still hope for the present and future welfare of Freemasonry in Ireland, that other and wiser counsels will prevail, and that those excellent and zealous brethren, who wish to see Freemasonry in Ireland relieved from many needless restrictions and regulations, and allowed to partake of the rational and well ordered progress of the times in which our lot is cast, will eventually be successful.

There can be no reason why the Grand Lodge in Ireland, should not be equally active and energetic with our own Grand Lodge in its

calm, yet well directed course, and we are glad to repeat that there is, and always has been, the kindest and most brotherly feeling between English and Irish Masons.

We trust that the Irish Grand Lodge will surmount all difficulties of detail and all questions of order, and come to the happy conclusion, that, if it is to be the Grand Lodge of Irish Craft Masons, its regulations must be founded on the unchanged traditions of the Craft, on sound legality, and intelligent common sense.

So we shall be glad to hear, that, Clause 133, which ought never to have got in, will eventually come out.

May our aspirations be realized!

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The news of the last week has not been very exciting for us at home.

We have indeed, to record, the death of Lord Liveden, more familiarly known as the Mr. Vernon Smith, of earlier parliamentary life, and of Lord George Lennox, a brother of the late, and uncle of the present Duke of Richmond, formerly an officer in the army, who had seen much service, both in the 9th Lancers and the 15th Hussars, and as A.D.C. to the Duke of Wellington.

The Elections for the School Boards have begun, and so far the large number polled shows, happily, an increasing interest in that most important subject, education.

It has been arranged, that the Dean of Westminster will perform the marriage service, "More Anglicano" for His H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, and Viscount Sydney, the Lord Chamberlain, and Lady Augusta Stanley, wife of the Dean, will attend on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty.

We presume that the English Marriage will take place under a special license from the Archbishop of Canterbury. The English Church at St. Petersburg being too small for the number expected, a hall in the Winter Palace, will in all probability, it is said, be fitted up for the marriage, according to the Rites of the Anglican Church.

Sir John Duke Coleridge has been appointed Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, in the place of the lamented Sir W. Bovill, and one interesting feature connected with Sir J. D. Coleridge's promotion is, that, his venerable father, the Right Hon. Sir John Taylor Coleridge, formerly one of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, still survives, at a green old age, to witness, happily the elevation of his son to one of the highest situations on the judicial Bench.

The vacant posts of Postmaster General and Solicitor General have been filled up by the introduction into official life of Dr. Lyon Playfair, in the room of Mr. Monsell, and of Mr. Wm. Vernon Harcourt, vice Mr. Henry James, now Attorney General.

The Rev. Henry White, Chaplain of the House of Commons and the Savoy, has been appointed one of the Chaplains-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and the Rev. Francis James Holland of Quebec Chapel, is gazetted as Honorary Chaplain to Her Majesty.

The news from India of the probable famine in portions of Bengal, has naturally created no little anxiety at home, as the records of the last famine have for us all so painful a memory, but it is hoped, that, the authorities by timely precaution and preparations will alleviate, if they cannot hinder the alarming visitation.

News has arrived from the Gold Coast, by which it seems that, owing to local difficulties, it is impossible to make the proposed railway there. For railway operations the railway plant will, therefore, not be sent! The other preparations are actively being pushed on, and we doubt not soon to hear of successful operations, and a happy peace.

Some controversy has recently arisen about the discovery of the North-West passage, the credit of which is claimed for that good officer Sir R. McClure, recently deceased. It seems, however an undoubted fact, that, the primary discovery is due to Sir John Franklin and the gallant crews of the "Erebus" and "Terror," who, as Sir John Richardson very truly said, "forged the last link with their lives." And in admitting this "double discovery" there is no detraction from the merit of Sir R. McClure, and his officers and men. We were glad to read a characteristic letter from that eminent seaman, Sir Leopold McClintock, on the subject, and to be also reminded of the gallant services of our energetic brother, Captain Bedford Pim.

The Foreign Intelligence is in some respects, and to some extent, a little more stirring, and certainly a good deal more sensational.

In France much doubt and debate still continue as to the present and future form of Government. In all probability the result of the present political dead-lock will be, the re-appointment of that gallant soldier Marshal McMahon, Duke de Magenta, to the supreme authority for a specified term of years. Any day may bring the solution of a question which is of vital necessity for France, as that fair land is like a person recovering from a long fever, and requires quiet and repose. The Bazaine trial continues, and is likely to last for some time longer.

In Germany, Prince Bismarck is re-appointed Premier of the Prussian Cabinet, and Count Von Roon, the good old soldier, and long War Minister, and lately Premier, retires apparently into private life. It is said General Von Kameke, a very distinguished officer, succeeds him as Minister of War.

In Austria the Exhibition has closed, with it is said, and which we are very sorry to hear, a considerable deficit. The undertaking deserved success, as it was admirably planned, and still more efficiently carried out in all its many and difficult details.

In Spain the civil war continues, with successes and defeats claimed and asserted by both sides, but nothing, so far, appears actually decisive, or as significant of a probable termination of the present untoward state of things. The execution of 59 of the crew and passengers of the *Virginus*, including the captain, by the authorities of Havana, is, in our humble opinion, an act of unexampled barbarity, and, as the American

Government truly says, "an outrage on civilisation and humanity." We should not be at all surprised to hear that this most high-handed proceeding has led to summary action on the part of the United States Administration. The American navy and army seem to be rapidly gathering up, and any hour may bring us intelligence of a decisive step.

If it be true that sixteen of those executed are British subjects, it is not off the cards, that, the "Union Jack" and the "Stars and Stripes" may yet float side by side, for, as Flag-officer Tatnall, of the American navy, once very truly observed, when his men would somehow or other help our blue jackets in the famous action under Admiral Sir James Hope in the "Peiho," "Blood is thicker than water."

THE POET BURNS AND FREEMASONRY.

In a little work, intended for private circulation, an author, concealing himself under the title of "A Son of the Rock," has given some interesting facts regarding the Masonic career of the poet Robert Burns, which deserve a place in the pages of *The Freemason*. The author starts by stating that Masonry was the "Great propelling power of the poet, influencing his thoughts, inspiring his muse, and nurturing that stern love of independence and brotherhood which are universally acknowledged to have been predominant characteristics of his manhood." With few exceptions, the poet's patrons, associates, correspondents, &c.—in fact all whose names are made memorable by his genius—were linked together in the Masonic chain. On the 4th July, 1781, when Burns was in his 23rd year, he was initiated at St. David's Lodge, Tarbolton—a memorable event for him, who was so full of human nature and brotherly earnestness. In the following year a disruption took place, when the separating portion reconstituted the old lodge of St. James, Tarbolton, which had formerly existed, and to which Burns adhered with all the fervour of new love and light. Major-General Montgomery, a scion of the noble house of Eglintoun, was the first W.M.; and though the poet removed to Mossgiel, about three miles distant, he never missed attendance at any of the meetings. In the St. James's Lodge began his acquaintance with Gavin Hamilton, whom the poet thus describes:—

"The poor man's friend in need;
The gentleman in word and deed."

Amongst others, he then became intimate with Dr. Mackenzie, who married one of the celebrated "Mauchline Bells." John Ballantine, to whom "The Brigs of Ayr" were inscribed, and by whose exertions was erected the new "brig," opened on the 22nd November, 1786, when a grand Masonic demonstration took place; William Wallace, Sheriff of Ayrshire, respecting whom the poet wrote.

"Heaven bless your honoured, noble name,
To Masonry and Scotia dear."
and John Rankine, of Adamhill, who was also a member of the lodge, was a great humorist and great companion of the poet. After settling at Mossgiel, the poet held lodges at Mauchline, and in July, 1714, he was elected Depute Master of St. James's Lodge, signing the minutes "Robert Burness" till the 1st March, 1786, when his name appears as it was afterwards known to the world. Professor Dugald Stewart, who visited the Masonic lodge at Mauchline, where Burns presided, thus speaks of him, "He had occasion to make some short unpremeditated compliments to different individuals, from whom he had no reason to expect a visit, and everything he said was happily conceived, and forcibly as well as fluently expressed. In the early part of 1786, Burns went to Kilmarnock, to arrange for the publication of the first edition of his poems, when he visited St. John's Lodge, where he was surrounded by the brethren of the mystic tie,

who were friends and patrons of the forthcoming volume. One of the most eminent of these was Bro. Thomas Samson, seedsman, hero of the well-known "Elegy," at whose house the poet was welcomed with genuine cordiality, and whose sterling worth was thus immortalised after his death.

"The brethren of the mystic level,
May hing their heads in wofu bevel,
While by their nose the tears will revel,
Like ony bead;

Death's given the lodge an unco devel,
Tam Samson's dead."

Before leaving Kilmarnock, Burns was admitted an honorary member of St. John's Lodge, on the 26th October, 1786, and he left them his parting benediction, full of brotherly affection. One stanza is certainly worth being quoted and remembered by every brother:—

"Ye powers who preside o'er the wind and the tide,

Who marked each element's border,
Who formed this frame with beneficent aim,
Whose sovereign statute is order;
Within this dear mansion may wayward contention,

Or withered envy ne'er enter,
May secrecy round be the mystical bound,
And brotherly love be the centre.

The 28th of November, 1786, is the supposed date of the poet's memorable arrival in Edinburgh, where Masonry was in the highest repute at the time, eleven or twelve lodges held monthly meetings, and the officials of the Grand Lodge were in the habit of visiting each lodge once a year. Amongst the officers at that time were the Duke of Atholl, the Earl of Balcarras, Lord Haddo, Sir Wm. Forbes, Col James Murray, Sir James Hunter Blair, Earl of Buchan, Lord Napier, Lord Banning, Earl of Morton, &c. On the 7th of December, Burns attended a meeting of the Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge, where he was introduced to the Hon. Henry Erskine, Dean of Faculty. On the same evening the "Kilwinning" was visited by the Grand Lodge and eight Craft Lodges, and the poet was in a blaze of excitement as he returned to his lodgings in the Lawn Market, after he had been lionised during the evening. Two days afterwards, Henry Mackenzie ("The man of Feeling") a brother Mason published in *The Lounger* a review of Burns' Kilmarnock poems, in which it was first declared that "a poet of no ordinary rank had been born among the peasantry of Scotland, possessing the spirit as well as the fancy of a poet." On the 13th the *Courant* printed a complimentary epistle in which Burns was spoken of as

"The prince o' poets and o' ploughmen.

On the same day the poet wrote to a brother Mason—"I have been introduced to a good many of the noblesse but my avowed patrons and patronesses are the Duchess of Gordon, the Countess of Glencairn, with my Lord and Lady Betty (Cunningham), the Dean of Faculty, Sir John Whitefoord, &c. I have likewise warm friends among the literati, Professor Stewart Blair, and Mr. Mackenzie, the "Man of Feeling." The publication of the poems was pushed forward and warmly supported by the eminent brothers whom he met. On the 11th of January, 1787, the Grand Master visited the ancient Lodge Mary's Chapel, and Burns, who was present, wrote to Ballantine at Ayr:—"I went to a Mason lodge yesternight, where the Most Worshipful Grand Master Charteris and all the Grand Lodge of Scotland visited. The meeting was numerous and elegant; all the different lodges about town were present in all their pomp. The Grand Master, who presided with great solemnity and honour to himself as a gentleman and Mason, among other general toasts, gave 'Caledonia and Caledonia's Bard, Brother Burns,' which rang through the whole assembly with multiplied honours and repeated acclamations. As I had no idea such a thing would happen, I was downright thunderstruck, and, trembling in every nerve, made the best return in my power." On the 1st February, sixteen new members were initiated in the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, some from Forfarshire, all of whom became Masons to meet Burns, who was then made an honorary member. On the 6th of February the Prince of Wales was initiated, and on the same

evening Burns was created Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, an honour which he highly prized—

"To please you and praise you,
Ye ken your Laureate scorns;
The prayer still you share still
Of grateful minstrel Burns."

He added the title of "Bard" to his signature, and appended his Masonic mark in the Bible he presented to Highland Mary, now treasured in the monument at Alloway kirk. On the 21st April his poems appeared, containing a list of 1,500 subscribers' names, making up a list of 2,800 copies. Publisher, printer, portrait painter, and engraver of the portrait, were a rare class of men—all characters in their way, and all Masons. During a tour through Scotland the poet was made a Royal Arch Mason at the general encampment of St. Abb's Lodge, Eyemouth, on the 19th May, and on the 25th June he was present at a meeting of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge when Lord Torphichen was elected Master, and Wm. Dunbar, Writer to the Signet, Depute Master—"rattling, roaring Willie." Amongst the members of the Lodge to whom Burns specially attached himself were William Woods, tragedian, for thirty years the reigning dramatic favourite; Louis Cauvin, teacher of French in Edinburgh, who afterwards left money to found an hospital for the education and relief of the sons of poor teachers; James Johnson, engraver, music-seller, &c., to whom the world is indebted in a large measure for the publication of many valuable songs; Lord Monboddo, the first pioneer of the Darwinian theory; the Earl of Buchan, a literary celebrity of the day, &c.

Speaking of the poet's Edinburgh visits and associations, Robert Chalmers writes—"All—the admiring, the disliking, and the indifferent—must, we think, admit that Burns, externally a peasant and of peasant breed, but internally a great man, had come through the crisis without the slightest derogation from his true character. Intellectually a giant, he maintained his proportions in convivial scenes which too often caused a sacrifice of the inherent to the accidental, of the true to the false, of the great to the mean. The dignity of the whole picture, as it looms through the saloons of the polite and learned world of Edinburgh, must indeed form a gratifying picture in the minds of all true men whatever." "Masonry," the author of the brochure adds, "was the keystone of the arch, and Burns was doubtless indebted to the brotherhood for his brilliant reception in the capital, and the generous homage it called forth. If he had not possessed the mystic key to unlock the door of the inner sanctuary he might have had to wait longer for the recognition of his genius. All honour, then to the brotherhood who rallied round him, introduced him to their homes and families, and interested themselves in his fame." After continuing faithful to his Masonic allegiance, Burns died on the 21st July, 1796, and the author to whose excellent little work we are indebted for the sketch which we have given, concludes as follows; "Masonry was the undercurrent of many a poetical inspiration, and his heart's devout prayer in one of his very latest and noblest songs, sent to Thomson the year before his death:—

"For a' that, an' a' that,
It's coming yet for a' that;
That men to men, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that."

And so with a hearty "Amen" ends our slight framework of biography, in the hope that a more extended and exhaustive work may follow. The Masonic life of Burns has yet to be written by some brother of the Craft competent to do it justice; this stone to the cairn is offered with all the affection of brotherhood without its mysticism."

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Original Correspondence.

SURREPTITIOUS RITUALS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was pleased that attention was called in *The Freemason* of last week to the Ritual Advertising Dodge, as it is undoubtedly carried on to so great an extent. I may mention that there is one purporting to be "as used in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s." The prospectus of which I received from a very unexpected quarter. This was followed by a notice of an illustrated volume by the same publisher (Mr. A. Lewis) promising a full exposition of the various secrets. My object in writing, however, was to direct attention to another matter, viz., the fact that a number of non-masons are in possession of a drinking sign which they use continually, and thus young Masons may inadvertently be led to give them hints of knowledge. By giving publicity to this in your valuable paper, some at least may be put upon guard against these intruders, and I venture to submit that if one or two of the ordinary test questions be put, the ignorance of the pretender will generally be at once discovered.

I am, yours faithfully,

T. J. T., P.M., &c.,

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to your Correspondent, J. D. F., I beg to say that the passage of Scripture for the third degree is stated in your article of 23rd August, it being there stated to be Ecclesiastes 12, verses 1 to 7. The three passages there mentioned are taken from the instructions contained in Cross's chart, but Dr. Oliver says, that in the first degree "the Volume of the Sacred Law" is usually unfolded at Ruth 4, v. 7; in the second degree at Judges 12, v. 6; and in the third degree at 1 Kings, 7, v. 13 and 14. These usages, however, are arbitrary, for we find, at different periods during the last century, that Genesis 22 and 28 were indifferently used for the first degree; 1 Kings 6, v. 7, and 2 Chronicles, 6, for the third. It is, however, a matter of little importance, provided the passage corresponds with the structure of any part of the degree.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY T. BOBART.

P.P.G.S.B.

MASONIC INTOLERANCE IN WESTERN INDIA.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much surprised and pained to find, on looking over the *Masonic Record of Western India*, that the Editor, Bro. George Bease, has been subjected to most unwarrantable and unmasonic treatment from the Provincial Prior through the Prov. V.C. of Bombay.

Bro. Bease inserted in his paper an article which appeared in *The Freemason* (i.e., this paper) respecting the so-called letter of the Grand Chancellor's, which many have doubted; but up to this time, as it has not been contradicted, I presumed was the production of that high official, Sir Patrick Colquhoun. Now, I have not a word to say at this time about the Grand Chancellor's letter. Those who have offered opinions on the subject condemn it most unmercifully, and have commented upon it quite as severely as the writer of the article which appeared in *The Freemason*. I will grant, for the sake of argument, that the article commenting on the letter was a mistake, or was too severe, or was ill-timed (neither of which, however, I really admit), and that consequently an injustice was done; even then, so long as Bro. Bease, as Editor of the *Record*, considered it a fair and legitimate review of its statements, he was thoroughly justified in giving it a place in his Magazine. Bearing in mind this fact, and remembering that Bro. Bease simply published what had appeared in *The Freemason*, what will our readers think of the Provincial Grand Prior for Bombay instructing his G.V.C. to write Bro. Bease, reminding him "whom he had lately ap-

pointed to high office in the Provincial Priory" that, "whilst he admits that the acts of public men are open to criticism by the press," he, the Prov. Prior, "repudiates the claim which he (Bro. Bease), in his capacity as editor, made to a right to republish without comment such an article as that under notice," &c., &c. "Under these circumstances, it appears to the Provincial Prior that your opinions differ so widely from his own that you cannot with any consistency continue to act as one of his officers. He, therefore suggests to you the propriety of your resigning the office of Second Captain C.C. of the Provincial Priory, which he conferred upon you a few months ago."

To this intolerant document Bro. Bease has made a reply, in which he states that "he would be very sorry indeed to continue to be a member of any Preceptory under the rule of one who has betrayed such a vindictive and unchristian-like spirit," as he presently proceeds to show. Other matters are introduced into the discussion, with which we have nothing to do; but we think it worth while to present an exhibit of the treatment meted to Masonic Editors in India in contrast to the kind spirit always evinced towards *The Freemason* and its staff in this country. It will also serve to illustrate what may follow in the so-called "lower degrees" if such intolerance is allowed to go unchecked in India, and for the time probably the Editor of *The Freemason* may as well be content to keep away from that country. One writer in the *Record* (evidently officially inspired) speaks thus—"Whether the writer of that article is a Freemason or not, I earnestly trust he is not a Knight Templar. But my regret at this rebellious production has been greatly intensified at its re-publication in the columns of a Journal edited by a Templar." The same gentleman also styles the article a "malicious attack," although he says not a word as to the character of the letter by the Grand Chancellor, which called forth the indignant reply in *The Freemason*. Bro. Bease is also threatened with the possibility of "all good Templars in India deciding whether your journal (the *Masonic Record*) is deserving of their continued support." What a sad exhibition of intolerance and decided attempt at persecution! This Brother, I see, is called Tudor Trevor, and is an officer in the Provincial Priory of Bombay! He is allowed to call the article in *The Freemason* a "seditious attack;" but Bro. Bease, for inserting the communication, which was, after all, but a fair criticism of a letter which ought not to have appeared, is called upon to resign office, and threatened to lose a number of subscribers, if he is not coward sufficient to lead him to eat his own words. We are glad to know that Bro. Bease had spirit equal to the occasion, and that his conduct under such tyranny and vexations circumstances was equal to the emergency, and consequently the meanness of his persecutors will go forth to the Masonic world in the true colours it deserves.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE DOUBLE TRIANGLE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Paton's letter in your last issue; but though there is not much to reply to, I feel bound to say a few words.

I admit that properly the Double Triangle is an emblem of R.A. Masonry, but I cannot admit, therefore, that it does not belong to Craft Masonry.

In our present arrangement, the R.A. is separated from Craft Masonry, but in treating of Masonic symbolism it would not have been out of place to allude to that remarkable figure, which, symbolical as it is, has been made use of by the operative Masons from the very first.

When Bro. Paton says, "Every Freemason knows that a Masonic mark must have an odd number of points," I cannot profess to understand what he really means.

I never heard of such a rule, and I am not aware where it is so laid down, or how it is proved.

I have studied the subject of "marks" for some time, and I have no hesitation in saying, that there is hardly a collection of Mason's marks in which

the Double Triangle is not found. As I said before, the Pentalpha, or Pentangle, or Pentacle, as it is sometimes called in Cabalistic books, (the "Great Pentacle" being the "Double Triangle,") is a form of Jewish cabala, though it was probably known as well as the Double Triangle to the Egyptians and Tyrians.

Both these figures were made use of by the Christians at a very early period mystically, and are also to be found in Rosicrucian works, and so-called magical formulæ.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
THE WRITER OF THE REVIEW.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have a very great regard for the learning of Bro. W. Carpenter, and cannot refrain from expressing my fear that "much learning, &c., &c." I can assure my learned Brother that, as a medical man whose attention has been particularly directed to incipient insanity, I am bound to say his letters give me great cause for uneasiness.

The subject of spiritualism has been, I fancy, more than sufficiently ventilated in the columns of your excellent paper, and I for one shall be exceedingly pleased if I miss the correspondence in the future numbers of the *Freemason*. I venture to suggest that it is not a very interesting subject to the great majority of your readers, and, I doubt not, many of them have, with me, while reading Bro. Carpenter's letters, been led to exclaim—

"QUANTUM MUTATUS AB ILLO."

MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I thank you for inserting my communication regarding Masonic Literature in the last issue of *The Freemason*.

Error and folly should be alike exposed, and you have done good service in No. 243, by holding up to infamy the "Spurious Rite of Memphis," and to ridicule the "United Orders," which, having the only resting place for the soles of their feet on Freemasonry, would now wish to ignore Freemasonry, and to become exclusive and aristocratic, and chivalric and—anything, in fact, but what they really are!

The Prince of Wales is not likely to have much more to say to them, and the exhibition in Willis's Rooms, and the letter from Sir P. Colquhoun, and the injury done to them by the anti-historic series of communications in your journal from Bro. Holmes, have combined to disgust many of the true Masonic Templars, who, on one pretence or another, were induced to join in the movement got up by a few silly and ambitious men for their own ends.

Thanks to *The Freemason*, this new "fungoid growth upon Freemasonry" has caved in, and in future the leaders will, I trust, be content to be "honest men and Masons."

I am, yours faithfully,
G. H. W.

"THE GREAT CITY" LODGE," AND BANQUETS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been much pleased on reading a report of the second regular meeting of this newly-formed Lodge, to find that the proposition to omit one of the usual banquets, and donate the amount so saved (about £50) to the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," was "received with acclamation." I can conceive no higher Masonic compliment to the W.M. of 1426, than to so act, and have the amount thus saved placed on his list as Steward for that excellent Institution, and I hope the example thus set will be speedily followed by other Lodges. Whatever may be the gustative propensities of the brethren who assemble in our lodges, we have a right, as well-wishers of the Craft, to ask them to gratify their tastes out of their own pockets. Unfortunately, in many lodges the reverse is the case, and the funds are mainly devoted to meeting the liabilities incurred by

banquets. In the country generally, the annual subscriptions do not average over 24s., and I have known the usual attendants at the lodges' assemblies to obtain fully that sum—and sometimes more—in a year in "suppers," "refreshments," and "banquets." Such a state of things is a disgrace to any society, and particularly to the "Free and Accepted Masons," and I hope ere long that the Grand Lodge will prevent the ordinary subscriptions being used for any but strictly Masonic purposes.

Yours fraternally,
15th Nov., 1873. W. J. HUGHAN

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir and Brother,

My object in troubling you is for the purpose of calling the attention of lodges, and the individual supporters of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, to the necessity of publishing the particulars of the Masonic career of the deceased brother on the voting paper, against the name of his child who is seeking election to one of the above institutions. I believe it is so on the voting papers of the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and surely if it is necessary in the one case, it is in the other, for the child whose parent has supported these institutions, and laboured hard in other respects for the good of the Craft, has a primary call on the votes of the members to one whose parent has perhaps been a member of the Craft some few months. I do not, by any means, claim the originality of this necessary alteration, for I heard it mentioned by an influential brother of this province—Hampshire—who is about to bring it forward; and I hope the brethren of the different provinces will rally round and support him.

Yours fraternally,
THOS. FRANCIS, JUN., W.M., 804.

THE SAINTS JOHN AND FREE-MASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe, in the second of Brother Jacob Norton's interesting articles at present appearing in *The Freemason*, an error in regard to date at which Mother Kilwinning resolved to hold its annual festival on St. Thomas's Day. It was on the 20th of December, 1779—not 1679. The new arrangement came into force on St. Thomas's Day, 1780.

Yours fraternally,
D. MURRAY LYON.
Ayr, Nov. 17, 1873.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONS' MARKS.

Bro. Paton, in his notice of the fraternal review of his last work, speaks of every Freemason knowing that the marks in question consisted of an odd number of points. I certainly profess to be a Freemason, and yet am quite in ignorance of what Bro. Paton assumes to be known to all the Fraternity; and, as I am in good company in such a belief, surely he must have committed a great error in making such a statement.

The copies of marks which adorn the magnificent "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," by my friend, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, dating from the sixteenth century, furnish many instances of marks which consist of an even number of points, so also do the illustrations in "Sessional Papers" 1868-69 (No. 9), Royal Institute of British Architects, London. The latter form a valuable index to a learned lecture by Mr. Goodwin Fellow, F.S.A., &c., on "Something about Masons' Marks in various Countries." Bro. W. A. Laurie's "History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland" might also be consulted on the same subject. These and other similar works prove many of the marks consisted of even points.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Poetry.

THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS. BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. and P.Z.

Of Ripon's fame we well may sing,
A Statesman, Peer, and Brother,
Whose fertile brain and suasive speech
Each answers to the other.

When clouds o'erspread the western sky,
And threaten'd friends to sever,
His sovereign chose him as the one
To bring the friends together.

He went with thoughts and words of peace,
And Heaven his mission bless'd;
The cause of rupture was remov'd,
The quarrel set at rest.

Both spheres rejoiced, both peoples pray'd
That friendship thus renew'd,
Might never interrupted be,
By unintended feud.

Our Master's peaceful work was crown'd
By the Master whom he serves;
And now in peace he rules the Craft.
All honour he deserves.

His Sovereign's honour well he wears,
With dignity and grace;
Long may he wear both her's and ours,
And long adorn the dais!

AN ACROSTIC.

Brother! What unity, love, and strength the
word conveys;
Reciprocation, Fraternity, an associate of our
days.

Oh! that this lovely term "A fellow-creature,"
united one and all,
T'would make life heavenly, and prevent man's
fall.

Here on this earth the beauteous flowers that
grow,
Each rivulet, each field of wheat, God's love
doth shew.

Regard well the word, and Brotherly Love be-
stow.

Henry! How regal is this name, and what a
race of kings

Echos in the sound, and to the recollection
brings

Noble deeds, ambition, rebellion, intrigue for
power;

Richard, who murdered his two nephews in the
tower.

York and Lancaster wars, roses red and white,
sad, sad the flower.

Muggeridge, now comes the task, some goddess
guide my pen.

Utopia, "The abode of a happy Society," com-
posed of just such men,

Giving wise organisation, legislation, and free-
dom from all care,

Granting "more," gave us an imaginary, we
need not despair.

Each one who seeks our Brother's aid, finds he
freely gives to all.

Right well our Preceptor rules his lodge, re-
spected by great and small.

Illustrious in Masonry, he is known to not a
few.

Deservedly popular, a Mason generous, good and
true.

Give him the laurel he has gained! also to any
other

Excellent Mason (such as he) who is indeed a
Brother.

F.

The National steamship Egypt, which arrived from New York on Wednesday week, brought for Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, from Utica, in the United States, some valuable cattle, purchased at a cost of \$30,000 at the recent sale of the New York Mills herd. The same steamer also brought a consignment of stock, purchased for Mr. Cheemey, of Guddersley Hall, Leicestershire. This is quite a reverse of the ordinary practice of sending breeding stock from England to America.

CONSECRATION OF TWO RED CROSS CONCLAVES.

On Thursday, October 23rd, two new Conclaves of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, viz., the De Irwin and Munbee, was inaugurated at Bristol. The inaugural ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by Ill. Sir Knight, Major General Gore B. Munbee, Intendant General of Somerset, Bristol and Gloucester, assisted by Captain Knight, Captain Irwin, and several eminent Sir Knights of the provinces of Somerset and Wales. The following Masons were installed Knights of the Order.—Bros. Scott, Hodges, Hallam, Hunt, Munro, Amor, Williams, Tricks, Tonkin, Plant, and Cole. Sir Knight G. F. Tuckey was installed M.P. Sovereign of the De Irwin, and Sir Knight W. A. Scott of the Munbee Conclaves, Sir Knight Hodges and Ward V.E. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Sir Knights adjourned to the White Lion Hotel, and partook of a most sumptuous banquet, presided over by Sir Knight General Major Gore B. Munbee, supported by the Visiting Sir Knights. The toasts of the "Officiating Sir Knights," was proposed, and responded to. These are the first Conclaves of the Order of the Red Cross in Bristol, but we believe it will become very popular among the Masons of this Province.

WEST INDIA ISLANDS.

The first meeting of this recently-revived Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Tobago on the 24th September last, under the presidency of its much valued Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. Joseph King Wattley, Chief Justice of Tobago. The lodge was opened in the first degree with solemn prayer, and raised to the sublime degree. The commission to the P.G.M., and letter therewith from the Grand Secretary, were read by the Provincial Grand Secretary-designate. Bro. Wattley thereafter administered the oath *de fidele officio* to himself, and afterwards invested the following brethren in their respective offices:—Depute P.G. Master, Henry Francis; Substitute P.G. Master, William Iffill Buhôt; Senior P.G. Warden, William M'Call; Junior P.G. Warden, Samuel Hartley Hill; P.G. Secretary, George Kennedy Forbes. In the above office-bearers each Island in the Province has a native.

Among other business transacted the following resolution was passed—"Resolved, It is the opinion of the P.G. Lodge for 'West India Islands,' holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that a brotherly connection and correspondence with Provincial Grand Lodge of Trinidad, holding under the Grand Lodge of England, will be found productive of honour and advantage to the Fraternity in general, and the Province in the West Indies in particular."

It was also resolved that the future quarterly communications should be held on the first Wednesdays of December, March, June, and September.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned until the 22nd October current, for the appointment of Proxy Provincial Grand Master, and Trustees on Grand Lodge Debt Liquidation Fund.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANÆ IN SCOTIA.

COLLEGE OF THE EAST OF SCOTLAND.—A full meeting of this flourishing College was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 8th inst., the Chief Adept presiding, supported by Fratres H. Z. D. Copland, Suffragan; Dr. Dickson, Conductor; W. J. Rindon, Secretary; Council of Ancients, Fratres W. Bryce, H. C. Peacock, F. L. Law, R. S. Brown, J. Reid, and J. Webster; Fratres J. H. Bostock, Herald; R. Davidson, Organist; R. Bryce, Torch Bearer, &c., &c. There were also present Captain Charles Hunter, and a number of the members. The M.C. having been formed, the following Fratres were received:—Captain R. Rintoul, Dragoon Guards; P. Gardner, Esq., F.R.S.A., Rector of Leith Academy; and W. Milne, Esq., banker. A select choir intoned the ceremonies of the occasion. A ballot was taken in favour of several distinguished gentlemen, who were duly elected.

The Chief Adept has agreed to read a paper on "The Mysteries" at the quarterly meeting in January. This College, though so lately founded, is in a very vigorous condition, and promises to carry on the labours of the Society with great enthusiasm.

Masonic Tidings.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6 30 p.m. Bro. C. F. Hogard will preside on this occasion. Brethren desirous of disseminating their knowledge are respectfully solicited to give their names to the Secretary of the above lodge, which meets every Wednesday throughout the year, at 7. 30 p.m., under the able presidency of Bro. E. Gottheil.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the "Large Hall" at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday evening, Nov. 24th, at seven p.m., precisely by the following brethren: Verry, P.M., 554; Wallington, S.D. 860; Berry, S.D. 554; Constable, S.D. Griffith Maunders, 1201; Watts, 1201; Golmie, 861; Morrison, 141; Gardiner, 749; under the Preceptorship of Bro. Beckett.

STRONG MAN LODGE AND CHARTERHOUSE CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.—At a joint meeting of the brethren of the Strong Man Lodge and Charterhouse Club of Instruction, held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on the 3rd of Nov., 1873, it was proposed to present a testimonial to Bro. Beckett, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services as Honorary Preceptor to the above Lodge and Club. A committee was formed for the purpose of carrying out the object. The presentation is intended to be made on 15th December, and it is requested that those brethren who desire to participate in the pleasure, will give in their subscriptions not later than 8th December.

Bro. Charles S. Burgess has resigned, or is about to resign the office of Grand Registrar of Marks.

The "Palestine" Rose Croix Chapter, will meet at the Masonic Hall, Golden square, on Tuesday next, the 25th inst., at half-past four. Bro. George Kenning 30° is the M.W.S. Elect.

We are requested to state that the window to be placed in Durham Cathedral, as a mark of esteem to John Fawcett, Esq., is not the gift of the "Freemasons of the City of Durham," as stated by us, Nov. 5, but "has been subscribed for by the whole of the Masons of the province, and not of the City alone." We duly apologise to the "provinces."—*Figaro*.

We have been favoured with a view of a life-size likeness in oil, by Mr. W. R. Dickinson, of Tunbridge Wells, of R.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bengal. The picture, which is pronounced to be an excellent likeness, and is certainly a good work of art, is taken partly from sittings and partly from a number of photographs by Messrs. Robinson and Cherill, the well-known photographers of Tunbridge Wells. Bro. Sandeman is represented in his regalia as D.G.M., and wearing the collar and jewel of the 33°. The picture, after remaining a short time on view, will be forwarded to its destination, the Freemasons' Hall in Calcutta.

Our attention has again been called to that excellent little work "The Oxford and Cambridge Masonic Almanack," a review of which has already appeared in our columns on June the 21st. The next issue will not appear before the 1st of October; it will comprise an Almanack and Diary for the years 1874 and 1875. We have every reason to believe that it will be another charming little work, and one that will vie with its predecessors. The price will be 1s.

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Mr. Alderman Walker, who has been elected to fill the Mayor's Chair in Liverpool has signalled his appointment to that high office by a munificent offer to expend £20,000 in presenting the town with an Art Gallery. The offer was as unexpected as it was generous. Mr. Walker, as he stated to the Town Council on Monday, formed so long ago as 18 months an intention of erecting some public institution in Liverpool; and the recent movement to provide an art gallery by voluntary contributions seems to have led him to embody this intention in the shape now announced. Coming as it does subsequent to, and not before, his election to the highest municipal honours, Mr. Walker's offer is as disinterested as it is acceptable. Henceforth his name will be associated with those of the late Sir William Brown, M.P., who built for us the noble Free Public Library, in William Brown-street; and Mr. Joseph Mayer, whose costly museum of treasures, valued at not less than £25,000, was a few years ago presented to the town. Mr. Walker's gift is doubly opportune, for it not only furnishes what was much needed, but saves the town from the humiliation with which it was threatened by the failure of the recent appeal to the wealthy inhabitants of the town for funds to erect an art gallery. The munificence of Mr. Alderman Walker is without a parallel in the annals of mayoralty of Liverpool, and he has, not more by his timely munificence, than by the cultivated taste displayed in his selection of a public gift, earned the lasting gratitude of every one of his townsmen.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 28, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, November 22.

Red Cross Conclave, No. 3, Rose and Lily, Masons' Hall Masons' Avenue.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, November 24.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms James's.
" 28, Old Kings' Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 831, British Oak, Bancroft place, Mile End.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Goach and Horses, Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, November 25.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
- " 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 1158, Southern Star Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
- " 1196, Albion, Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
- " 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-street, Millbank.
- Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- Rose Croix Chapter, Palestine, 33, Golden-square.
- Pilgrim Lodge of Instruction, German Gymnasium, Old St. Pancras road. (working in German.)
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, November 26.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- " 754 High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-gree, Tottenham.
- " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pla Poplar.
- " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, November 27

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall at 4.
- Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
- " 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
- " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 766, William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.
- " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- " 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.

- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, November 28.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 569, Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Attiler, Company City-road.

- Lodge 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton. Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. K. T. Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement (Annual Festival), Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rosa Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, November 29, 1873.

Monday, November 24.

- Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
- Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
- Tuesday, November 25.
- Lodge, 1393, Hamer, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, November 26.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
- " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
- " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
- De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool at 8.

Thursday, November 27.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1313, The Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
- " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
- Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Saturday, November 29.

- Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Friday, November 28, 1873.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 24.

- Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
- " 369, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
- Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-street.

Tuesday, November 25.

- Lodge 413, Athol, 213, Buchanan-street.
- Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
- " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, November 26.

- Lodge 570, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
- " 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.

Thursday, November 27.

- Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.

Friday, November 28.

- Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollockshaws.
- " 347, St. John's, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 29, 1873.

Monday, November 24.

- Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.30.
- " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, November 25.

- Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.
- Red Cross Conclave No. 4, Edinburgh, Ship Hotel, E Register-st., at 8.

Wednesday, November 26.

- Lodge 112, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Bridge-st., Fisherrow at 8.

Thursday, November 27.

- Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.

Friday, November 28.

- Lodge 223, Trifalgar, Masonic Hall, Salamander-street Leith, at 8.

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Craft Masonry.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday 14th inst., Bro. George Tims, W.M., presiding. There was a large muster of the brethren. Among the visitors present were Bros. Arnold, P.M. 55; Bartlett, 71; Limetry, 45; Kent, 192; Roberts, P.M. 192; Dawsey, 901; and Watts, 1201. The raising, passing, and initiations (two) having been gone through in capital style, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and spent a very pleasant evening.

BARNES.—*Rose of Denmark Lodge (No. 975).*—This lodge held its eleventh installation meeting at the White Hart Tavern, Barnes Terrace, Surrey, on Friday, the 21st inst., and was attended by sixty members and visitors. Bro. J. H. Tyler, W.M., opened the lodge, passed two brethren, and raised a third. He then, in splendid style, installed his successor, Bro. H. O. Hinton, into the Master's chair, for the ensuing year, and received the congratulations of a large Board of I.M.'s for his excellent working. The officers appointed or invested were as follows:—Bros. Edmonds, S.W.; Brook, J.W.; Noyce, P.M., Treas. Little, P.M., Sec.; Clarke, S.D.; Leo, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; Curtis, D.C.; Wrigglesworth, W.S. Bro. Tyler, P.M., then gave the usual addresses. The new W.M. at once proceeded to prove his workmanlike qualifications by raising a brother to the rank of M.M., a ceremony which he rendered in a manner as nearly perfection as it is possible to imagine. Before the lodge was closed it was resolved to present a testimonial on vellum to the retiring W.M., as an acknowledgement of his efficiency, and of the prosperity which had attended his year of office, in addition to a ten guinea P.M.'s jewel, with which he was invested during the evening. A banquet followed the proceedings in lodge. Bro. Hinton, P.M. 360, P. Prov. G.W., Norths and Huntingdonshire (father of the W.M.) responded for the numerous visitors.

ABERYSTWITH.—*Aberystwith Lodge (No. 1072).*—The second meeting of the season of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday the 13th instant at the Belle Vue Royal Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Szlumper, I.P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W., supported by Bros. Geo. T. Smith, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sec. P.G.S.W., acting as S.W.; Stanley J. Balcombe, Prov. G. Sec., J.W.; Edward Hamer, P.G.S.W., S.D.; J. Pell, P. Prov. G.D.C., J.D.; George Careswell, I.G.; C. Rice Williams, M.D., P.M., Sec.; John Davies, John Paull, W. H. Boundy, B. E. Morgan, A. J. Hughes, and many other brethren who did not sign the attendance book. The lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the lodge held in October having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for three gentleman anxious for "light" which proved in their favour. This being the night for ballot for W.M., Bro. Geo. Tempany Smith, P.G.S.W., was unanimously

elected—here we may remark that this is the fourth occasion upon which Brother Smith has received the suffrages of his brethren to preside over the fortunes of this lodge—we wish him a very successful year of office, and believe that under his guidance 1872 will go on and prosper, ever more than in the past. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. W. H. Williams was passed to the F.C. Owing to the late hour, the lecture had to be omitted until some "future occasion." The lodge having been lowered to the first degree, Mr. Evan R. Pughe of Towyn, the only candidate present, was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., in his usual correct manner. Bro. John Vaughan was proposed for re-election as Treasurer, and, no other brother being "run" for the office, that may be considered as "un fait accompli." Brother John V. Rees was proposed as Tyler for the ensuing year. Nothing remaining, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a supper, served in thorough "Belle Vue" form. The Installation of the W.M. will take place in December, and the ceremony is expected to be performed by a brother of the adjoining Province high in the Craft.

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).—This Lodge held its installation meeting at the Old Town Hall, Hackney, on Saturday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. A. G. Challis being in attendance, was duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. then proceeded to instal the S.W., Bro. King, his successor in the chair of K.S., who appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Rhein, S.W.; Fysh, J.W.; Bush, P.M., Secretary; E. Wright, S.D.; Maples, J.D.; Keen, I.G.; Lowe, D.C.; Tunstall, Gompertz, W.S.; Gilchrist, T. Much surprise was evinced by the brethren present when the late S.D. was entirely passed over. Visitors to this lodge have always expressed great satisfaction with the kind, courteous and able manner in which his duties have been performed, and considering that as one of the founders of the lodge, also the perfect and masterly way in which he performs the work of Freemasonry, as evinced at the Lodge of Instruction, renders the step quite inexplicable. After the lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to the Cannon-street Hotel, and partook of a sumptuous banquet.

SEVENOAKS.—*Knole Lodge (No. 1414).*—This lodge celebrated its first anniversary on Tuesday, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Literary Institute, Sevenoaks, when the excellent and esteemed Bro. Edward Palmer, who had been unanimously re-elected to the chair, was re-installed in the presence of a numerous and brilliant gathering of the Craft. Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Prov. Grand Sec for Middlesex, who had consecrated the lodge, was specially invited to perform the ceremony of installation, a duty which he discharged with evident pleasure, and to the satisfaction of every brother present. It is, however, but simple justice to add that the manner in which Bro. Palmer, prior to his re-installation, raised a candidate, Bro. Cockburn, to the third degree, could not have been surpassed by any Mason in or out of the metropolis. To a letter perfect knowledge of the "Emulation" working, Bro. Palmer unites the advantages of a clear voice, an excellent delivery, and elocutionary acquirements of no mean order, and the result was beyond question a treat for the lovers of good and true Masonic work. The officers of the lodge are also exceedingly efficient, and deserved the high encomiums passed upon them by the W.M. when appointing them to office. Another qualifying circumstance in connection with this very pleasant Masonic gathering was the presentation of an extremely handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Palmer. In the design of this jewel, seven acorns—emblematic of Sevenoaks—and an accurate engraving of Knole House—from which the lodge takes its name—were very much admired by the brethren. This presentation was made, in the name of the lodge, by Bro. Chas. Duke, P.M. 40, Prev. J.G.D. Sussex, and honorary member, who has taken great interest in the welfare of the lodge, and never missed a meeting, although he resides at Hastings.

No better delegate could have been selected, inasmuch as he gracefully alluded to the services of the worthy recipient, and to the kindly feelings which dictated the gift, without admixture of fulsome compliment in the first case, or of sentimentalism in the other. Bro. Duke's remarks were greatly applauded by the crowded assemblage, as were likewise the choice and appreciative sentences in which Bro. Palmer couched his acknowledgments and thanks to the brethren. Bro. Wentworth Little then gave the address to the W.M., Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Grand Steward of England, that to the Wardens, and Bro. John Boyd, P.M., P.G. Pursuivant of England, the exhortation to the brethren, each being greeted with hearty Masonic applause. The lodge was then closed, all the usual rites having been previously observed, and the brethren adjourned to the celebrated Crown Hotel, the host of which Bro. W. Pawley, S.D. of the lodge, surpassed himself in the preparations he had made for the comfort of his guests. Shenstone's famous lines about "the warmest welcome at an Inn" came to recollection as we surveyed the really magnificent appearance of the tables, garnished with rarest plants and flowers, with clustering grapes fit to tempt an anchorite to forswear roots for ever. Nor was the substantial entertainment of the inner man in any way inferior to the pictorial spectacle which met the eye. A menu of a perfectly orthodox calibre, and wines of a more than ordinary excellence, completed the triumphs of the day, which will not readily be forgotten by any who had the privilege of being present. After the usual loyal and formal toasts, the health of the W.M. was proposed in handsome terms by Bro. Duke, and responded to, if not with Kentish fire, at least with a warmth of sincere good will, which evinced the respect which the "men of Kent," and especially those of the Knole Lodge, entertain for their chosen ruler. The W.M., in an eloquent speech, returned thanks, and reviewed the history of the lodge during its first year of existence. Young as they were, he said, they had sent two Stewards to the charities during that period: one to the Girls' School, and one to the Benevolent Institution—(cheers)—and he was happy to add that the J.W., Bro. Petley, had consented to represent the lodge at the Girls' Festival in 1874. (Renewed applause.) For himself he would promise to do his utmost to maintain and support true Masonic principles, and he hoped to have, during his second year of office, the help of his officers and the assistance of all the brethren. Our space will not permit us to enlarge upon the many excellent speeches delivered during the evening. Bros. Boyd and Dicketts replied for the Grand Officers, Bro. T. E. Chubb, P.M. 33, P.G. Steward, for the visitors, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little for the Masonic charities. The vocal abilities of Bro. Montem Smith added much to the pleasing character of the meeting, and not a hitch occurred to mar its harmony. We sincerely wish Bro. Palmer and the members of the Knole Lodge every success in the Masonic career which have so generally and so praiseworthy commenced.

DAWLISH.—*Salem Lodge (No. 1443).*—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Town Hall, Dawlish, on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst. The W.M., Bro. J. Stroud Short, in the chair of K.S.; Bro. S. Lorman, S.W.; Bro. W. Ball, J.W.; the other officers in their usual places. Visiting Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M. 39; S. Templar, 303; Bunt, Gloyd. The lodge being opened in the first degree, the ballot was taken for Mr. C. B. Ferris, who was unanimously elected. The lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, being resumed in the first. Mr. Ferris was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Tripe was passed to the F.C. degree, and Bros. Whedborne, Friend, and Smith, were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the work being done by the W.M., who now called on Dr. Hopkins to deliver the charge and lecture in the third degree, which he did in his usual impressive manner. After the lodge having been again resumed to the first degree, the W.M. notified to the brethren that Bro. Dr. Hopkins, had executed a very handsome chart of Masonic emblems to commemorate the consecration of Salem Lodge; and which he now presented to

the lodge. A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. The W.M., in a eulogistic speech, thanking the donor for the great interest he had taken in No. 1443, since its formation, proposed him as an honorary member, which being duly seconded, was carried *nem. con.* The brethren having closely inspected the chart, unanimously pronounced it to be a perfect specimen of penmanship, and immediately recommended it to be framed and glazed. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren retired in harmony. It should here be stated that Bro. Hopkins is most indefatigable in executing various works of penmanship, such as book marks, &c., not only with Masonic, but ecclesiastical emblems, and as they are so neatly finished, are readily purchased by all who have the opportunity of seeing them, the whole of the proceeds of the sale being devoted to the various Masonic charities.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—*Chapter of Concord* (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Monday, the 17th inst., when there were present Comps. G. P. Brockbank, P.Z., G. Treas., Z.; Thos. Entwisle, P.Z., Prov. G.S.N.; Jas. Newton, P.Z., Prov. G. Steward, Scribe E.; John Robinson, P.Z.; Robert Luthy, P.S.; Jas. Brown, 1st A.S.; Samuel Crowther, 2nd A.S.; John Sharples, Treas., and Samuel Chatwood; also Comp. G. E. Liddell, Kaudy Newera Chap. 454, Ceylon. The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The names of three candidates for exaltation were on the circular, they having been previously elected, but unfortunately none of them were able to be present on this occasion. Some business of a formal nature was transacted, and the chapter closed.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on the 10th inst.; present—Comps. S. C. Davison, M.E.Z.; Henry Smith, H.; C. Hammerton, J.; James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., Treas.; R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; T. H. Pulsford, P.S.; Wm. Worrell, 1st A.S.; M. S. Larham, 2nd A.S.; Rev. W. B. Church; G. Newington Bridges; A. C. Burrell; B. R. Bryant; Thomas Poore; — Harrison, and others. Comps. F. Binckes, P.Z., and E. M. Haigh, Chapter 387, were present as visitors. The chapter was opened, the minutes read, and the ballot taken for Bro. Henry William Binckes, and Bro. Rev. Philip Henry Ernest Brett, B.D., which being unanimous, they were exalted. Comp. Levander stated his intention to act as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and the chapter voted ten guineas on his list. Propositions for candidates for exaltation were taken. Two guineas were voted to the Thomas Memorial Fund. The chapter was then closed; the usual supper followed.

Mark Masonry.

BRISLINGTON.—*Carnarvon Lodge of Mark Masters* (No. 119).—The regular quarterly meeting of this lodge, was held at the White Hart Hotel, Brislington, on Thursday, November 20th, when the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. A. Scott, at 4.30 p.m. The business of the evening was the election of the Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler, the advancement of the brethren elected at the last meeting, and to ballot for and if elected advance Bros. Wotley, Worlock, and Plant. The ballot being clear in each case, and three of the brethren being in attendance and having signed the required declaration they were admitted in due form, and advanced to this honourable degree, the ceremony being worked in a most interesting and impressive manner by the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. Captain F. G. Irwin. Bro. Scott, having resumed the gavel, reminded the brethren that the time had now arrived for electing a brother to fill the chair of A. for the ensuing year, and on the motion of the D.P.G.M.M., seconded by Bro. Dr. S. Bryant, Bro. G. F. Tuckey, the present S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. The W.M., Bro. Scott,

then proposed the re-election of Bro. Dr. S. Bryant, as Treasurer, the D.P.G.M.M. seconded the proposition, alluding in highly eulogistic terms to the lengthened services rendered by the Treasurer to every branch of the Masonic brotherhood. Bro. J. Coles, was re-elected Tyler. There being no further business before the meeting, the lodge was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer, at 6.30. Bro. W. A. Scott, P.M., G.S., W.M.; F. G. Irwin, P.G.O., D.P.G.M.M., I.P.M.; Dr. Bryant, P.M., G.M.O., Treasurer; G. F. Tuckey, Assistant Prov. G. Sec., S.W.; Dr. Hodges, P.G.S.B. J.W.; Munro, Assistant P.G.D.C., M.O.; Eastabrook, S.O.; F. Trull, J.O.; J. A. Clark, P.G.J.W., Sec.; G. Tonkin, S.D.; D. P. Belfield, P.G.S., J.D.; S. Edwards, I.G.; J. Coles, T., and others were present.

Irwin Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners—At the close of the Carnarvon Mark Lodge a meeting of Royal Ark Mariners was held, Bro. George Tucker, occupied the chair of N. and satisfactorily explained to the brethren the reason they had not been called together before. Bro. William Munro, elevated in the Rainbow Lodge, at Yeovil, was received as a joining member, and it was resolved that the N., J., and S., do form a committee to draw up bye-laws and make all necessary arrangements for ensuring the proper working of this ancient and interesting degree.

BURY.—*Alfred Lodge* (No. 136).—On Thursday, Nov. 14th, the annual festival of the above lodge took place at the Bridge Inn, Bury. There was a very good attendance of members. The lodge was opened in due form at 4.30 by Bro. H. Maiden, W.M. After the minutes of last lodge had been read and confirmed, several of the brethren signed and received their certificates in open lodge. Bro. Thomas Hargreave, P.G.J.D. and P.M. 113, then took the chair, and Bro. Samuel Wood was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, according to ancient custom. Under the able and experienced Mastership of Bro. S. Wood we are certain that the prosperity and stability of the lodge will be fully maintained and increased. After the appointment and investiture of the officers, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6 p.m. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet, provided in Bro. E. Whittam's usual style, and to which proper justice was done by the brethren assembled. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, being given and received with that fervour and enthusiasm which is such a truly distinguishing characteristic of the Lancashire Mark Masons. To the toast of the Grand Master, Deputy G.M., and grand officers, present and past, Bro. Hargreaves responded at considerable length. The P.G.M., Deputy G.M., and rest of P.G. Officers, and many other toasts were afterwards given, including the W.M. and I.P.M., to which both suitably responded.

Knights Templar.

WOOLWICH.—*The Kemys Tynte Preceptory.*—A meeting of the above Preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Woolwich, on Friday, the 21st inst. Present:—Sir Knight John Read, Eminent Preceptor; Sir Knight General H. Clerk, Very Eminent Provincial Prior for Kent; Sir Knight Boord, M.P.; Sir Knight Edmands, Sir Knight Captain Nicholls, Sir Knight Capt. Dadson, Sir Knight Peter Laird, Sir Knight Harrison, P.E.P.; Sir Knight Charles Allen, and Sir Knight George Kenning. A companion was proposed for advancement by the Eminent Preceptor. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that owing to the inconvenient place of meeting, the Preceptory be removed to London, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. The Sir Knights then adjourned to the Freemasons' Hotel, where dinner was provided by Bro. De Grey.

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Red Cross of Constantine.

PLANTAGENET CONCLAVE (No. 2).—This conclave met at its comfortable quarters, at Bro. States's, the Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi, on Saturday, the 15th inst. The M.P.S., Dr. Parker Ward, being prevented by professional engagements from attending, Sir Knight R. Wentworth Little, G. Treasurer, was invited to take the chair, and was supported by Sir Knight J. Lewis Thomas, G.A., P. Sov., as V.; F. G. Baily, S.G.; H. T. Dicketts, Treas.; T. W. White, G.A.T. Recorder; G. S. States, P.V.; C. Hammerton, J.G.; C. Hogard, E. H. Thiellay, and E. H. Finney. Sir Knight H. C. Levander, G.H.A. P. Sov., No. 6. was the only visitor. The Conclave having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Edward S. Norris, of Lodge No. 471, and proving favourable, Bro. Norris was regularly dubbed a Knight of Rome, and was then introduced and installed a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine. After the performance of some formal business, the Conclave was closed, and the Knights sat down to a banquet, worthy of the high reputation which the "Caledonian" has secured under Bro. States' efficient management. The usual loyal and chivalric toasts were heartily honoured, and a special feature of the evening's proceedings consisted in the presentation of a handsome P. Sovereign's jewel, to Sir Knight Thomas, in recognition of his many services to the conclave. The jewel bears the "Plantagenista" or broom of the "Plantagenets" and was greatly admired. Sir Knight Thomas duly acknowledged the compliment, and after a most pleasant evening, the Knights separated.

Scotland.

LODGE TWEED KELSO (No. 261).—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting in the Large Hall of the Cross Keys Hotel, Kelso, on Thursday evening, 12th November. Bro. J. S. Macgregor, R.W.M., occupied the chair, the Wardens were in their places, and a large number of the brethren turned out for the business of the evening, which had been anticipated for some months previous, the affiliation of Bro. Chalmers, I. Paton, P.M., No. 393 England, as a full member of the lodge, reading of the minutes, nomination of office bearers for the ensuing year, and reading a communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in regard to the qualification of Past Masters as life members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Deacons conducted Bro. C. I. Paton to the Altar, when the affiliation ceremonial was gone through by the R.W.M., and the brother was invested with the clothing in the colours of the lodge, and declared a member of Lodge Tweed. A member then brought forward a motion for discussion at next regular meeting "that non-resident members of the lodge might become life members by paying a sum down instead of the usual annual subscription." The brethren thereafter resolved to hold a torchlight procession on St. John's night, and a dinner and ball on the second Wednesday in January. There being no further business the lodge was then closed. Immediately thereafter the brethren retired to the banqueting hall and sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared for the occasion by Bro. Keddie, of the Cross Keys Hotel. The cloth being removed, the usual routine toasts were gone through, when Bro. Allen was called upon to sing one of the old and favourite Scottish Ballads, which he did in the true Jacobitish style. "Great prosperity to the Lodge Tweed" was proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bro. Steel, P.M., who said he had seen the lodge in its adversity and its prosperity, but was now pleased to see it occupy its present position and thought nothing was wanting but to continue in the doing of what all Masons ought to practice, charity and love. Bro. Hall gave a Scottish recitation, which caused much mirth and laughter. Several brethren added to the harmony, and after a most pleasant evening being spent, good night was declared for the third time, when all parted to meet again on another night.

CONSECRATION OF THE CLAUSENTUM LODGE AT WOOLSTON.

The consecration of the Clausentum Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1471, took place at Woolston, Southampton, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, when the R. W. Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, *M.P.*, his Deputy, Bro. J. R. Stebbing, *P.G.* Deacon of England; and the other Prov. Grand Officers attended. The Prov. Grand Officers having taking their places, the R. W. Prov. Grand Master proceeded with the ceremonies of consecration and installation, in the presence of a numerous attendance of the brethren, including Bros. Stopher, Hare, Alix, Booth, H. P. Aslatt, Howell, W. J. Hickman, S. S. Pearce, C. Cox, Cleveland, Harle, C. J. Phillips, Best, and many of the members of the newly-formed lodge.

In introducing the special business of the meeting, the Prov. Grand Master, in a most impressive address, referred to the powerful benefits Freemasonry was calculated to confer upon them. Instituted in the most remote ages, it had stood an Order by itself, uninfluenced by the flow of time, and defying those assaults which had been fatal to other Orders. Why had this been the case? Because it had been founded on those principles which alone are eternal, and which had proved that, rightly applied, they could not fail to be beneficial to the brethren who made themselves acquainted with them, and who acted up to them. They knew that the principles which conduced to make a man an excellent Freemason must produce a good man—that at the very root of the Order the most excellent virtues were inculcated which in the volume of the sacred law were recorded for the guidance of men. In the very first lessons of Freemasonry adherence to that volume was enjoined, and as the neophyte advanced in instruction in the Order, he was still bade look to that holy volume as his guide. He was told that the very first lessons a Freemason ought to take to heart were faith, hope, and charity—faith in the Divine Author of our being, hope in salvation, and to be in charity with all men, particularly our brethren in Masonry. These being the virtues and principles recorded for their guidance, he must believe that no Freemason could be uninfluenced by such recommendations. They knew that Freemasonry was not a system of religion, but, nevertheless, it was in harmony with many of the precepts which religion enjoined, and no brother who was animated by the principles of the Craft could fail to be influenced for good in his future life. Believing this, they certainly felt Freemasonry to be one of those excellent things which ought to be inculcated on our fellow men. It was not consonant with their principles to attempt to induce any to belong to the Craft—they did not wish to enlist unwilling additions to their numbers, but if their advice was asked upon the point, they could not refuse the benefit of that advice, founded upon that experience of the Order. They could not say that they believed Freemasonry to be of no effect. On the contrary, if they were true Masons, they must say that they believed it to be of great effect. They must, however, show by their own conduct and their own lives that they had taken its precepts to heart, and as true and faithful members of the Order they should endeavour to show by their actions that they were animated by the principles which it was their boast the Order inculcated. Such, he trusted, was the object and would be the endeavour of the brethren whom he was then specially addressing as those about to form a new lodge. He trusted that this lodge might prove a powerful influence in the locality, and that, aided by the counsel, advice, and assistance of their neighbouring brethren, the members of the Clausentum lodge would prove themselves workmen who needed not to be ashamed, and who would set an example to other lodges in the district.

The formal documents were then read, approved, and confirmed, after which Brother Basil Wilberforce, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, delivered an address on the nature and principles of the institution. He could have wished for the sake of the brethren, he said, that this duty had fallen into abler hands, profoundly conscious as he was

of his own own unfitness in the presence of so many brethren far more intimately acquainted with the history of their Order than he himself. It was not his intention to enter at any length into the controversies as to the exact date of the origin of Freemasonry. In the opinion of many their Order sprang into being at the time of the building of Solomon's Temple, and without doubt, if it did not originate at that time, the Order of Masonry would have received a powerful stimulant from the confraternities and guilds of artificers employed in that work of devotion to the great Architect of the Universe, all deeply impressed with the sacredness of the work in which they were engaged. But he could not but believe himself that their ancient Order was represented at a far earlier date by one who was especially inspired by Almighty God to erect the first architectural edifice used for the worship of God, namely, the tabernacle in the wilderness. We read in the xxxi. chapter of the book of Exodus, that "The Lord spake unto Moses saying, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, and I have filled him with wisdom in all manner of workmanship to devise cunning works, to work in gold and in silver, and in brass, and in the cutting of stone." The antiquity of the Order being, however, beyond dispute, their time would be more profitably occupied in considering its position and value in the civilised world. Modern Freemasonry was, as they were aware, not a school of architecture, but a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, and its special connection with practical architecture had been gradually but surely severed. During the middle ages the inventions and improvements in architecture were due entirely to the skill and labour of the Freemasons, and the origin and spread of the well-known Gothic architecture throughout Western Europe was the work of the various lodges of the Craft, who communicated their inventions from lodge to lodge, and from country to country. In our own land it was remarkable that in the third year of King Henry VI., the Freemasons had assumed such power that, at the instigation of the then Bishop of Winchester, an Act of Parliament was passed in condemnation of the Craft, but not only was this tyrannical Act never enforced, but history leads us to the conclusion that King Henry himself became a Mason, or at any rate was present at the meeting of lodges, which would imply that he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. King James the First of Scotland was also a Mason and a constant patron of the ancient Order. After this date, Freemasonry being no longer indispensable to the Church, gradually declined. At the time of the civil war (1642) it again made its appearance in full force, but entirely severed from architectural practice, and whilst retaining the ancient ritual the architectural symbols, devoted itself exclusively to the inculcation of brotherly love and every social virtue. From England Freemasonry was first introduced into France in the year 1725, into Spain in 1728, and into Italy in 1733, in which year the first Italian Masonic lodge was established at Florence. Now he conceived that were it necessary to place their ancient Order upon the defensive against the indiscriminating attacks which prejudice loved to make upon every institution recognizing the principles of mystery and secrecy, the most effective reply was not to be found by any mere appeal to antiquity, but by pointing to the well-known practical results of Masonry thoroughly acted up to. In an ever changing world the unchanging principles of their Order stood firm as a perpetual protest over body and mind, and as a school in which to learn the paramount duties of love to God and love to the brethren—as a rock over which the wild storms of political conflicts and the battle of creeds, which alter the destinies of whole nations, may sweep without ruffling its surface. It is of the essence of pure Masonry that it knows no creeds, recognises no politics; and thus pure Masonry can place itself into antagonism with no states, no religions. Purity, charity, fraternity, are the principles which it strives to infuse into the minds and hearts of its children, and it bids them go forth boldly from every lodge, and in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, practice these virtues faithfully. The religions of the world

have varied, have developed, have exhibited intervals of terrible disruption—of almost universal disintegration. Masonry, in the midst of the storm, has still faithfully uttered her cry, purity, charity, fraternity. Men have made their creeds their battlefields, and to this or that religion the love of many has waxed cold, and when the love of a man to his religion waxes cold his morality suffers. Yet if one such has been a faithful Mason he has still heard the voice of the Ancient Order ringing in his ears—purity, charity, fraternity. And who can say that this constant exhibition of a high standard of social virtue has not filled a gap in the moral history of many a waverer in such times as those. He could not but recognise in this characteristic of their Order one reason why Freemasonry had so frequently come under the displeasure and excited the jealousy of prevailing religion. It was because it had effected so much for morality that it had been accused of rivalry to religion; but the assertion so frequently made that the secrets of Masonry were opposed to the doctrines of religion were both mischievous and false—intensely mischievous, inasmuch as to force Freemasonry into opposition to religion results disastrously for both systems—utterly false, inasmuch as Masonry is neither a religion nor a substitute for religion, but a system of morals eminently constituted to form a valuable handmaiden to every pure religion. What if Freemasonry had at times administered comfort and taught morality to some bewildered member of a religious community in process of disruption? This surely had been the fault of the professors of religion, and to the honour and credit of the Craft. We must not fail to observe, however, that the fault of a collision between Masonry and religion is sometimes the fault of the Mason himself. And circumstances will occasionally occur when the wisest discretion must be exercised. A peculiar and deeply interesting illustration of a dilemma of this nature, in which there could be no doubt that the principles of their Order were unduly stretched, was afforded us in scripture narrative. The history itself was full of interest to Masons as bearing marvellous testimony—first, to the antiquity of the Order, and, secondly, to the power of the principles of Masonry over one of the strongest passions of man's nature—the desire for revenge. In the 20th chapter of the 1st Book of Kings the incident is related—Benhadad, the King of Syria, had sent to Ahab, the King of Israel, a galling and insolent challenge—"Thy silver and thy gold are mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine." Ahab, after an interval of timidity and hesitation, being encouraged by a prophet of the Lord, joined in battle with the Syrian King and defeated him with terrific slaughter, Benhadad himself escaping from the field of battle, and concealing himself in the city. And now came the point of the history. From his concealment he sent messengers to supplicate the King of Israel for his life. What passed between the messengers and the victorious sovereign had better be rendered in the words of Holy Scripture, but if they did not refer to the passing between the conquered and the conquerors of a certain secret sign, it was not easy to see the meaning of the passage. Ahab, upon receiving the message, as if suddenly remembering some obligations of fraternity, cried out, "Is he yet alive; he is my brother;" and we read "The men did diligently observe whether anything would come from him, and did hastily catch it, and they said thy brother Benhadad." Doubtless they watched with eagerness to see if the sign of the brotherhood would come from him, and responded to it with the joyful cry, "Thy brother Benhadad." Remarkable, too, is the sequel of the history. Ahab being thus apparently constrained by the principles of the ancient Order to spare the life of his enemy, who had heaped insult on his country and his God, came, as he (the speaker) conceived, justly under the sore displeasure of his church, and was visited by the prophet, who foretold his own destruction for sparing the life of the enemy of his nation. Time would not suffer him to enter into the important question of the deterioration of Continental Freemasonry. The consistently hostile attitude adopted by the prevailing religion of the Continent towards Free-

masonry had much to answer for in forcing into unwilling collision a body, which, if treated with confidence and consideration, would have proved itself a valuable assistant to the cause of pure religion. The part which the Freemasons of Paris were reported to have taken with the Commune during the insurrection of 1871, and their share in the excesses which then disgraced the page of history, could not but be a sorrow to every Mason, and to every man, but he contended that no form of association, however pure its intentions, could protect itself wholly from abuse. Human ignorance and misconception will at all times sully the noblest fraternity of which the component parts are simply human. And the Freemasons of Paris were sinning against Freemasonry and against order and religion when they lent themselves to that bloody work. Whilst sincerely deploring so flagrant a departure from the principles of the ancient Order, it was some satisfaction to be assured, as he had been by the Grand Master of England, that the English Freemasons have no sort of official communication whatsoever with the Grand Orient of France. Were it otherwise he conceived that it would be the bounden duty of the Grand Lodge of England to express in the most public way the abhorrence of deeds which had sullied the reputation of our noble Craft. Brethren (the P.G. Chaplain concluded by saying), let the errors and the excesses of some who have belonged to our noble Order not discourage or deter us in our pursuit of virtue. Rather let them serve as a warning to us that the true secret of preserving a community in a state of purity and usefulness is for each member to begin by making one man pure and useful and that man himself. To those about to join the Clausentum Lodge, now to be consecrated, I would say, make your Freemasonry a reality, and not a pastime. Attend, whenever possible, lodges of instruction, that you may become conversant with the real beauty and virtue of the system. Do not consider it as religion; or as a substitute for religion, but as co-existent with religion, and as an encouragement to search after higher and more soul saving truths. Cultivate the sublime principles which are so solemnly inculcated when you are admitted to the Order. Prove yourselves before the outside world to be true and genuine brothers, that all may see and approve the benign influence of Masonry; and above all things remember that the system of morality to which we, as Masons, are pledged is essentially for the well being of an earthly community, and as mortal beings you cannot rest satisfied with that. This life with its interests and necessities is after all but a starting point along a road without an ending, and before us all there is a time when systems of morality shall have faded away into the past, and eternity shall have set its terrible seal upon every action of this life. In praying that the Grand Architect of this life would vouchsafe His choicest blessing upon this newly constituted lodge, I would add the prayer that every member of the Fraternity, present and future, may so shape his course here below, that he may be admitted, through the mercy of one who loved the world and gave Himself for it, into the eternal portals of the Grand Lodge above. So mote it be.

The dedication prayer was then offered, and the invocation pronounced, the P.G. Chaplain reading II. Chronicles, 2nd chap., 1 to 16 ver., and after the remainder of the solemn ceremony had been performed, the following brethren were installed to the offices:—W.M., Bro. Capt. T. H. M. Martin; I.P.M., Bro. Wilkinson; S.W., Bro. G.S. Liddell; J.W., Bro. Walter Bowyer; Treas., Bro. W. A. Lomer; Sec., Bro. Davis; Direc. Cer., Bro. Waters; S.D., Bro. Stroud; J.D., Bro. Danells; I.G., Bro. Tilling; T., Bro. Vare.

Before the lodge separated cordial votes of thanks were tendered to the Prov. G.M., his officers, and to Bro. Rev. Basil Wilberforce. The number of propositions for candidates and joining was very large. At the conclusion of the proceedings Bro. W. A. Lomer fraternally invited the brethren to his residence, where they were hospitably entertained. There was a banquet in the evening at the lodge room, provided by Bro. Dartnall, of Southampton, Mr. Churcher, of the Woolston Inn, supplying the wines.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA.)

The regular quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons, under the English Constitution, was held in the Masonic Hall, Camp-street, Ballarat, last Monday evening, at which the Right W. District Grand Master, Captain Standish, and many of his officers attended.

The handsome and elegantly furnished hall was crowded by brothers attracted by the novelty of the occasion, which created great interest in the district, owing to the meeting being, it is stated, the first of the kind ever held out of Melbourne.

At the conclusion of the business of the District Lodge, the annual meeting of the Yarrowee Lodge of Freemasons, No. 713, E.C. was held, the Right Worshipful District Grand Master and officers of the District Grand Lodge remaining, in addition to the W.M. and Wardens of the St. John's Lodge, Orion Lodge, Havilah Lodge (Creswick) Buninyong Lodge, All Nations Lodge (Clunes), Sebastopol Lodge, and Prince of Wales Lodge (Smythesdale), and Past Masters Henry Cuthbert, R. Valentine, Henry Davies, Richard Gibbings, J. Josephs, H. H. Radcliffe, J. T. Sleep, D. Thomas, Thos. Aldred, J. M'Cartney, J. T. Weickhart, C. Megson, Rd. Kent, Thomas Purves, Revs. Bros Innis and Goldreich, and many distinguished members of the Craft. Unusual Masonic interest was shown in this meeting consequent on the compliment paid to the district by the R.W.D.G. Master Captain Standish, and his officers coming from distant places at some inconvenience and expense, and this was rightly appreciated and acknowledged by the Fraternity, who mustered in great force, and made the spectacle grand and imposing—one long to be remembered.

The installation ceremony was most ably given by the V.W. District Grand Senior Warden, Bro. Wm. Strachan, when the following brethren were installed in their respective offices:—Br. Wm. Little, W.M., W.D.G.J.W.; F. M. Claxton, S.W.; Chas. B. Finlayson, J.W.; Chas. Salter, Treasurer; Henry H. Peake, P.M., Secretary; Robert Wreford, S.D.; Fred. J. Gomm, J.D.; H. A. Nevett, I.G.; John Rae, Tyler; John Allender and S. J. Morgan, Stewards. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Hawthorn's Royal Hotel, where about 100 members sat down to a very sumptuous repast prepared by host Hawthorn. The W.M. occupied the chair, supported on the right by the R.W.D. Grand Master Bro. H. Cuthbert, P.M., and the D. Grand Secretary; on the left by the V.W.D.G. Senior Warden.

During the evening the following toasts were given:—"The Queen," by the W.M., followed by "God save the Queen," by the musicians and company, and cheers; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M. of England;" song and chorus, "God bless the Prince of Wales;" "The Fraternal Memory of the Earl of Zetland," which was drunk in solemn silence; "The Three Grand Masters under the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions—Marquess of Ripon, Duke of Leinster, and Earl of Rosslyn."

Bro. Henry Cuthbert, P.M., proposed "The District and Provincial Grand Lodges of Victoria," coupled with the name of the R.W.D.G. Master, who, with his officers, had that day for the first time held a regular District Grand Lodge out of Melbourne. He considered that it should be recorded as a red letter day in Ballarat, that the D.G.M., who was the sovereign or the supreme ruler of the Craft in this colony, had condescended with his officers, at great personal inconvenience, less of time, and some cost to themselves, to come so far to honour them with their presence.

The R.W.D.G. Master, in reply, thanked the brethren and the members of the Yarrowee Lodge for the handsome manner in which they had been received in Ballarat, and said now railway communication had been established throughout the colony, he should feel it not only a duty, but a pleasure, to periodically visit the great centres of population in the country districts, and regretted much the absence of the representatives of the Irish Constitution, Bro. Wm. Scott, P.M., who,

he was sorry to hear, was prevented being present through sickness. The R.W.D.G. Master proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. William Little, and "Prosperity to the Yarrowee Lodge," and in doing so congratulated Bro. Little on the confidence displayed towards him by the members of the lodge in having re-elected him a second time, that being the highest honour the lodge could confer. He also alluded to his having recognised the enthusiasm with which Bro. Little had worked in the cause of Freemasonry, by having appointed him to the highest office in the District Grand Lodge ever conferred on any member out of Melbourne, viz., the D.G. Junior Warden, and congratulated the lodge, which he considered the leading lodge in the district, on having again selected such a worthy representative.

Bro. Little responded.

Bro. F. M. Claxton proposed "The Sister Lodges," coupled with the names of W.M. and Past Masters present, with three times three.

The W.M.'s of the St. John's, Buninyong, Havilah, All Nations, Orion, Sebastopol, and Prince of Wales Lodges replied.

Bro. Valentine, P.M., proposed—"The Health of the Installing Master, the V.W.G.D. Senior Warden, Bro. Strachan," and said that the very pleasing and impressive manner in which the installation ceremony had been given, would leave a lasting impression on the minds of the brethren present.

The D.G.S.W., in reply, thanked Bro. Valentine for the compliment paid him, and said that he was only too happy at any time to render any Masonic service which he was capable of, and and felt gratified at being present at such a large and influential gathering of the Masons of this District.

Bro. Lempriere, D.G.S., proposed—"The newly-installed Officers of the Yarrowee Lodge," coupled with the names of the S.W., J.W., and Treas., who severally replied.

The V.W.D.G.S.W. proposed "The Past Masters and Past Officers of the Yarrowee Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Davies, P.M., and stated that the present position the lodge held must naturally be, in a great measure, due to the good government of the lodge by its Past Masters.

Bro. Davies replied.

Bro. Henry Davies, P.M., had much pleasure in proposing the health of the visiting brethren present, coupled with the names of the W.M.'s of the Clunes, Creswick, Smythesdale, Buninyong, and Sebastopol Lodges. Bro. Davies said this meeting recalled to his mind early associations of unmingled happiness and pleasure. He was a thorough believer in the good old system of English Freemasonry, and the beneficial effects from the frequent rubbing of shoulders together of intelligent men, and felt sure the social and moral progress of the world was largely indebted to such causes; he therefore hoped the system might long continue.

Bros. Lempriere, Caselli, and Megson severally returned thanks.

Bro. Finlayson, in a facetious speech, proposed "The Ladies," to which Bros. Josephs and Trenerry replied.

The health of the "Musicians" was proposed by the W.M., who stated that a great portion of his Masonic success was due to the kindness of his musical friends, who at all times had rendered their efficient services.

Bros. King, Lambie, and Austin T. Turner replied.

"The Tyler's" toast brought a very successful and pleasant meeting to a close at an early hour in the morning.

CONSECRATION OF THE BARD OF AVON CHAPTER, No. 778.

This new Chapter was consecrated at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday, the 10th inst., by Comp. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., assisted by Comp. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.Supt., as H., and Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., as J., in the presence of about twenty companions, including many eminent R.A. Masons. After the consecration, the M.E.Z. designate, Comp. George Elliott, M.P., was installed as J., H., and Z., respectively, by the Pre-

siding Officer, assisted by Comp. T. Fenn, as S.E. Comp. Parkinson was inducted into the chair of H. Lord Limerick, the J., was unable to attend. The rank of Honorary Member was unanimously conferred on Comps. Colonel Burdett; McIntyre, Q.C.; and R. Wentworth Little, for their attendance and services. The officers were then elected, and the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards sat down to a bountiful banquet, and all joined in congratulating the M.E.Z. upon the auspicious commencement of his career as a Chief in Royal Arch Masonry. It is almost superfluous to add that capital speeches were made during the course of the evening by the M.E.Z., Comp. Elliott, and by Comps. Mc Intyre, Parkinson, Burdett, and others, and that in every respect the chapter bids fair to be a worthy adjunct to the lodge from which it derives its parentage and name. The furniture, jewels, &c., were manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

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A curious little pamphlet came into my hands the other day, entitled, "Thoughts on Masonry, and the Admission of Persons into that Fraternity." By M. Concanen, Jun. London: Printed by the Author, and may be had of Bro. Parsley, bookseller, Surrey Lodge, Blackfriars Bridge.

"OLD CHARGES OF BRITISH FREEMASONS."

Since issuing the above work we have come across some more MS. Masonic Constitutions, and especially a notice of one which we now desire to inform Masonic students about.

Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston (Mass.), drew our attention to a "Masonic Charge" alluded to in an address by Bro. the Rev. J. Wilton Kerr, of Clinton (Canada, West) and which appeared in the *Philadelphia Mirror and Keystone* (now extinct) for August 15th, 1860. The MS. it appears, was duly copied by Bro. Kerr, and is given *in extenso* in the magazine for the following week.

These have been kindly sent us by the Editor, Bro. Leon Hyneman (an earnest and learned Mason, through Bro. Norton, and since their receipt we have been most anxious to obtain some information about the original. Both these brethren have been indefatigable in their exertions to trace the document, and have written to Bro. Kerr, besides making able enquiries.

So far, we regret to state, the object of their researches has not been discovered, and from the contents of the letter forwarded by Bro. Kerr to Bro. Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, we fear that this valuable MS. is lost.

The "Charge" is said to have been delivered at "Scarborough, in the County of York, England, the tenth day of July, 1505, before William Thompson, Esq., President of said lodge," &c.

This version of the "Old Charges" agrees in the main with the others which we have published, and also with those Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., and ourselves are thinking of issuing in 1874; but we fancy the year 1505 must be a clerical error, and meant for 1705, at which time the old Lodge of York was active, and likely enough engaged through its members in admitting Masons in other towns in the country.

Bro. W. Cowling, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. (of York) has kindly searched through the names, but he cannot trace a William Thompson in the "rolls" preserved of the ancient York Lodge members, but the same surname is recorded, but not for the 16th century.

Bro. Kerr lent the MS., to the late Robert Cooper, Esq., County Judge of Haron, who gave a brother's pledge to return it, but alas it has never more been seen by its owner, and though he has made every inquiry of the executor and the friends of the deceased, he failed to find its whereabouts.

He now gives up all personal ownership, and intends publicly to advertise for it, as the property of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Bro. Kerr kindly promises, if he succeeds in

tracing it to place it at our disposal. If it is found we shall owe its discovery mainly to our good Bro. Jacob Norton.

Brethren interested in our description of the "Grand Lodge MS.," will find some interesting information relative to its purchase, &c., in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, vol. ix. 1842, pp. 149-50, which had escaped our attention until lately. W. J. HUGHAN.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANÆ IN SCOTIA.

COLLEGE OF THE EAST OF SCOTLAND.—A special meeting of this college was held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on the 15th inst.—present: Fraters John Laurie, 8°, Chief Adept; H. Y. D. Copland, Suffragan; Geo. Dickson, M.D., Conductor; W. M. Bryce, 1 A.; H. C. Peacock, 2 A.; R. S. Brown, 5 A.; James Reid, 6 A.; James Webster, 7 A.; W. J. V. Bindon, Secretary; F. L. Law, C.M.; R. Davidson, O.; R. Bryce, T.B.; Captain Charles Hunter, W. Milne, Peter Gardner, F.E.I.S., and others. The M.C. having been formed, the following brethren were admitted and received into the grade of Zelator:—Charles Mackenzie and E. G. M. Sellentin, Frater Sellentin, being afterwards promoted to the grade of Theoricus. The accessories and furniture of the college were of the most tasteful and gorgeous style, reflecting great credit upon Frater W. M. Bryce, 1 A., who had the management of that department. A few names of brethren were proposed for admission, and after being balloted for, were declared duly elected, and it was intimated that the number being now complete, no more names could be proposed. The college was thereafter closed.

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The following Rules of the Mark Benevolent Association will be found useful in the formation of similar associations:—

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"The Treasurer to be elected at the first meeting."

Obituary.

BRO. E. WATES, D.P.G.M. KENT.

An earnest and honoured member of the brotherhood has just passed away. Bro. Edward Wates died at his residence, Gravesend, on the 5th inst., at the early age of forty-two. He had been ill for two or three months past, the malady being of a serious nature, but he lingered on, his friends hoping almost against hope, until, on the evening of Wednesday, the 5th of November, after having taken a somewhat hearty tea, he suddenly grew worse, and died an hour or two afterwards. Bro. Wates held several legal appointments in and near Gravesend. He was Clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes for the District; Registrar of the County Court at Sheerness; Clerk to the Stipendiary Magistrate at Chatham, and Clerk of the Gravesend and Milton Union. He had been for a considerable time a member of the Gravesend Town Council, and in November, 1872, he was elected Mayor, the choice being received with great favour by the inhabitants generally, with whom "Teddy Wates"—as he was familiarly called—was a great favourite; and it is hardly necessary to add that the news of his death, only a few days before the close of his year of office, although in a measure expected, was received with a deep feeling of sorrow throughout the neighbourhood. In the ranks of Masonry Bro. Wates was, as he merited, greatly liked and respected. He was a most painstaking and attentive member of the brotherhood, and had attained great honours in the Province. He was P.M. of the Lodge of Freedom, 77, held at Gravesend, and he performed the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary for Kent for many years, and so satisfactorily that a very handsome testimonial was presented to him by his brother Masons; and at the Grand Annual Festival, held at Chatham a few months ago, the office of Deputy Grand Master of the Province, vacant by the death of Bro. Dobson (also a former Mayor of Gravesend), was conferred upon Bro. Wates by Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M., the appointment being one in which the Masons of the Province heartily concurred. The remains of the lamented brother were interred at the Gravesend cemetery on Tuesday last, about 100 of the brethren, including Past Provincial Grand Officers and the representatives of lodges in and out of the Province, being present.

Masonic Tidings.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will meet at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, this day, Saturday, at 5 o'clock. The Burdett Chapter will be consecrated at the same place, at half-past three.

Bro. W. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk, has undertaken the office of Steward for his Province, at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will take place on the 28th January next, under the presidency of Right Hon. Lord Waverley, Prov. G. Master of Suffolk.

The fifteen sections will be worked on Friday 5th December, at the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish-town, when Bro. T. F. Wuest, P.M. 753, the newly-appointed Preceptor, will preside. A full attendance is expected.

The next meetings of the Oxford and Cambridge K.T. Preceptory and Rose Croix Chapter will be held at the new Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square. The former will meet on Saturday, December 13th, and the latter on the Monday following.

In consequence of the number of applications for tickets to view the exhibition of Roman and British remains at Bro. Whichcord's offices in Queen Victoria-street, City, between Monday, the 24th, and Saturday, the 29th November, the hours of admission have been made from eleven a.m. to three p.m. each day, instead of one to three p.m., as formerly announced.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1873.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Some questions having recently arisen, and still pending, as regards changes in that distinguished body, we think it well to call attention to-day to what, in our humble opinion, is the one great defect in the Scotch system, namely, the absence of annual lodge subscriptions. We admit, indeed, freely at the outset, that, each national Grand Lodge has a right to legislate for itself, and that, *a priori*, it is more likely to know what advances its own interests, and conduces to its own welfare, better than its friendly critics.

But in the case of Scotland some very serious drawbacks attend the present system, which affect others besides Scotch Masons, and therefore those outsiders have a right to express their opinion on a subject, which is, as we said at first, apparently and entirely alone within Scottish jurisdiction.

We have no doubt whatever ourselves, that, the whole difficulty about the Grand Lodge system itself has arisen from the fact, that, there are not, as with us, annual returns of the Lodges, as well as annual subscriptions to each Lodge, as a necessary condition for Grand Lodge Membership.

As a general rule in Scotland, we believe universally, at any rate with very few exceptions, no annual subscriptions are paid to lodges.

There is a payment, more or less, made at initiations, and though there may be small payments from time to time, we believe we are not incorrect in stating, that, once on the roll of the lodge all claims for payment cease.

There may be, as we have been told, a small payment for special purposes, or on some special occasion, but there is no regular system of

annual payment, much less of annual subscription.

If there be the slightest error in this description of the present Masonic system in Scotland, we shall be most glad to be corrected, and will most joyfully admit our error.

Such a system works most prejudicially, in every way, to the interests of Scotch Masonry.

At this moment Scotland has no charitable Institution worthy of the Order, which numbers in its ranks many most excellent Masons, and liberal hearted men, and with the exception of some special lodges, there seems but little effected, beyond routine lodge working, and the customary "symposia."

But there is another great evil in the present system.

In some Lodges in Scotland—the acceptance fee is so small, that, many persons are admitted often with little previous inquiry, who ought in fact, never to have been admitted. The lodges in our Northern Counties are not unfamiliar with the advent of wandering Masons, who mostly hail from N. B., and who seem to think, that, because they paid some time ago, a very small sum comparatively, for their admittance into Freemasonry in some lodge in Scotland, which they only visited once, and will never visit again, they have an equitable claim upon the "Pedestal" of all our English Lodges, wherever they are, and wherever they go.

We do not think it needful to dilate upon the subject further to-day, nor do we wish to complain unnecessarily of differences of detail, and organization, but, what we would wish to suggest to the authorities of the Scotch Grand Lodge is, that, now some questions of reform have arisen, they should at once make use of this most favourable opportunity, to fix a minimum fee for admission in all their lodges, which at present is sadly too low in most cases, and also to insist, that, all Scotch Masons shall pay an annual subscription to their several lodges, be that subscription large or small, and that subscription shall be the condition of membership in Grand Lodge.

Until they do this, we feel persuaded, that, the condition of Scotch Freemasons will remain, as at present, unsettled and unsatisfactory still.

We are sorry to perceive that our excellent contemporary the *Masonic News*, published in Glasgow, terms the surreptitious ritual,—put forth by a *soi disant* Bro. Mason, P.M. 30,—“a handy and useful work;” and that the enterprising publisher of the *Masonic News*, Bro. Bassett, advertizes himself an agent of the work for Scotland.

Can any of our readers tell us who Bro. Mason is, and if there is such a brother really in existence? We need hardly add, that, any claim of any authority for the work, or acceptance by the Craft—is all moonshine.

We would draw the attention of our many readers to the fact that the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* for 1874, is now ready, price 2s. od. post-free 2s. 2d., and may be had at Bro. Kenning's Masonic Depots, or through any respectable bookseller or newsagent.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Since our last impression we have had to regret the loss of two eminent merchants of London—Mr. Russell Ellice, and Mr. Thomas Baring, both of them high in the opinions of their fellow citizens. The death of Lord Richard Cavendish, brother to the Duke of Devonshire, is also announced.

The elections for the School Boards continue actively all over the country. In Sheffield no election has taken place, a course, we venture to think, of very doubtful legality, and still more doubtful propriety.

From the Gold Coast comes the first news of Sir Garnet Wolseley's proceedings, which took the form of a successful "reconnaissance," with no material loss. There has also been a skirmish at Escaboo, under Col. Festing, in which five English officers are "slightly wounded." Two good regiments, the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and the 2nd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade, have been despatched to the seat of war, and the 42nd Highlanders, are to follow. This fine brigade is to be commanded, it seems, by Sir A. Alison, and there can be little doubt all that can be done by British soldiers will be effected by these excellent representatives of our English army.

The *Times* states that some progress has been made in drawing up the new rules for the new arrangements of our law courts, which are to come into effect in the summer of 1874. Mr. Disraeli has made a most effective speech, and given very good advice to the students and others at Glasgow, and following the many very distinguished men who have preceded him in the office of Lord Rector, there can be little doubt that he has well sustained his character for eloquence and oratory.

In the foreign news, as we anticipated, Marshal MacMahon has received a prolongation of his high powers for seven years, and we sincerely trust that under his firm and temperate sway, our good neighbours of "Outre Manche," may happily regain the flow of national prosperity, and he signal blessings of order, liberty, and peace.

In Spain, no material change is announced, though great uneasiness and confusion seem to prevail in the beleaguered fortress of Carthage.

The Italian Parliament has been opened in a Royal speech, all "couleur de rose," but, Italy's old enemy, a financial difficulty, seems looming in the distance.

Another very startling robbery of jewellery has taken place at Lady Waldgraves, at Strawberry Hill, somewhat similar to one not long ago at Earl Russell's in Richmond Park. The thieves are described as gentlemanly and well-dressed, one light, the other dark, and we would commend the care and consideration of these interesting professors of "legerdemain" to the speedy handling of our useful and meritorious fellow citizens in Scotland-yard.

If the demands of the American Government are correctly given by Baron Von Reuter, they are very simple, but excessively comprehensive. They amount to a restoration of the vessel, the setting at liberty all who are still in confinement, indemnification to the living, and to the friends of those so unjustly executed, an open repudiation

of, and expression of regret for such uncalled for cruelties, and the signal punishment of all those who had any hand in inflicting, or permitting the unjust sentence of an incompetent court to be carried out, so hastily and so unmercifully.

Though we are Freemasons, and as such have nothing to do with politics, *per se*, we are still citizens, and let us hope patriots, endowed with the principles of common humanity and consideration for our fellow creatures. Probably another week will bring us decided news one way or the other. Having said this, we are glad to be able to express our hope that peace may not be disturbed, and that we all may learn more and more, that, the best way of maintaining tranquility in the world, and avoiding the horrors of war, is always to respect the rights, and laws, and liberties of others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at the Brook-street Sunday Schools, St. Helen's. As this was the first meeting his lordship has held since his appointment and installation as Provincial Grand Master of one of the most influential provinces throughout the kingdom, the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, Wardens, and brethren of the lodges in the province assembled in strong force to show their interest in the meeting and their admiration for their Masonic head. Probably there were present nearly 400 brethren, and the fact that the whole of the 63 lodges in the extensive province, with one exception, were represented at the meeting, showed how deep and strong is the interest taken in Masonry, and how much his lordship is esteemed and respected. The first act of his lordship with respect to the allotment of "purple" in the Provincial Grand Lodge is sure to increase his popularity, and on Wednesday there was almost universal satisfaction among the brethren that all the officers, with one or two exceptions, were changed for the first time in the memory of many. It is understood that this will now be the yearly course taken by his lordship, and as a consequence brethren who have, so to speak, grown grey in the service of Masonry, will now have a prospect of honourable recognition, while those who are manfully struggling to the front will have increased incitement to perseverance and zeal.

With the best weather, St. Helens, with its myriad of smoky chimneys and chemical breezes, is not the most inviting place, but on this occasion it was fortunately seen at its best, as if it were determined to do honour to the occasion. The Liverpool contingent of the brethren started from Lime-street Station at 10.50, special arrangements having been made with the railway company, and as the other trains came from the other places in the provinces the "natives" stared with undisguised astonishment at the crowds of black-coated and white-chokered strangers who had apparently taken full possession of the town. The accommodation at the Brook-street Sunday Schools was of the most satisfactory character, and the arrangements generally were very complete. To save a good deal of confusion and delay, however, we would suggest that at future meetings of Provincial Grand Lodges, more than one Tyler's book should be furnished. A dozen smaller paper covered books might be provided, thereby enabling a number of brethren to sign simultaneously, and, if necessary these might afterwards be collected and bound together. The effect of having only one book on this occasion, was that many had to struggle to get to it, others only signed after the business was over, while others left altogether without signing. In every other respect, however, there was nothing to which exception could be taken, and the St. Helens' meeting may, in every sense, be

reckoned the most successful and pleasant ever held, with the exception of that held at the Liverpool Town Hall.

THE P.G. LODGE MEETING.

After the brethren had assembled in the large and handsome school room upstairs, the Craft lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Hall, P.M., of Lodge 32 (the oldest in the Province), as W.M., supported by Bros. J. W. R. Fowler, I.P.M. 86, acting as S.W.; J. Beesley, W.M. 216, as J.W.; and R. Brown, J.W. 241, as I.G.

Amongst the principals and leaders of the different Craft lodges represented, we observed the following:—Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249; H. Pearson, P.M. 248; C. Humphries, S.W. 1013; Dr. J. Worthington, W.M. 220; G. F. Robinson, W.M. 1375; S. Studd, S.W. 1375; W. Boulton, W.M. 823; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; J. Healing, 1263; J. Platt, P.M. 613; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; E. Kyle, W.M. 673; J. T. Callow, I.P.M. 673; R. Hooker, S.W. 1225; R. Pearson, P.M. 673; T. Fair, W.M. 1256; William Williams, W.M. 1182; W. Pugh, P.M. 1182; P. R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; W. Pugh, P.M. 1182; P. R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; W. Edginton, S.W. 1182; T. Clark, P.M. 673; T. Jackson, P.M. 580; P. B. Forshaw, S.W. 1403; J. Wells, S.W. 580; M. Corless, S.W. 673; S. Johnson, P.M. 673; J. W. R. Cook, W.M. 178; R. Pearson, P.M. 995; J. Bell, W.M. 1353; P. Pennington, P.M. 484; W. Bates, P.M. 484; T. Shaw, J.W. 823; J. W. Turley, P.M. 1035; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; W. G. Veale, Org. 1356; J. A. Vandyke, 241; J. B. Bunting, P.M. 1035; J. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; Dr. Samuels, W.M. 1350; Captain W. Newman, W.M. 786; J. Jones, W.M. 1393; T. W. Sergeant, W.M. 203; T. Lowe, W.M. 1013; G. Roswell, S.W. 1356; R. Langley, P.M. 477; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155; W. C. Marsh, P.M. 521; H. Scott, W.M. 86; W. Evans, W.M. 1356; C. M'Nab, S.W. 1035; F. P. Poole, W.M. 343; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; J. Clegg, W.M. 1299; P. Macmurdrow, S.W. 1299; R. R. Martin, W.M. 1094; W. Cottrell, S.W. 823; R. G. Manning, P.M. 950; S. Cookson, P.M. 1182; H. Williams, P.M. 1035; R. Young, W.M. 1384; H. Owen, P.M. 786; J. Wray, W.M. 1061; W. S. Blackhurst, W.M. 1070; P. R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; J. Rigby, P.M. 1070; C. Leighton, S.W. 1325; J. Lunt, P.M. 1086; W. E. Edge, W.M. 1403; S. Wylde, P.M. 1403; P. Ashcroft, S.W. 986; D. W. Finney, P.M. 148; J. A. Hall, P.M. 32; D. Stansfield, P.M. 730; R. Brierley, S.W. 1250; Martin, W.M. 1032; G. Turner, P.M. 86; J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; W. Melbourne, S.W. 343; J. Wood, Treas., 1094; C. Bee, W.M. 314; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; T. Chesworth, P.M. 724; J. Davison, S.W. 724; E. Dutch, I.G. 1393; W. Harrison, P.M. 897; A. Davies, W.M. 1264; J. Thornton, P.M. 673; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; R. Washington, J.W. 1094; S. Schonstadt, 1299; J. W. Ballard, J.W. 724; R. Martin, jun., S.D. 1182, &c.

Shortly afterwards the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced, and Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., entered the room, preceded and accompanied by the following P.G. Officers, past and present:—Bros. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; T. Wylie, P.G. Reg.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; B. W. Rowson, P.G.S. of W.; G. Broadbridge, P.G.D.C.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; R. Robinson, P.G.S.; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; W. H. Ball, P.G.A. Tyler; T. Birchall, P.P.J.G.W.; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; A. C. Mott, P.P.S.G.D. and P.P.G.S.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; C. Sherlock, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Bowes, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Baxendale, P.G. Pur.; C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England. The R.W.P.G.M. having ascended the throne, he was greeted with the royal honours, led by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.G.D.C. The P.G.M. then proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge according to ancient form, the following prayer being offered by Bro. Goggin, P.G.C.: "Let us pray for all sorts and conditions of men; and herein for our Sovereign Lady the Queen,

that she may be endued plenteously with heavenly gifts, and long reign over a loyal, united, and happy people; for Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Let us pray especially for the ancient Order, as members of which we have this day assembled, particularly for the Most Worshipful the Marquess of Ripon, our Grand Master; for the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, especially for that Provincial Lodge to which we belong; for the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, and his Deputy. Let us implore further the Most High to bless all private lodges, particularly those now gathered together in this holy temple. May God prevent us in all our doings with His most gracious favour, and further us with His continued help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in His Holy Name, we may promote the happiness of our fellow creatures, and ever set forth His honour and glory." So mote it be.

Bro. J. Skeaf's anthem, "Behold, how good," was then sung very impressively by Bros. C. Haswell, 203; D. Jones, 155; B. Rowson, 203; T. Armstrong, P.G.T.; and T. Yeatman, 667; Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., himself presiding at the harmonium.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., then called the roll, when it was found that of the 63 lodges in the Province, only one was not represented, viz., Victoria Lodge, 1345, Eccles, and the usual penalty of £1 was inflicted. The P.G. Sec. subsequently read the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the occasion of the Installation of the R.W.P.G.M. The P.G. Chaplain said he had been deputed by Mr. Hesketh, son of the late P.G.M., to convey to Lord Skelmersdale, the Provincial Grand Officers, and the brethren generally, his thanks for the vote of condolence with the family which they had passed at the last meeting. The P.G. Sec. said he would record this on the minutes.

From the financial statement submitted by Bro. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., it appeared that the total balance from last year was £1278 8s. 8d. The receipts for the educational fund during the year amounted to £176 1s.; for the Provincial Grand Lodge, with balance, £534 7s. 10d.; for the fund of benevolence, £1096 16s. 7d.; making a total of £1807 5s. 5d. The disbursements for the same period amounted to £423 13s. 3d., leaving a balance of £1383 12s. 2d. There had been paid in 1872 to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution the sum of £127; and during the present year £176 1s. Bro. G. Turner, P.M. 86, moved that the accounts (a copy of which was furnished to most of the brethren) be taken as read, and in doing so he suggested that in future the number of members belonging to each lodge should be given in connection with the financial statement. Bro. T. Wylie, P.G. Reg., seconded the motion as to the accounts, but was understood not to agree with the suggestion made by Bro. Turner. The motion was agreed to, and the annual financial statement, on being put by the P.G.M., was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., seconded by the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C., Bro. Thos. Armstrong, was unanimously and by acclamation re-elected P.G. Treas., and Bro. Armstrong briefly but feelingly acknowledged the renewal of the confidence of his brethren.

Bro. G. Turner said that there was a feeling amongst the brethren in that province that it was not fair this office should be confined to one brother year after year, but that if there were offices of honour, such as that of the P.G. Treas., they should be shared by other brethren. (Hear, hear.) It did seem somewhat inconsistent that this office should be held without change by one person, and it was natural that brethren who had done good service in the cause of Masonry should feel aggrieved at this system. In making these remarks he desired it to be distinctly understood that he did not do so from any personal feeling against Bro. Armstrong, for whom he had the highest respect, but from a desire to give expression to the feelings of many of the brethren. It was generally felt that the appointment of P.G. Treasurer should be left freely to the P.G. Lodge,

and not be influenced by the nomination of the P.G. Officers as a body. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M. said he had only one remark to make, and that was that the appointment lay absolutely with the P.G. Lodge, and not with himself.

Bro. Sherlock said he must protest against the remark that the appointment was unfair, and he felt bound to resent it in the strongest manner. The subject then dropped.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Hon. F. Stanley	D. Prov. G.M.
Sir James Ramsden, Bart...	Prov. G.S.W.
J. Prescott	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. F. Goggin	Prov. G. Chaplain.
T. Armstrong	Prov. G. Treas.
C. H. Hill	Prov. G. Reg.
H. S. Alpass	Prov. G. Sec.
E. Pierpoint	Prov. G.S.D.
W. Doyle.....	Prov. G.J.D.
J. Baxendale	Prov. G. S. of W.
G. De la Perelle	Prov. G.D.C.
R. Robinson	Prov. G.A.D.C.
R. Landless.....	Prov. G.S.B.
J. Skeaf	Prov. G. Org.
R. Pearson	Prov. G. Purst.
W. Leather	Prov. G. Steward.
J. R. Goepel	" " "
T. Lowe	" " "
G. Owen.....	" " "
S. Johnson	" " "
J. W. Turley	" " "

On the motion of Bro. Captain Mott, seconded by Bro. Broadbridge, Bro. P. Ball was re-appointed P.G. Tyler, and Bro. W. H. Ball P.A.G. Tyler.

Bro. T. Wylie, P.P.G. Registrar, presented his jewel of office to P.G. Lodge, to be worn by his successor, and the gift was received with cordial thanks.

The P.G. Lodge then proceeded to hear applications for relief, which were dealt with as follows:—Widow D. and three orphans of a brother of No 220, 15/; widow T. and three orphans of a brother of No. 673, 15/; widow R., whose husband was a member of No. 986 (second application), 5/; widow D., Lodges 241 and 1035 (second application), 5/; widow Mc., 15/; widow L., Lodge 1182, 15/; widow S., Lodge 580, 10/; widow W., Lodge 249, 5/; widow A., Lodge 216, 15/; widow B., 5/; Bros. J. P., Lodge 995, 15/; H.T., Lodge 292, 5/.

Bro. T. Wylie, P.P.G.R., moved that £50, in addition to £15, being 10 per cent. of P.G. Lodge fees, be paid to the Institution for the Relief of Aged Freemasons and their Widows, so as to constitute the R.W.P.G.M. a Vice President of the Institution. The Province was deriving great benefit from the charity, and he thought they could not devote the funds to a better purpose than by thus aiding the charities of their Order. At the same time, P.G. Lodges would be afforded an opportunity of paying a deserved tribute of respect to the P.G.M., who had taken a very warm interest in all the Masonic charities.

Bro. Capt. Mott seconded the motion, and dwelt upon the necessity of supporting these grand charities.

The R.W.P.G.M. said he took the vote as a compliment to himself, and having been deeply interested in the Masonic charities, he could say from experience, and on authority, that he did not know a nobler object to which they could devote their funds.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. Sir James Ramsden, Bart, P.G.S.W., moved that the sum of £100 be voted towards decorating Rufford church, as a memorial of the late R.W.P.G.M. Sir T. G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart.

Bro. Prescott, P.G.J.W., seconded the motion and said, that if this tribute to his memory was somewhat tardy, he hoped the brethren would now go forward in it with all the greater heartiness.

Bro. Alpass P.G., Sec., reminded P.G. Lodge that if this proposed grant were made, only £189 would be left to meet the expenses of P.G. Lodge during the ensuing year.

After some lively discussion the motion was

carried, and the following brethren were appointed a committee to control the expenditure and carry out the arrangements, viz.:—The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, Bro. C. Sherlock, Bro. T. Wylie, and Bro. Danson.

Bro. R. Wylie read the following report of the proposed Hamer Benevolent Fund:—

"Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren—The Provincial Grand Lodge having in 1871 voted twenty guineas to form the nucleus of a fund for providing a testimonial to Bro. James Hamer, Past Provincial Grand Treasurer, a committee was formed for carrying out this object, and an appeal was made to the lodges and brethren in the province, which has so far produced the sum of £227 19s. 6d., and this may be augmented, as there are several donations yet to be received. The committee, after mature consideration, decided to present to Brother Hamer an illuminated address and a Past Provincial Grand Treasurer's jewel, at a cost of twenty guineas, and with the balance to form a fund for benevolent purposes to perpetuate the name of our brother among Freemasons, a sub-committee being deputed to carry out the idea, the details of which will be laid before you. The committee, desirous of producing a scheme which would permanently secure from every Freemason in this province an interest in the sacred cause of charity, believe that the 'Hamer Benevolent Fund' is calculated to effect this most successfully. From the rapid increase of the Order in this province, it may reasonably be expected that there will be a very large number of claims upon our charity, and the committee think that the 'Hamer Benevolent Fund' may be made the means of alleviating a great amount of distress, without pressing heavily upon individuals or lodges, there being practically no limit to the relief that may be granted, provided the brethren will support this institution with small annual donations and subscriptions.

(Signed.)

"Charles H. Hill, P.M., 724, Chairman.

"Robert Wylie, P.M., 115, Hon. Sec.

"Liverpool, 14th Nov. 1873."

The bye-laws in connection with the scheme were also read; and on the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Mott, the whole plan and report were cordially approved by the P. G. Lodge. Bros. J. Pearson, A. Stoddart, and H. S. Alpass, were appointed Trustees; Bro. W. Laidlaw, Treasurer; R. Wylie, Secretary; Bros. Hill, Armstrong, J. K. Smith, Wilsen, Ashmore, Baxendale, J. W. J. Fowler, R. Pearson, W. Vines, and G. Morgan, Members of Committee.

Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., then read the following:—

"Since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in February, a period of nine months, fifteen dispensations have been granted to ten lodges in Liverpool, to initiate more than five candidates on the same day; one lodge has had four, another three, eight others one each. I think it my duty to call the attention of the R.W.P.G.M. and the W.M.'s of the lodges to the fact that members of lodges frequently propose brethren for joining and candidates for initiation by note to the W.M., when there is not any emergency justifying that mode of proposal. I must also call the attention of W.M.'s of lodges to page 83, sec. 1 and 2 of the Book of Constitutions, whereby it is clearly laid down that a joining member must be proposed in open lodge, his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge in which he is or was last a member, should be sent to all the members in the summons of the next regular lodge meeting, when he must be balloted for. Candidates for initiation must be proposed in like manner, except in such cases as are mentioned in page 84, which says—'Any two members of a lodge may transmit in writing the name, &c., of any candidate they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the Master, if it be proposed, shall notify the same to every member of his lodge, &c.' It is, therefore, evident that the responsibility of preventing the abuse of proposals by note rests with the W.M., and that he should not permit it unless he is satisfied that the circumstances justify it; and no emergency should be allowed in the case of a person residing in the neighbourhood except, perhaps, in the case of a

person proceeding to sea. All persons offending against these regulations subject the offending lodge to erasure." Bro. Alpass added that in other respects the lodges were working very satisfactorily.

The R.W.P.G.M.: I hope the W.M.'s of lodges will take away with them a recollection of what has just been said by the P.G. Sec. I hope this wrong doing—for so I must designate it, will be abated before I meet you again; and in order that the brethren may not be taken by surprise, I now give notice that, ten days before the next annual meeting of the P.G. Lodge, I will expect every W.M. of a lodge to cause the minute book of his lodge to be sent to the P.G. Sec. for examination with a view to check and prevent irregularities.

Bro. Pierpoint moved, in the absence of Bro. Birley, and Bro. Laidlaw seconded, that £25 should be voted towards paying for the chair ordered by Bro. Pearson, on behalf of the Masons, for presentation to the late Mayor of Liverpool; but the proposal found no favour, and was almost unanimously negatived.

At the conclusion of the Provincial Grand Lodge business, the annual court of governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held, to receive and determine the several recommendations of the General Committee, and for the transaction of the annual business of the institution.

Bro. A. C. Mott, the Hon. Sec., submitted the annual report of the Institution to the R.W. P.G.M., of which the following are the chief points:—

"Your committee, in presenting their report for the year 1872, have again the pleasure of congratulating you on the continued success which attends the operations of the Institution; for, notwithstanding the increased demands which have been made, its funds are happily in such a state as to warrant your committee in entertaining every application for its benefits, consistent with the rules of the foundation, which has hitherto been received.

Before referring to the details of the year's proceedings, your committee desire to express their deep regret and sorrow at the loss which this Institution has sustained by the death of its President, Sir Thomas George Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., late Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of Lancashire. By his death the institution has lost one of its most sincere friends and supporters—one who was ever anxious for its welfare, and ready to do all that lay in his power for its interests and prosperity.

"Referring to the report for the year 1871, it will be seen that 42 children were receiving the benefits of the Institution during that year, for whose education and advancement in life the sum of £274 3s. 8d. was paid. The number of children on the foundation during 1872 was 42, and the amount paid for their education, &c., was £341 1s. 3d.; which will be sufficient to show how greatly the demands upon the funds of the institution are increasing year by year.

"Turning to the financial statement, however, your committee have much satisfaction in drawing your attention to the evidence therein given of the ability of the Institution to meet these increased demands. The total funds of the charity at the close of 1871 amounted to £9220 6s. 3d., whilst the present statement shows a total of £9779 4s. 5d.; a result which cannot but afford the highest satisfaction to every supporter of the charity. It will be noticed that the item "fees from lodges" is small in comparison with previous years; but this is sufficiently explained by the death of the Provincial Grand Master, referred to above, which for the time being deprived the Province of the ordinary channels through which these fees reached the Treasurer of the Institution; these fees will, however, be received and placed to the credit of the 1873 account.

"Your committee, supported as they have been in the past by the brethren generally, commence the labours of another year full of confidence and hope, looking forward to increased opportunities of doing good, and increased assistance from the brethren in carrying on the work of the Institution; whilst, above all, they trust and pray that He from whom all good doth

emanate will add His blessing to their humble efforts in the sacred cause of charity."

The report was received, the recommendation of the committee confirmed, and the officers for the ensuing year appointed.

After the transaction of some important business, the P.G. Lodge rose, having sat nearly four hours.

THE BANQUET.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Fleece Inn, where about 200 sat down to a sumptuous and capitably served banquet. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., presided until the close, and gave the toasts in a peculiarly happy manner, and as all the speeches were brief and to the point, the after-dinner proceedings were divested of the weariness which too often attaches to them. After the dessert had been placed on the table,

The P.G.M. gave "The Queen," and said that was a toast which was received with the greatest enthusiasm in every assembly of Englishmen, but nowhere more so than amongst Masons. He begged to give the health of "Our Patroness, the Queen."—The toast was honoured with extreme loyalty. National Anthem, solo by Bro. Jones.

The P.G.M.: the next toast, brethren, which I have to give you is the health of one of ourselves, "Bro. H.R.H the Prince of Wales, M.W.P.G.M." I need hardly dilate upon his many merits as a Mason, because he is well known to us, and year by year he shows how his interest in the Craft increases. He is a good brother, and therefore I give you his health, along with that of his beautiful wife, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, more especially the Duke of Edinburgh, and his future bride.—The toast was honoured with special enthusiasm. "God bless the Prince of Wales," (Masonic version), solo by Bro. T. J. Hughes.

The P.G.M.: Brethren, I have next to give you "The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M." (cheers). He has now reigned over us for two years, having recently entered upon his third year, and during that time we have had good reason to be proud of him. I owe my present appointment to him, and therefore I have all the greater reason for proposing this toast, with which I beg to couple "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.D.G.M., and the other Officers of the Grand Lodge."

Bro. Birchall, P.P.J.G.W. (as the senior officer of P.G. Lodge present), said it was now his duty, and a source of gratification to propose "The Health of their noble R.W.P.G.M." (Great cheering.) For several years successively, during the time his lamented predecessor held that office, a similar duty fell to his lot, but now he had departed from their midst. He (Bro. Birchall) had the greatest pleasure, however, in now giving the health of his successor in that high office. At that board they did not enter into social matters; if they did, he would say that in every walk of life his Lordship (their present P.G.M.) had shown himself kind, affable, and considerate, while in Masonry generally, he had displayed on all occasions great assiduity and zeal, while in that province he had shown a desire to perform his duties thoroughly and to the entire satisfaction of all the brethren. (Cheers.) They all felt especial pleasure in meeting him that day, after braving the dangers of the great deep, and welcomed him back to his native country. He trusted that he would long be spared by the G.A.O.T.U. to preside over that province. The toast was received with immense and Masonic honours.

The P.G.M., who was received with an outburst of enthusiasm which has rarely been equalled, said,—Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the way in which you have received the toast of my health, and I thank you Bro. Birchall, for the kind eulogium which you have passed upon me. I do hope I may so act as to deserve it in the future. I begin now by asking your pardon for having delayed the meeting of the P.G. Lodge so long, and I should have asked my Deputy to have convened it in my absence, if I had not been specially anxious to meet you all for the first time after my appointment. (Loud cheers.) I thank the brethren for their large attendance this day, which I

assure you has made my heart warm towards Masonry more than ever. I remember that some years ago I consecrated a lodge in this town, which was the first official act of the kind I performed as D.P.G.M. I have not forgotten that act, and I assure you I don't intend to forget it. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, since we last met, I have been a long way from home, but I have not mixed with the brethren of lodges in America, because I felt that if I once made myself known I would have been smothered in Masonry. (Laughter and applause.) Still, everywhere I went in America, the fact that I was a Mason brought me a hearty welcome, which clearly shows, brethren, that our Order is not a mere name, but a great benefit. I have been north and west, and I have felt the benefit of being a Mason. I am proud of having had conferred upon me the highest honours which it is possible to receive, and I do trust I may be long spared to rule over this province. When at last I am taken away, I do sincerely hope the brethren will be able to say, "We have lost a man who did us good." (Immense cheering, the brethren rising to their feet *en masse*.)

The P.G.M. said he was sorry that the Hon. Frederick Stanley, W.D.P.G.M., was unable to be present at the meeting that day, owing to a sudden call to attend a railway board in London, and he desired him (Lord Skelmersdale) to express to the brethren his great regret at his unavoidable absence. He would now give them the toast of D.P.G.M., coupling with it the P.G. Wardens.

Bro. Prescott, P.J.G.W., responded in appropriate terms, regretting the early departure of Bro. Sir James Ramsden, P.S.G.W., who had to catch a train for Barrow.

The P.G.M. then gave the toast, "The P.G. Officers, Past and Present," and in doing so expressed his thanks to them for their assistance since his appointment. He also expressed his gratitude to the brethren who had accepted office that day, and trusted that the working of the province would be as efficient and harmonious in the future as it had been in the past.

Bro. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., acknowledged the toast, and said that although war might be looming in the distance with regard to his office, judging from what was said that day, still he thought the offices of Secretary and Treasurer could only be properly held year after year by one person.

Bro. Baxendale, P.P.G.P., gave "The West Lancashire Institution for the Education and Advancement in Life of Children of Distressed Freemasons," and in doing so spoke from personal observation of the great benefits of the Institution. It was worthy of all the support which could be possibly given to it, and he trusted that the coming year would see a material addition to the funds of the Institution. Since its commencement it had never done more than was at first intended; but now with an accumulated capital of something like £10,000, he hoped to see it do more than it was even now doing.

Bro. A. C. Mott, the Hon. Sec., returned thanks, and said it was the first Institution of the kind started in the provinces, but now Cornwall, Cheshire, and East Lancashire had corresponding charities, although of a somewhat different kind. They had never yet turned away a single child from the benefits of the West Lancashire Institution who was eligible for its foundation, and he trusted that as long as brethren existed in the Province, money would always be forthcoming, so that none may be turned back in future. He was proud to announce that Sir James Ramsden, their P.S.G.W., had promised to send a cheque, so as to constitute him a vice-president, and he believed Bro. Prescott, their P.J.G.W., intended to do the same.

Bro. Mott gave "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Provinces," which was acknowledged by Bro. Cook, W.M., of Lodge 178.

Bro. G. de la Perelle, P.G.D.C., gave "The Ladies," in felicitous terms, and Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.G.S., responded in an exceedingly happy manner.

The Tyler's toast brought the pleasant after-dinner proceedings to a close about eight o'clock. Several capital glees and songs were sung during the evening by Bros. C. Haswell, D Jones, and

T. J. Hughes, the accompaniments being played by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.

Previous to the P.G. Lodge meeting, centenary jewels were presented to Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Rev. Bro. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., by the brethren present from the Lodge of Loyalty, 86, Prescot.

As the whole of the brethren could not be accommodated at the Fleece Inn, about 80 of the members connected with the Downshire, Earl de Grey and Ripon, Harmony, St. John's, and Hamer Lodges, sat down to an excellent banquet at the "Raven," and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held in the Central Hall, Darlington, on Tuesday, 21st October, 1873.

There were present:—R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, Prov. Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Sir H. Williamson, Bart, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Bros. Joseph Doods, M.P., as P.G.S.W.; J. E. Denham, P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. Dale Trotter, P.G. Chaplain; John Trotter, P.G.R.; W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; John Morrel, P.G.S.D.; William Liddle, P.G.J.D.; Robert Hudson, P.G.D. of C.; James Young, P.G. Sword Bearer; W. J. Marshall, P.G.O.; J. Riseborough, P.G.P.; John Thompson, P.G.T.; together with a numerous gathering of Past Provincial Officers, Past Masters, and brethren of the Province.

The lodge was opened in due form.

The Minutes of a Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1872, were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of an Especial Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Public Free Library in South Shields, on Thursday, 18th September, 1873, called for the purpose of assisting the R.W. Bro. Sir H. Williamson, Bart, M.P., D.P.G.M. in laying the foundation stone of the New Chapel of St. Mark's, were then read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's accounts were read, approved, and signed by the R.W.P.G.M.

The Fund Committee's Report was read, which stated they had granted the following sums for the relief of the petitioners; viz.: The widow of a Brother of Palatine Lodge £5; widow of a brother of Williamson Lodge, £5; widow of a brother of St. Hilda's Lodge, £5; widow of a brother of St. Hilda's Lodge, £5; and they recommend that a further grant of £5 each should be made to them, as all the cases were such as would warrant the R.W.P.G.M. in rendering them additional assistance. The P.G.M. cordially consented to this, and agreed to the recommendation.

They further stated that they had granted the sum of £5 each to the widow of a brother of the Williamson Lodge, and to a brother of the Borough Lodge.

They also recommended that the following donations be given to the Masonic Charities, viz.:—To the Girls' School, £52 10s.; to the Boys' School, £52 10s.; to the Royal Institution for Aged Freemasons; £25; and to the Widows' Fund, £25, which, on the proposition of Bro. Sir H. Williamson, seconded by Bro. Crookes, was agreed to by Prov. G. Lodge.

The Committee further recommended that the sum of £100 in the hands of the P.G. Treasurer be funded as heretofore. This on being proposed by Bro. James Groves, and seconded by Bro. W. A. Malcolm, was agreed to unanimously.

The roll of lodges was next called, when all appeared by their representatives except the Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121.

The R.W.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren, and expressed his great pleasure in again meeting them in Prov. G. Lodge. In taking a retrospect of the affairs of the Craft since they last met, he said the principle circumstance was the loss Freemasonry had sustained by the death of the M.W.P.G.M. the late Earl of Zetland, a nobleman whose name would ever be associated with occurrences of deep interest and advantage to Freemasonry, and whose memory would be

cherished with feelings of respect and esteem. To him Freemasonry was deeply indebted,—for the sedulous attention he had paid to its interest, and for the firmness, wisdom, and conciliatory disposition with which he had for so long been its ruler. He was lost to us, but he had in his exalted position left an example to all who wish successfully to discharge the duties of a ruler of the Craft in private lodges.

The Prov. G. M. then observed that he had little to communicate about the affairs of Freemasonry during the last year, but it might be well to inform them that a question on which there had been some doubt was now wisely settled by Grand Lodge, and that it was now a Masonic offence for any brother to appear at any place of public resort in Masonic costume. This would make no change in this Province, for he was happy in acknowledging the kindness and consideration with which the brethren had always attended to his wishes on the subject.

The Prov. G. M. also alluded to the changes made, and he thought most reasonably made, in the rules of the two Masonic Institutions for children, whereby lodges and chapters would be required to contribute more than individuals for the attainment of the same privileges. He was much gratified at the prominence given to the subject of the Masonic Charities in the reports he had heard of the state of the several lodges. He thanked the officers for the valuable assistance received from them on several important occasions.

The Rev. John Cundill, was re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed the Officers for the ensuing year, and invested them with the insignia of their office, viz:—

Sir. H. Williamson,.....	D. Prov. G.M.
A. H. Hunt,	Prov. G. S.W.
John Bailey,	Prov. G. J.W.
Rev. F. W. Bewsher,	Prov. G. Chaplain.
W. Brignall, jun.....	Prov. G. R.
Rev. John Cundill,.....	Prov. G. Treas.
W. H. Crookes,	Prov. G. Sec.
Robert Humphrey,.....	Prov. G. S.D.
John Hunton,	Prov. G. J.D.
Robert Hudson,	Prov. G. D. of C.
George Ellis,	Prov. G. S. of W.
James Davison,	Prov. G. S.B.
James Hoggett,	Prov. G. Organist.
J. Wortley,	Prov. G. P.
J. Thompson,	Prov. G. Tyler.

The following were appointed Stewards:—J. E. Robson, 48; Robert Lutert, 94; Thomas Johnson, 531; George Pickering 1274; John Tindall, 1334; F. Maddison, 1389.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Fleece Inn.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES WALLACE AND Z CHAP. 79.

The many services of Bro. Wallace to the whole Masonic Craft in Glasgow, having induced his friends to propose to present him with some testimonial of their respect, the proposition was at once cordially taken up and responded to by every lodge in the province, and on the evening of the 5th inst., the presentation was made at Bro. P. Macdonald's, the Imperial Hotel. Councillor James Steel, P.M., of No. 4, and P.G.S.M., was called on to preside, and at once proceeded to the business of the evening, stating that though himself no novice in Masonry, he could remember at his entrance into the craft, that Bro. Wallace was even then looked up to as the Newton of Masonry. He need not remind them of his exertions for the benefit, not only of Glasgow, but of the whole West of Scotland, in the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh, or in his efforts to raise the Provincial Lodge of Glasgow. These efforts had produced beneficial effects, and to mark in a slight degree their approbation of these labours, he had now the pleasure of presenting him with an address embodying their views, this he could keep as a memento of their feelings. He had also to give, for Mrs. Wallace, a handsome set of gold earrings and brooch, and for his own use, a purse

of sovereigns. These tokens were to be taken, not as the value of his services, but as merely indicating, in a slight manner, the feelings of his friends.

Bro. Wallace said, if anything could enhance the value of the gifts, it would be receiving them from the hands of so old a friend as Bro. Steel, a man who was so well known for his blunt outspokenness, as one who was in the habit of saying what he thought to be true, even if by so doing he might offend even an old friend. He valued this quality, for it was one on which he prided himself, and if he had gained any good for the West of Scotland from the governing body in the East it was because they had come to know that Bro. Wallace would tell them truths, even though they might be unpalatable to them. He accepted the gifts in the spirit in which they were given, and he should deeply prize that to his wife. She was indeed, his better half; and, though Masonry had taken him from his home many and many hours, she was never the woman to find fault with him, or say, give it up. On her behalf, as well as his own, he thanked them.

The Chairman then gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. J. Crabb proposed the P.G.L. of Glasgow.

The Chairman, as Substitute Master, responded; as did Bro. M'Taggart, P.G.S., who proposed the "Health and Fireside of Bro. Wallace." In doing so, he dwelt at some length on Bro. Wallace's services, not only to the Province, but to the whole Craft of Scotland, by his efforts to heal the breach between the Grand Lodge and Mother Kilwinning—efforts which had settled the whole question by deciding the claims for the past, giving them their status for the present, and legislating for the future. This alone was enough to claim their admiration; but when they added to this the fact that it was mainly owing to him that they had a Benevolent Fund for Glasgow nearly equal to that of the Grand Lodge itself, he need add no more to induce them to join in this toast. (Cheers.) Bro. Wallace replied, and gave "Bro. G. Sinclair," Treasurer of the Glasgow Benevolent Fund, who suitably acknowledged the toast, saying the state of the funds had not only enabled them to quadruple the amount of their gifts to deserving objects, but also to invest the sum of £400.

Bro. G. Wheeler proposed "The Committee who had got up the testimonial and present meeting." Bro. Crabb replied.

Bro. Smith proposed the "Lord Provost and Magistrates of the City" in a highly humorous speech. Councillor Steel replied.

Bro. G. McDonald gave "The Musical Brethren who have delighted us." Bro. Robert Fraser replied by an impromptu song, in which he brought in the whole of the company, (which elicited repeated rounds of applause.)

The Chairman gave "The Host," whom he thanked for the very excellent way in which he had catered for the party. Bro. Peter Macdonald replied.

Bro. Crabb proposed "The Masonic Press," which was responded to by Bros. Bassett and Wheeler on behalf of *The Freemason*. The whole company then, out of respect to the guest of the evening, Bro. Wallace, sang the national song, "Scots wha hae wi' Wallace Bled." The Chairman then gave the final toast.

We cannot close the account of this meeting without saying that great credit is due to Bro. Balfour, the acting Secretary, for the unremitting attention he has paid to his duties, without which it would not have proved so very successful; and also according a meed of praise to Bro. Grant for the artistic way in which he had written the address on vellum, and the splendid border with which he had enriched it.

Besides, those named, there were present Bro. J. Steel, P.G.S.M.; A. M'Taggart, P.G.S.; G. Thollum, P.G.S.R.; J. Gillis, P.G.I.G.; J. Balfour, P.C.D.C.; and A. A. Smith, Convener of P.G. Committee; T. Tweed, S.M. Mother Kilwinning; J. Smille, R.W.M., No. 3; J. Baird, No. 4; J. Crabb, P.G.; Crab, N.; G. Macdonald, Z. Chap. 73; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; G. Adams, H. 50; W. Bell, J. 50; W. Bassett, 69; and about twenty other brethren.

Original Correspondence.

SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must assume that my friend and brother, who writes of me in *The Freemason* of Nov. 22nd, has known me for many years, since he deploras the change from what I was, referring, I presume, to my present belief in spiritualism. More than twenty years ago I became convinced of the reality the phenomema which are now called spiritualistic, and I have been giving attention to them ever since, occasionally writing and publishing my thoughts upon them. I am not aware of much change in my mental condition; but it may be otherwise. I may be the victim of that incipient insanity which my brother greatly fears I am, though I thank the G.A.O.T.U. that I have been enabled, throughout that time, to attend to my daily literary pursuits, as I now am, without having heard that any evidences of insanity exhibited themselves in my writings. I am grateful to my brother, the "mad doctor," for his expressed sympathy in what he supposes to be my deplorable condition; but I should have been more grateful, if, with his familiarity with cases of incipient insanity, he had exhibited his brotherly love in a more practical way, by offering to afford such relief to a mind diseased as would be likely to restore it to the perception of truth. Permit me just to add that I did not introduce the subject of spiritualism into *The Freemason*. I simply objected to the statement made by a writer in its columns, adding, that I did not think *The Freemason* was the publication in which to introduce a controversy upon the subject. Since then, I have been only vindicating myself, and those who are with me on the subject, from the absurdities that have, by two or three of my brethren, been imputed to us.

Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM CARPENTER.

FRUGALITY AND PHILANTHROPY—
THE GREAT CITY LODGE AND
BANQUETS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Hughan has drawn attention to the account in your last issue of the recent regular meeting of the Great City Lodge, and again recorded its frugality and consequent philanthropy.

I was myself struck when reading the account of its happy meeting, as it brought vividly to my recollection several very happy meetings at which I was present in the lovely and truly Masonic Island of Jersey, where at the Farborough 244, under our excellent Bro. Tracy, the Mechanics, 245, when Bro. Daw was W.M., the Royal Sussex, 491, when our worthy Bro. Barrow was W.M., the St. Aubins, 958, Bro. Gee, W.M., the Prince of Wales, 1003, under the Mastership of our excellent and musical Bro. Waldron, as well as the Royal Alfred, 877, and last, not least, the Lodge Le Césarée, when my esteemed Bro. Schmitt was Secretary, at all of which, after witnessing the best Masonic working I had ever seen, I was cordially entertained as a visitor, and to my great satisfaction in the same frugal manner as at the late supper of the Great City Lodge, and I understood it to be the regular custom of those lodges to spend as little as possible in eating and drinking, and to retain the greater portion of their lodge subscriptions for the purposes of charity.

I entirely agree with Bro. Hughan (whose name is a password to everything that is great and good in Freemasonry) that brethren should gratify their tastes in eating and drinking, out of their own pockets, and that the lodge subscriptions should be devoted to Masonic objects.

With between 1400 and 1500 lodges, what a glorious balance sheet our institutions might have next year, if every lodge would give up one banquet during the year, and devote the proceeds to the legitimate object—charity.

We might not only give our own institutions

all the help they need, but become what, as a body we ought to be, viz.: the patrons of the institutions for the deaf and dumb, the Idiot Asylum at Earlswood, besides many others of equal merit.

I shall make the proposition at the proper time in my own lodge. Who will do the same in theirs?

Fraternally yours,
H. B. HODGES,
P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W. Herts.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I must be one of many brethren who cordially agree with Bro. Francis with regard to his communication in to-day's *Freemason*.

It would be an immense advantage to many subscribers and donors to our great institutions if an extra column in the list of applications for their benefit should be devoted to stating whether the individual applicant, or his, or her father, had been a supporter of such institution, and, if possible, to what extent.

I have frequently, when hesitating for whom I should vote, searched for the names of applicants in the lists of subscribers and donors to our institutions, and often, *too often*, found no record of their names.

I need hardly say I make it a rule to give my votes, and all other votes I may be able to obtain, to any candidate who I find has, during his prosperity, supported the institution from which *he claims his right*, and I am confident that if every voter did the same we should have fewer applicants and a greater number of subscribers.

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution to which, though not an agriculturist, I have the honour of subscribing, has a rule which provides—"That should any subscriber hereafter become a candidate for the benefit of the institution, such number of votes shall be placed to his credit at the date of the first succeeding election as shall be represented by the whole amount of subscription he may have paid." Would it not be a step in the right direction, and would it not be conceding a right to the supporters of our great institutions, if we adopted that rule in all our Masonic charities.

Fraternally yours,
HERBERT B. HODGES,
P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W. Herts.

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Seeing no answer in this day's *Freemason* to Bro. J. D. F.'s enquiry, respecting the portion of Scripture proper to be read in the ceremony of the third degree, I venture to contribute the following:—

Immediately after the candidate has been made to represent one of the brightest characters in the annals of Freemasonry, and before calling upon the Wardens, the W.M. calls upon the Chaplain, who comes forward and by the side of the G., standing to the N.E., repeats from memory, Ecclesiastes, chap. xii. verses 1 to 7., the Chaplain then retires to his chair, and the W.M. proceeds with the ceremony as usual. In the absence of the Chaplain it should be the privilege of the senior P.M. to read this portion of Scripture which, I need not say if properly done, adds greatly to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony. It is always read in the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, of which

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, December 5, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, November 29.

- Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 5.
- Chapter 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 3.30. (Consecration).
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, December 1.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- Red Cross Conclave Premier, Freemasons' Tavern.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (95), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses, Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, December 2.

- Colonial Board at 3.
- Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.
- " 1261 Golden Rule, Hotel Royal, Air-st., Piccadilly.
- " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
- " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
- Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, (Winter Half-Yearly Communication), Freemason Tavern.—See Advertisement.
- Farborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canonbury, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, December 3.

Quarterly Communication Grand Lodge at 6 for 7, Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. at 8.; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, December 4.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
 " 1351, St. Clements Danes, 265, Strand.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road.
 Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, December 5.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 Chap. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggieridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verby, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, December 6, 1873.

Monday, December 1.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction, (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome (No. 77), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 Tuesday, December 2.
 Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Walton Mark Lodge, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Wednesday, December 3.

Lodge 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 5.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Foxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, December 4.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
 " 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 Friday, December 5.
 Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, December 6, 1873.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, December 1.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.
 St. Mungo Encampment, K.T., 213, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, December 2.

Lodge 32, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, December 3.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

Thursday, December 4.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

Friday, December 5.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 242, Johnstone, Cross Keys Hall, Johnstone.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 512, Thorntree, Thornliebank.

Saturday, December 6.

Lodge 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 6, 1873.

Monday, December 1.

Grand Lodge of Scotland, Election of Officebearers, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 5. Festival of St. Andrew, same place, at 6.

Tuesday, December 2.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street, at 8.
 " 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, December 4.

Lodge 97, St. James's, Writers' Court, High-st, at 8.

Friday, December 5.

Lodge 29, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
 Chap. 8 St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

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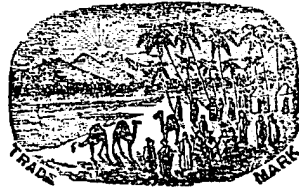
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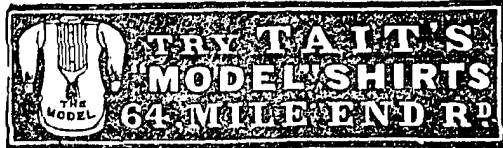


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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WARRINGTON.—*Lodge of Lights* (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of the lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey, on Monday, 24th ult. The W.M., Bro. W. Sharp, was supported by his Wardens, and an unusually large number of brethren. After the minutes were read the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles William Savage, and it being favourable he was duly initiated, Bro. Armstrong was afterwards passed. The lodge was closed in the second degree and after the by-laws had been read according to annual custom, the brethren proceed to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The ballot having been taken, the W.M. declared Bro. John Harding, Past Senior Warden duly elected. After some other routine business Bro. Thomas Tunstall drew attention to the fact that they were about to lose the services of Bro. Bowes, who had so long acted as Hon. Sec. of the Lodge and expressed a hope that at the proper time his services would receive due recognition. The following is a copy of Bro. Bowes' letter of resignation, which we insert, as it gives an epitome of the local history of the Craft for the past twelve years.—“Dear Brethren,—Having decided to retire from the office of Honorary Secretary of the Lodge at the end of the current year, it is due to the Members that I should acquaint them with my intention; and I may perhaps be excused, on the present occasion, if I briefly note the local history of the Craft during my connection with it. At my initiation in 1841, the lodge numbered twenty-four members, who met at a house of public entertainment. Its “working condition” at this time may be inferred from the fact that the monthly attendance of a skilled Past Master from a distance was a necessity. In 1861, Bro. H. B. White joined the lodge, and from that time dates improvement. Warrington enjoyed a high reputation in the Masonic Art more than two centuries before, and Bro. White entered heartily upon the work of restoration, It was my privilege to join him in this work, and the result is known. We have now two lodges and a Royal Arch Chapter with one hundred and fifty members. We have also a large interest in the Educational Institutions of our Order, and an efficient band of Past Masters and other Officers. Of the twenty-four Members I found in the Lodge in 1841, eight are dead, ten have ceased their connection with No. 148, and the remaining six are my seniors. I became Secretary in June, 1862, in succession to Bro. Harrison Veevers, which office I have held to the present time. During this period, I have filled the offices of J.W., W.M., First Acting Master of the Gilbert Greenhall Lodge, M.E.Z. of the Chapter, and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. In all these positions, I have endeavoured to discharge my obligations as a Ruler in the Craft, and I think, therefore, I may now reasonably claim official relief. I will only add that, although I retire from office, I hope still to give a regular and punctual attendance at the Lodge, and to render any assistance within the compass of my ability on all acceptable occasions. I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,—John Bowes, 129, 148, 1051, P.M.; P. Prov. G. Dir. Cir.; P. Prov. G. Reg; P. Z.; P. Prov. G.S.B. There being no further business the Lodge was closed.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—On Thursday, the 27th ultimo, the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, Bro. George Newman, W.M., in the chair, whose perfect working was a source of pleasure to all who were so fortunate as to be present on the occasion. Indeed it will be seen from the subjoined report of the proceedings that the business of the day was a complete example of the ceremonies of Craft Masonry, comprising as it did the ballot for and initiation of a candidate, the passing of others to the second degree, and the raising of others to the third, supplemented by the impressive ceremony of installing the W.M. elect. All those ceremonies were most skillfully wrought by Bro. Newman, who proved himself to be a Master Mason in deed as well as in name, and deservedly won the admiration and applause of his audience. When the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. George John Paull, proposed by Bro. Pringle, seconded by Bro. Miller, P.M., and was declared in his favour. Bro. Partridge passed the usual examination as a candidate for the F.C. degree, and the lodge having been opened in the second degree, they were passed into it. Bros. Cheltnam and Smithers were then examined and entrusted as candidates for raising, and the lodge having been opened in the third degree, they were raised to the dignity of M.M. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Worrell, late S.W., into the chair of K.S. was then very ably performed by Bro. Newman, who thus closed his year of office in a manner we never lose the opportunity of praising. It is too much the practice with outgoing Masters to delegate to a Past Master more devoted or more industrious than themselves, the duty of installing their successors, and we are therefore always pleased to see a Master do this work himself, as it is both a compliment to the W.M. elect, and a good example to the whole fraternity. Bro. Worrell, having been installed and duly proclaimed, proceeded to appoint his officers, presenting each with his badge of office, accompanied by a few kind words of encouragement. The various offices were filled as follows: Bros. Braun, S.W.; Pringle, J.W.; Newton, S.D.; Cragg, J.D.; Kain, Sec. and Treas., Archer, I.G.; John Newton, D.C.; Newman, Steward, I.P.M.; Grant, Tyler. In appointing the D.C. and Steward, Bro. Worrell made an observation worthy of the consideration of other lodges, namely, that it had been thought advisable to confer those offices on experienced rather than more recently made Masons, to them rather as dignities to be distributed to P.M.'s than as stepping stones to other offices. We understood him to say that in future, in the William Preston Lodge, the first office a member would be appointed to would be that of Inner Guard. The appointment of the officers having been completed, Bro. Worrell rose and in a speech in which he passed the highest eulogiums on the merits of his predecessor in the chair, presented Bro. Newman with a very handsome gold jewel, made in the form of a five-pointed star (from the atelier of Bro. Kenning), as a mark which the members of the lodge desired to confer on their retiring W.M., and as a slight memento of their esteem for him as a brother, and of their admiration of his conduct in the chair during his year of office. Bro. Newman, in a graceful speech, acknowledged the compliment and the kindness which prompted it assuring the brethren that he should always wear it both with pride and pleasure. The lodge was then formally closed down to the first degree, when the worthy Secretary, Bro. Kain, read several communications. It appears that it was the desire of the lodge that all P.M.'s who had retired from it should be present on this occasion, and all such had been invited to attend, and the letters read by the Secretary from those who, from illness and other specified good reasons, showed that it was from no lack of interest on their part, but only from urgent necessity that they failed to put in an appearance. Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. Hervey, G.S.; Binckes, Sec. of the Boys' School; C.C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Randall, 194; Garrod, 749; Skinner, 40;

George Kenning, Prov. G. Deacon Middlesex; Wigmore, Daintree, Jennings, 1136; W. F. Smith, 177; Webster, 807; Roberts, 742; Goodyear, 192; Benham, 1339; Waring, 192; Dr. Wilkinson, 181, 766; Steigenwold, 742; Thompson, 742; Davis, 192; Abbot, 192; Wingham, 25; Headon, 1426; Arkell, 192; Reel, 192; F. W. Blake, 21. When the lodge had been duly closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, a room of noble proportions, where they were served with a sumptuous repast, which reflected the highest credit on the hotel and its excellent manager. The fact that this is a Banner Lodge adds greatly to its attractiveness, both in the lodge room and at the banquet. For the few of our readers who do not know what a Banner Lodge is, we may explain that in such Lodges it is the custom for every Master when he is installed to have his arms emblazoned on a banner, which becomes the property of the Lodge, and both in the Lodge rooms and at the banquet the Master and Past Masters sit under their respective banners. When in due course the cloth had been removed, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. In proposing that of “The Past and Present Grand Officers,” Bro. Worrell observed that he was on the present occasion honoured with the company of two, namely, Bro. Hervey, the esteemed Grand Secretary, who was an honorary member of the William Preston Lodge, and Bro. Conrad Dumas, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, both of whom he begged to couple with the toast; as regarded the former every Mason knew him and by all he was esteemed; as regarded the latter he had long been associated in his professional career with Bro. Dumas. In that capacity he had much for which to thank Bro. Dumas; he was one to whom he had always been able to look up with confidence and respect. In returning thanks Bro. Hervey said that he had first very great pleasure in congratulating Bro. Worrell on being installed in the chair of the William Preston Lodge; and, secondly, in congratulating the Lodge on having secured the services of one who was so capable and so willing to discharge the duties of that important position. He observed that he took a considerable interest in the William Preston Lodge for he had had something to do with bringing it into existence. It was now some years since he had had the pleasure of consecrating this Lodge, and he had great satisfaction in witnessing its present prosperity. It had been certainly like some people, who must needs go round the world before they could settle down in life. The William Preston Lodge was originally established at Putney under very auspicious circumstances; from thence they migrated to Anerly, where for a time they were perfectly happy. However a change had since come over the spirit of their dream, and nothing would do, but they must find a wider sphere, for which purpose they came to London, and a great opposition was made to their settling here. It was said you are very comfortable where you are, and here you had better stay, but nothing could daunt the William Preston Lodge, or their worthy Treasurer, who overcame innumerable difficulties, and at length achieved his object, and here they were. He trusted that they were at last happily located. He was sure that the Earl of Carnarvon would be as grateful as he was himself for the toast that had been proposed, and responded to so cordially; and for himself he trusted that his absences in the future would be less frequent than they had been in the past. Bro. Dumas said that on ordinary occasions he should have been rather sorry for his name to be coupled with that of Bro. Hervey in the toast of the Present and Past Grand Officers; it was a theme with which Bro. Hervey was so thoroughly at home that he left little to be said by any one who came after him. On the present occasion, however, he felt particularly grateful to the W.M. for mentioning his name, as from his connection with Bro. Worrell in the ordinary business of life, besides knowing him so well as a brother Mason, he could testify to his excellence in all respects, knowing as he did his many good qualities, he could confidently predict him a most successful year of office, and that if the honour the brethren had done Bro. Worrell had elevated him, he

was sure that by his occupation the position of W.M. of that lodge would not only lose none of its lustre, but would pass from him with an additional glory upon it. In reply to the toast of the W.M., which was proposed in a pleasant little speech by the immediate P.M., Bro. Worrell said that he conceived it to be the highest honour a Mason could attain to be the Master of his Mother Lodge: He had at length attained that proud position, and he trusted that he should be able to discharge its duties with credit to himself, and that at least his best endeavours would be to do all in his power for the well-being of the lodge. Supported by the officers whom he had appointed, he believed that the William Preston Lodge would rank as one of the best lodges in London. The healths of "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Officers," &c., were proposed in due course, and many able speeches were made, but want of space must be our excuse for not noticing them individually. There was one other, however, which was of an importance that demands a short notice, viz., "The Prosperity of the Masonic Charities," which Bro. Worrell, in an excellent speech, eulogised, saying that these charities were a practical good worked out by Freemasonry, which all the world could understand. If there was any feeling of doubt as to the excellence of the Order among the uninitiated public, to whom brethren could not impart their secrets; if the uninitiated world said, "What good do you effect?" Freemasons had only to point to these great institutions as a practical unanswerable demonstration of the excellence of the Order, and in the course of his speech he said that he should be proud to be invited to become a Steward for any one of these charities on the occasion of a festival. Bro. Binckes, whose name was coupled with this toast, made an excellent speech in reply. He said that after making three hundred speeches a year for the last ten years, he had exhausted his stock of originality. It is quite true that charity is a practical illustration of Masonry, and he thanked the W.M. for his remarks on the subject, especially for that offer, if invited, to become a Steward for one of the charities. "And before I go further, sir," said Bro. Binckes, "I do ask you. I am nothing if I am not practical; I do ask you to be Steward for the Boys' School. Why do I ask for the Boys' School? On account of my individual official connection with that Institution? Because it is the only one uncrowned. Both the Institution for Aged Freemasons and also the Girls' School have large funded property, but the Boys' School has not a single shilling of funded property." He proceeded to detail the good the Institution had already effected, and the large encumbrances they had paid off. Remarks had been made by some suggesting that their point of education was too high, but he reminded the brethren that education was now the question of the day, and that the School Board elections now taking place showed the interest that was taken in the question of raising the standard of education throughout the whole country, and he maintained that their standard was not too high a one. He concluded by saying that however much had been done by these charities, it was little to what might be effected. There were some thirty-five thousand Freemasons, but yet it was a fact that the charities were principally supported by some five thousand of that number. He wanted to reach the other thirty thousand. The entertainment of the evening was greatly enhanced by some excellent songs by several of the brethren present. The whole of the arrangements were admirably conducted, and the meeting was altogether a very great success.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—One of the most successful meetings of this flourishing lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 17th ult., when a large number of brethren assembled to do honour to the W.M. elect, Bro. Frederick Smith, P.M. 177. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Hargrave Jones, W.M., assisted by his officers; and in the course of the evening Bro. Tate was passed to the second degree, and Mr. Frederick Roberts initiated. Bro. Brett, P.M., P.G. Pursuivant, then took the chair, and in his usual excellent style, installed Bro. Smith in the presence of twenty-six Installed Masters. The

officers invested were as follows:—Bros. Alfred R. Haley (the well-known Secretary of the L.P.D. Company), S.W.; B. Seeley, J.W.; W. F. Newall Quilty, P.M., Treas.; J. Weaver, P.M., P. Prov. G.O. Middlesex, Treas. Benevolent Fund; R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, Sec.; T. Kingston, S.D.; W. W. Anderson, J.D.; F. M. Whitehead, I.G.; C. Walker, D.C.; J. Brett, P.G. Pursuivant, Wine Steward; Alfred Moore, Collecting Steward; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed. A banquet was then served by the Messrs. Clemow, and gave entire satisfaction. The health of the Grand Officers was received with enthusiasm, and responded to by Col. Burdett, P.G.W., Prov. G.M. Middlesex. All the usual toasts were duly honoured, including the "Masonic Charities," for which Bros. Binckes and Terry replied. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Jones, and gracefully acknowledged by the worthy recipient. Among the numerous visitors present were Bros. J. Hervey, G. Sec.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; E. A. Cottelane, G.P.; J. Boyd, P.G.P.; T. Cubitt, A.G.P.; H. Dicketts, G. Steward 23; C. Duke, P.M. 40, Prov. J.D. Sussex; M. Haydon, P.M. 177; H. Mugeridge, P.M. 192; C. Horsley, P.M. 511, P. Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex; H. Phythian, W.M. elect 1293; J. E. Walford, P.M. 177; H. G. Buss, P.M. 27; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; K. R. H. Mackenzie; J. Skinner, P.M. 40; Vernon, and others. The members of the lodge, which is not a large one, also mustered well to do honour to the installation of Bro. Smith, and the evening passed off with great *velut*. Bro. Brett, as Wine Steward, attended indefatigably to the comfort of all, and his catering left nothing to be desired.

CAPPER LODGE (1076).—The annual meeting of this prosperous and flourishing lodge took place on Thursday the 13th inst., at the Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks, West Ham, E. At 12.30, p.m., the Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. B. B. Brayshaw; who was supported by Bros. C. W. Ashdown, I.P.M.; S. Watkins, P.M.; J. Henderson, P.M., and Sec.; G. Park, Treas.; A. Knox S.W. (W.M., elect); Priestley, J.W.; Holliday, S.D., and a number of brethren. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and also those of a lodge of emergency, having been read and duly confirmed, the lodge was opened, respectively in the second and third degrees; two Brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, two passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and one gentleman initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the whole of the ceremonies being most admirably worked by the W.M. The lodge having been resumed in the second degree, Bro. A. Knox, S.W., was presented to the W.M., by Bro. Ashdown, P.M., to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony was accordingly proceeded with, a board of Installed Masters formed, and Bro. Knox duly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The board of Installed Masters having been closed, the brethren of the lodge were readmitted, and the newly Installed W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. He then proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. B. B. Brayshaw, I.P.M.; W. Priestley, S.W.; H. B. Holliday, J.W.; G. Park, Treasurer, J. Henderson, P.M., Secretary; Day, S.D.; Hesselwood, J.D.; Semple, I.G.; Sherwin, Organist; Geary, W.S.; and Allison (re-elected), Tyler, each of the officers being invested with the collar and jewel of his office by the Installing Officer, and conducted to his respective situation in the lodge by the D.C. the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Brayshaw in a most impressive manner, and reflected the highest credit upon that brother, who at the close of the ceremony, received the hearty congratulations of the P.M.'s and brethren present. It was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Bro. Ashdown, P.M., seconded by the W.M., that the thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Brayshaw for the very able manner in which he had discharged the

duties of W.M. during the past year, that the same be engrossed on vellum, and together with a Past Master's jewel, be presented to him, in recognition of the very valuable services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was served by Bro. Old, the host, in a manner which reflected the highest credit upon his establishment. The usual toasts were given from the chair of the newly installed W.M., and duly responded to, the Tyler's toast bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close, about 11 p.m. The business of the evening was greatly relieved by several songs, recitations, &c., which were given by the various brethren, assisted by Bro. Sherwin, Organist, who throughout the evening, as well as during the performance of the ceremonies in the lodge, presided at the harmonium with his usual skill and ability. As usual, a number of visitors were present, amongst whom we noticed the following, viz.:—Bros. Young, W.M. 1327; Evans, S.W. 1327; Gilbert, J.W. 1327; Graham, P.M. 700; Leuchart, 1107; Capt. Brooks, 77; and Simmonds, 94.

GOLDEN RULE LODGE (No. 1261).—The brethren of this lodge met at their new temple, the "Regent," in Air-street, on the 2nd inst., and for two hours were occupied in the legitimate Masonic work of making and passing members. Bro. Frederick Bigg, the present W.M., occupied the chair for the last time, the Senior Warden, Bro. J. J. Harris, having been unanimously elected to succeed him at the meeting in February. Bro. Harris made some pertinent observations respecting his unwillingness to appoint as officers, brethren who were manifestly incapable of performing their duties creditably, then he disapproved of the principle of rotation, and said that it should always be borne in mind that Masonic honours are not communicated indiscriminately, but are conferred upon candidates according to merit and ability. At the banquet (which was served in Bro. Nicoll's best style) the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren expressed themselves, as on the former occasion, quite charmed with their new abode. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. remarked: When called to the chair of the Golden Rule Lodge, I prescribed for myself two duties that I have during the year endeavoured sedulously to discharge; the first was to see that the order and regularity of the lodge remained untarnished, and the second, to endeavour, as your Master, to reflect, and be the exponent of your sentiments. I believe I never reflect those sentiments more truthfully, than when I offer in your name a cordial greeting to those visiting brethren who have honoured us by their company. I trust brethren that what occurred to myself last Friday week at the Middlesex Lodge, will never occur in the Golden Rule, otherwise the sooner it changes its name the better. At the invitation of Bro. Strawbridge, a Mason of 17 years standing, who, you will remember, was my guest here at last meeting, I accepted his return invite to the Middlesex Lodge, and we engaged to meet at the Albion Tavern at half-past 5. I attended to time, and found the brethren robing in the ante-room. I signed the attendance book as W.M. of your lodge and P.M. of 66, and when the Master summoned us to assist him to open the lodge at six o'clock, I entered with the rest. You may judge of my surprise and confusion when I, an old P.M. and Mason of 25 years standing, was told to retire, as I could not be admitted to the Middlesex Lodge, unless the brother who introduced me was present to vouch for me. This occurred, brethren, not in the middle of day, when the gentle amenities of life are blunted by the cares of business, but at night, when, as our genial Tom Moore says:

"Fly not yet, the fount that played
In times of old by Ammon's shade,
Tho' icy cold by day it ran
Yet still like souls of mirth began
To burn when night was near.

Pretty souls of mirth, brethren, are the members of the Middlesex Lodge, if their W.M. reflects their sentiments! Of course, I withdrew, but as the Rules of the Middlesex Lodge are so diametrically at variance with the principles of Masonry, where we "meet on the level and part

on the square," I could under no circumstances have consented to stop to the banquet. (Applause.) I did what I thought would be the graceful thing, at once retired from the lodge, and on the next morning sent to Bro. Salmon, the W.M. of the lodge, an invitation to attend here to-night as my visitor. (Applause.) He writes me regretting that he has a previous engagement—an answer that I might have anticipated. I can only say, in the language of Moses of old "I have seen this people, and behold it is a stiff-necked people." (Laughter.) While the Book of Constitutions enjoins on Masters and Wardens to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding cultivated amongst Freemasons—it strikes me that the refusal to permit a W.M. of a lodge access to the Middlesex Lodge because his introducer is not in attendance to vouch for him, is a breach of Masonic law, and as such should be brought under the notice of the brethren. (Hear, hear.) I did myself the pleasure of inviting Bro. Kenning here to-night that I might prevail on him to print my observations, but as he is W.M., of No. 1 Mark Lodge, he wished to be present at the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, which meets to-night, he is unavoidably absent from our festive meeting. His journal, by far the best that ever appeared in connection with the Craft, has a great circulation; a distinguished brother present, who writes shorthand, is taking down my remarks, and I hope they may have the effect of preventing the repetition of a proceeding so inimical to the interests of our noble Order. (Applause.) After some excellent speeches and songs, the brethren adjourned till the first Tuesday in February, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

SUNDERLAND.—*Fenwick Lodge* (No. 1389).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, 21st ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. John Bell as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. W. H. Crookes, Provincial Grand Secretary and W.M., having placed Bro. Bell in the chair of K.S. and tendered the congratulations of the brethren, the W.M. proceeded to invest the officers for the year, viz:—Bros. W. H. Crookes, as I.P.M.; T. Riley, S.W.; Bro. F. Maddison, J.W.; R. Hudson, Treasurer; W. Beattie, Secretary; George Clark, S.D.; A. S. Fox, J.D.; A. Lee, I.G.; M. Douglas, P.M. So, P. Prov. G.J.D., as Hon. Tyler; J. S. Nicholson, Steward. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Palatine Hotel, where a banquet of the most recherche description was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. Under the presidency of the W.M., the fullest justice was done to the various delicacies. Amongst those present were P.M.'s W. H. Crookes, R. Humphrey, R. W. Halfknight, John Tillman, T. Elwen, P. G. Hoistendahl, R. Hudson, R. Liddell, J. Stainsby; and many members from St. John, No. 80; Phoenix, No. 94; Palatine, No. 97; Williamson, No. 949; St. John No. 175, Greenock was also represented. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. A novel feature was the introduction of a truly Masonic song, composed and set to music in honour of Bro. Walter Beattie, the words by Bro. W. Allen, and the music by Angelo Forrest.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The second regular meeting of this lately consecrated lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at Bro. Laxton's, the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge-road. The W.M., Bro. Charles Smith, assumed the chair at six o'clock punctually, at which hour there were present.—Bros. G. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cattle, J.W.; John Noke, Acting I.P.M.; E. Thurkle, Treas.; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; L. Cornelissen, J.D.; W. Ashworth, I.G.; and a goodly sprinkling of members yet unattached to office. The lodge was duly opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the second degree, when the three brethren who had received the benefit of Masonic light at the meeting in September—Bros. Cox, J. Knight Smith, and Nott—appeared as candidates for the F.C. degree, having previously proved themselves entitled to

the privilege. The ceremony concluded, the ballot was then taken with a successful result for four candidates (a fifth being absent,) who were anxious to enrol themselves in the Masonic ranks, and accordingly Messrs. C. Pantlin, G. Skegg, W. C. Ware, and J. Elmer, were duly initiated into Ancient Freemasonry, each candidate, in accordance with an inflexible rule very properly observed in this lodge was introduced separately, and the beautiful and impressive ceremony was most effectively delivered by the W.M. in a manner which could not fail in making a lasting impresson on the minds of those thus introduced into a new world (to them) under his auspices. Bro. Smith is an enthusiast in Freemasonry, in the highest and holiest sense of the word, and the language of the sublime ritual flows from his lips with a fervency and sincerity which can never be forgotten by those who are obligated into the Order at his hands. The ancient charge was afterwards given, and the Bye-laws of the lodge, and also those of the Benevolent Fund were read. The latter are worthy of especial commendation. At a time when a feeling is spreading widely abroad throughout the Craft, that too much of the lodge funds is diverted from the legitimate, and for which purpose alone Masonry does and ought to exist, it is gratifying to find that this young lodge is willing, without any pressure from above or without, to institute a proper order of things in its government. The first bye-laws of the Ivy Lodge Benevolent Fund states "that this fund shall be supported by a payment of ten per cent. from every initiation fee, joining fee, and annual subscription of the lodge." Another bye-law allows the Committee to grant an immediate relief to an applicant who might claim the benevolence of the lodge, to the extent of ten pounds. "He who gives quickly, gives twice" is a very old and true saying, and the generosity of this bye-law cannot be too highly commended. Another bye-law provides that when the invested funds amount to one hundred pounds, the surplus money, beyond the floating sum of ten pounds for casualties, in the hands of the Treasurer, shall be applied to make the Ivy Lodge Benevolent Fund Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, a determination which, we hope may be speedily realized. The practice of this lodge is equal to the precept. When the lodge was duly closed some simple and inexpensive refreshments were served, which however proved sufficiently genial to detain the brethren in agreeable converse together until the clock striking eleven warned them to depart. The next meeting of the lodge (emergencies excepted) will be in January next, which is the annual period appointed for election, but this we imagine will be but a mere form, on this occasion, as the brethren of the Ivy Lodge, will never part with their first W.M. on such a short innings.

INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—A meeting of the members of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, for the purpose of working the fifteen sections. The W.M., C. F. Hogard, W.M. of Israel Lodge (No. 205), opened the lodge in usual form at 6.30 p.m. The work proceeded as follows, viz:—

1st section	Bro. Cowan
2nd "	" Larlham
3rd "	" Gay
4th "	" Bingeman
5th "	" Constable
6th "	" Larlham
7th "	" Bingeman
8th "	" Posener
9th "	" Constable
10th "	" Bingeman
11th "	" Larlham
12th "	" Bingeman
13th "	" Constable
14th "	" Lee
15th "	" Larlham

The lodge was resumed, and the cordial vote of thanks of the brethren was accorded to the W.M. for his efficiency in presiding, as well as the honorary membership of the lodge for his past services thereto, and which he acknowledged

in suitable and grateful terms. The thanks of the lodge were also accorded to those brethren who had contributed so largely to the instruction and pleasure of those assembled. Bros. J. P. Child, 185; Bingeman, 55; J. Able, 55; W. H. Lee, 975; J. Cowan, 180, Scotch Constitution, were elected joining members. The lodge was closed at 10 o'clock, after a very pleasant and instructive evening

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Lodge* (No. 27).—This old and highly respected lodge held its installation meeting in St. Mark's Hall, on Thursday, the 20th ult., the R.W.M., Bro. G. Sinclair, Treasurer of the Provincial Benevolence Fund, presiding. Business was commenced by the initiation of three gentlemen. The J.W., Bro. D. Butler, having been unanimously elected to fill the chair, he was presented by Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M. 73, to Bro. Halkett, P.M., who acted as Installing Master. On the re-admission of the brethren to the lodge the new R.W.M. was saluted by about 150 Master Masons, who had come to grace his installation. At the request of the R.W.M., his Deputy Master, Bro. A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Sec., then invested and installed the following office bearers.—Bros. Dugald Butler, R.W.M.; G. Sinclair, P.M.; A. McTaggart, D.M.; John Penny, S.M.; W. McCall, S.W.; Dr. McInnes, J.W.; W. B. Paterson, Sec.; T. Lockhead, Treas.; G. McComb S. D.; John Armour, J.D.; Rev. McLeck, Chap.; A. R. Wilson, V.C.; T. Muir, B.B.; Grange, Kirkland, Reid, Miller, and Bith, Stewards; W. Albion, Dr. of Music; Brodie, I.G.; T. Cameron, O.G.; Dr. S. Buchanan, Surgeon. On the entrance of the Tyler, Bro. J. Rankin, who is now 82 years of age, Bro. McTaggart in graceful terms alluded to the long and faithful service he had rendered to the Lodge, and expressed his conviction that every member of the Lodge would be only too happy to lend their aid to make his last days as peaceful and plenteous as he should desire. (Cheers.) The lodge was then placed in the hands of the J.W. for refreshments. On the dais, supporting the R.W.M., we observed Bros. G. Lincoln, P.M.; J. Bain, P.M. 3; Rev. G. Wilson, Chaplain 27; Rev. B. Porteous, 27; J. B. Paterson, Sec. 27; J. Main, Treas.; G. McDonald, R.W.M. 73; A. McTaggart, P.G.S.; T. Halkett, P.M. 102 P.G.T.; C. Wilson, R.W.M., 219; and W. Bassett, 27. The Chairman, having given the usual loyal and Masonic toasts proposed "The health of the I.P.M., and the retiring officers of the Lodge," Bro. R. Fraser sang a song he had composed in honour of the retiring Master, which elicited unbounded applause. Bro. Sinclair in the course of his reply stated the three years during which he had filled that chair had been the most happy of his life, and the evenings he had spent in St. Mungo's were the most pleasant of that time. This he attributed to the kindness with which all his efforts for the good of the lodge had been met and the support he had received from all the officers of the Lodge. He had also to return thanks to Bros. Bain, McTaggart and Halkett for their kindness, on many occasions during that period, when they filled the duties of his office for him. (Cheers.) Before sitting down he would propose "The Health of Bro. Porteous," who after an absence from the city of eleven years, had come amongst them to-night. The Rev. J. Porteous said it afforded him a great deal of pleasure as a clergyman of the Church of England to attend there that night, for though a true son of that Church, he was yet quite as true a son of St. Mungo, and he held that a clergyman was never out of his place or out of his duty while attending a Masonic Lodge, for the tenets though few, were fit to be given in any church, and no man need desire higher praise to have recorded that he was a perfect, true, and honest Mason. (Cheers.) The R.W.M. gave the "Three Initiates." Bro. Marr responded, stating that as a native of the city, a "Glasgow chapie," he was proud to be admitted amongst the Sons of St. Mungo. The S.W. gave the "Visiting Brethren," responded by

Bros. Bannerman and Wheeler, of 73. Bro. McDonald, gave "The Health of the New R.W.M." Bro. D. Butler, in replying, alluded to the list of illustrious men who had filled the chair of St. Mungo, expressing his determination if he could not add to the lustre of the chair, he would at any rate leave it and St. Mungo's sceptre untarnished, to be wielded by his successor. Bro. the Rev. J. Porteous, being himself connected with the Press, would present them the claims of the Masonic Press, Bro. Bassett for the *Masonic News*, and Bro. Wheeler for *The Freemason*, replied, and the final toast concluded this very agreeable meeting.

GLASGOW.—*Clyde Lodge* (No. 408) celebrated their 13th anniversary, on the 21st ultimo, by holding a soirée, concert, and ball, in the Assembly Rooms, Bath-street. Full justice having been done to the ample repast, provided by Bro. Jas. Dunn, the chair was taken by the R.W.M., Bro. Duncan Downie, who was supported by Bros. John Buchanan, P.M. 408; R. Mitchell, P.M. 232; T. Wilson, J.W. 102; J. Stewart, J.W. 572; and the principal office-bearers of his own lodge. There was in the hall large deputations from several lodges, notably from the *Union*, and the *Thorn-tree*, 512. Bro. Downie commenced the business part of the proceedings by intimating that, as they had a very lengthy programme, he intended his remarks to be very brief. He felt it a great honour to have to preside over such a large and influential gathering of Freemasons—and, he was happy to be able to add—Freemasons' wives, sisters, daughters, and, he hoped he could say—sweethearts. The *Lodge Clyde*, though comparatively young, was not a sickly young child, but had attained a vigorous growth; her sons had not been idle, as they would know when he told them that during the thirteen years the lodge had been in existence, they had initiated 585 candidates. (Cheers.) "I was true that they seldom got a title of them together, but they must remember that a great majority of their members were seafaring men; but by that very means they had been diffusing the precepts of Freemasonry in all quarters of the globe. (Cheers.) They had also established a Benevolent Fund of their own, that was second to none in the Province. He was, therefore, for these reasons, proud of his position as the ruler of the *Clyde*. (Cheers.) Bro. R. Mitchell, P.M. 332, addressed the meeting at great length, and, in the course of his remarks, he said he had been connected with the *Clyde Lodge* from the first year of its existence, and he was never more proud of that connexion than to-night, when he saw such a noble gathering of Masons and their friends. He was glad to see so many of the fair sex present, he was going to say sisters as well as brothers; but he hoped that day would soon come, for as many knew, he had been advocating the establishment of a lodge of the Eastern Star for the benefit of the wives and daughters of Masons, and as soon as he had got the necessary authorization from the Grand Governing Body in America, he would seek the assistance of a few liberal-minded brothers, and then they would open a lodge, not strictly a Masonic lodge, but a lodge in connection with Masonry, for the benefit of the female relatives of Masons. (Cheers from the ladies.) Kilwinning in 1141 laid the foundation of Masonry in this country, and he hoped to be able to lay the foundation of female Masonry, which would spread like its progenitor, till it covered the face of the earth. At a later period of the evening, in proposing the thanks of the meeting to the Chairman, Bro. R. Mitchell alluded to the funeral of an American Mason, recorded in the pages of *The Freemason* that week, and said when he was known to be sick, the *Lodge Union* at once gave him their bed in the infirmary, and when he was called to the Grand Lodge above, the *Lodge Clyde* very kindly granted permission for him to be buried in their grave, where he lay with 408 above his head. For this act alone the *Lodge Clyde* and its R.W.M. deserved their thanks, but they must not let the matter stand here, they had now nearly £14 in hand subscribed for that purpose, and above the expense of that funeral, and now they must determine to buy ground for the use of the Masons of this city, so that when any foreign brethren died amongst us, we might have

a suitable place to put them in, instead of having to be beholden to any single lodge; still they were indebted to the *Clyde* and its Master. (Cheers.) Bro. Downie acknowledged the compliment, saying his lodge, as well as himself, were at all times only too happy to do anything to forward the great interests of Universal Freemasonry. The concert was sustained by the talent of Miss Bessie Maclean, Bros. J. Stewart, J. C. Allan, and S. W. Frame, while Bro. R. Buchanan presided at the pianoforte; but in addition to those artists who had been announced, through the kindness of Bro. A. Domson, No. 73, proprietor of the Victoria Music Hall, Bro. Duclen, who is not only an excellent singer, but an admirable player on the guitar, contributed very considerably to enhance the pleasures of a very enjoyable evening. Dancing commenced at 11.30, and was continued to the strain of an excellent band, till the grey dawn began to peep.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144) held its monthly meeting on the 13th inst., Comp. David Bell, Z., presiding, assisted by J. McLeish, H.; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, acting as J.; D. Read, Scribe E.; J. Callan, S.N.; J. Annard, First S.; Robert Bell, Second S. There being no business in the Arch Degree, a Mark Lodge was opened, and Bro. Jas. Mills was advanced to that degree. The First Principal then informed the lodge that business was compelling him in a short time to go to India; he deeply regretted this, and he had fondly hoped to have helped to make this, though the youngest, the best chapter in the city, but he should try to meet them once more, and finish off the work now on hand. Comp. G. W. Wheeler proposed that the best thanks of the chapter be given to Comp. Bell, for his past services, and regret that he is about to leave this country. Seconded by Comps. J. McLeish, and Robert Bell, and carried unanimously. Comp. Bell briefly acknowledged the compliment.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND. THE FESTIVAL OF ST. ANDREW.

ON Monday, 1st inst., the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the election of office-bearers and for the celebration of the festival of St. Andrew, took place in the Freemasons' Hall. The Grand Lodge was opened by the Earl of Rosslyn, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who was supported by Brother John Whyte-Melville, R.W.P.G.M.; the Earl of Kellie, R.W.J.G.W.; Colonel Campbell of Blythswood, M.P., P.G.W.; Lord James C. P. Murray, representative at the Grand Lodge of England; Sir James Alexander, P.G.M. of Stirlingshire; Bro. Walter M. Neilson, P.G.M. of Glasgow; Captain G. R. Harriet of Killimore, P.G.M. of Wigtownshire; Captain J. F. Oswald of Dunnikier, P.G.W.; Bro. W. Mann, P.G.W.; Rev. Dr. Gray, G.C.; Br. J. Laurie, G.S.; Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garion, S.G.D.; Bros. F. A. Barrow, J.G.D.; A. Hay, G.J.; J. Coghill, Grand Dir. Cer.; J. Ballantine, G.B.; C. W. M. Muller, Grand Dir. Mus. There were also present—the Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, R.W.S.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of England; and Mr. W. Smith, one of the Grand Stewards of the Grand Lodge of England; and Mr. William Officer, P.G.D.; the representatives of Sweden, Canada, Saxony, Tennessee; Captain Colt of Gartsherrie, Captain Gordon of Craigmyle, &c.

Apologies for absence were read from the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., P.G.M.; Bro. A. Smollett of Bonhill, P.G.M. of Dumbartonshire; the Lord Provost of Edinburgh; Br. David Bryce, R.S.A., Grand Architect.

The new edition of the Grand Lodge laws was, on the report of the Grand Committee, formally sanctioned.

The M.W. Grand Master then formally declared all the offices of Grand Lodge vacant, and called on the members of the Craft to exercise their right of election. His Lordship thereafter proceeded to propose Sir Michael Shaw Stewart as M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the appointment was agreed to by acclamation.

Sir Michael Shaw Stewart was then introduced with the usual honours, and having been installed and seated on the throne of Grand Lodge, he

proceeded to exercise the privilege recently conferred on the Grand Master by Grand Lodge—namely, that of appointing his Depute Grand Master. That appointment he conferred on the Right Hon. Lord James C. P. Murray, who was then duly installed into office. This appointment called forth a warm expression of satisfaction from the assembled brethren. The names of the other office-bearers nominated by Grand Lodge at the last quarterly communication were then read by the Grand Secretary, and having been unanimously elected, were installed into office with the usual formalities. The full list of office-bearers is now as follows: Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., M.W. Grand Master Mason; the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn; R.W. Past Grand Master; Captain J. T. Oswald, of Dunnikier, R.W. Past Substitute Grand Master; the Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garion, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Samuel Hay (Union Bank), R.W. Grand Treasurer; John Laurie, R.W. Grand Secretary; the Rev. V. C. Faithfull, M.A., and the Rev. W. H. Gray, D.D., V.W. Joint Grand Chaplains; F. A. Barrow, Senior Grand Deacon; W. Hay, V.W. Junior Grand Deacon; D. Bryce, V.W. Architect; A. Hay, W. Grand Jeweller; Dr. Robertson, W. Grand Bible-Bearer; J. Coghill, W. Grand Director of Ceremonies; J. Ballantine, W. Grand Bard; Captain G. F. R. Colt, of Gartsherrie, W. Grand Sword-Bearer; C. W. M. Muller, W. Grand Director of Music; R. Davidson, W. Grand Organist; M. MacKenzie, W. Chief Grand Marshal; A. T. Apthorpe, W. Grand Marshal; W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler; J. Baikie, Outer Guard.

The office-bearers then proceeded to the banqueting hall, and were enthusiastically received by the brethren, upwards of 300 of whom were present. The newly-elected M.W.G. Master (Sir Michael Shaw Stewart), supported on the right and left by the Past Master (the Earl of Rosslyn), by the Depute Master (Lord J. C. Murray), and the other brethren mentioned as being present at the installation.

After the banquet had been served, the music during it being supplied by Dr. Hoffmann's band,

The Most Worshipful Grand Master proceeded to open the lodge in the usual manner.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, according to the usual custom, first gave, "The Holy Lodge of St. John," which was drunk in silence.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master next gave "The Queen," which was enthusiastically received, the audience upstanding and singing the national anthem, led by Bro. Henry, Master of Lodge St. Clair, with full accompaniment.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master next gave "The Prince of Wales, as the Great Steward of Scotland, Patron of the Grand Lodge," which was also received with enthusiasm. Many of them, he said, would remember the occasion of being present at the installation of the Prince of Wales as Patron of the Craft in Scotland. (Cheers.) Those who were must have been gratified alike with his dignified demeanour and the excellent and manly address his Royal Highness made to the Grand Lodge on that occasion. (Cheers.) Therefore they, as Masons, could join with those outside in wishing the best they could to the Prince of Wales—namely, that when the time came (might it be far distant!) he might prove himself a worthy successor to our beloved and gracious Sovereign. (Loud cheers.)

The M. W. Grand Master, in proposing "The Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the rest of the Royal Family," said that while remembering that that Princess was one who lived in the hearts of the people of this country (Cheers)—they might look forward with pleasure and with hope to the arrival of another youthful Princess in this country. They had heard already that the Princess who was shortly to be married to the Duke of Edinburgh, was beloved in her country—(Cheers)—and let them hope that she would do much for the happiness of the sailor Prince. (Cheers.) He was quite sure that in this ancient and loyal city every individual would be happy to give her, when she came here, a thorough Scotch welcome. (Loud cheers.)

The M.W.G.M., in appropriate terms, then

gave the "Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces," which was cordially received, Dr. Coghill replying for the Navy, General Sir James Alexander for the Army, and Colonel Campbell of Blytheswood, M.P. (who was received with loud and prolonged cheering), acknowledged the toast on behalf of the Reserve Forces.

The M.W.G.M. next gave "The Craft and Freemasonry all over the World," which was received with enthusiasm.

The M.W.G.M. next proposed the "Grand Lodge of England and the Marquess of Ripon." In doing so, he read a letter from the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., whose name was to have been coupled with the toast, regretting his being unable to be present. In the noble earl's absence, the toast was responded to by Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

The W.M.G.M. next gave "The Grand Lodge of Ireland and Duke of Leinster," which was responded to by Dr. S. Somerville.

The Earl of Rosslyn, on rising to propose the toast of "The Grand Master," Sir Robert Shaw Stewart, was received with prolonged cheering. He said he had to congratulate them on the election of that brother to the throne; for whether they took the associations connected with his family, or the position which he himself had so long occupied among the Masons of the west, they would find that he was eminently fitted to occupy that position. (Loud cheers.) From his experience of him, he was certain that he would be found eminently qualified, and extremely anxious to carry out everything tending to the advancement and advantage of the Craft. (Cheers.)

At this appropriate stage of the proceedings an excellent song, composed for the occasion by Brother James Ballantine (the Grand Bard), was sung by Brother Davidson, Leith. "The Auld Stewart's back again" was received with much applause.

The M.W.G. Master, who on rising was again loudly cheered, sincerely thanked the brethren for the high distinction conferred upon him, and assured them of his earnest desire to follow in the footsteps of his distinguished predecessors in that high and honourable position. (Loud cheers.)

The M.W. Grand Master next gave "The Past Grand Master," in a happy and eulogistic speech, referring to the Earl of Rosslyn's long connection with Masonry, the esteem in which he was universally held, both by those connected with Masonry and outside the brotherhood, and the great efforts he had made during his long connection with the Craft to promote its best interests.

The toast was received with vociferous cheering.

The Earl of Rosslyn, after some preliminary remarks, stated that during his three years of office there had been forty-four new charters granted, and 7583 entrants for registration. The debt liquidation fund had been going on satisfactorily, and £200 a year had been saved to the lodge by the re-arrangement of the offices. His Lordship also took advantage of the opportunity of impressing on the Masonic brethren the propriety of still more striving to combine with Masonry some schemes of benevolence or charity, or for the furtherance of educational objects, so that they might be the more able to benefit their fellow men.

Among the other toasts were—"The Foreign Grand Lodges," given by the Chairman, and acknowledged by Bro. Robinow, representative of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg; "The Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord James C. P. Murray," who replied; "The Grand Wardens," which the Earl of Kellie acknowledged; "Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart," by the Past Grand Master, replied to by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart; and "The Memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn."

The company separated shortly before eleven o'clock.

We would draw the attention of our many readers to the fact that the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1874*, is now ready, price 2s. od. post-free 2s. 2d., and may be had at Bro. Kenning's Masonic Depots, or through any respectable book-seller or newsagent.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on Saturday, the 19th day of September, 1873. There were present:—Bros. John Pitt Kennedy, Acting District Grand Master; H. H. Locke, Past Deputy D.P.G.M., as Deputy D.G.M., I. L. Taylor, D.G. S. Warden; W. B. Mactavish, as D.G. J. Warden; C. J. Zemin, D.G. Secretary; A. J. Hughes, as D.G. Treasurer; W. G. Amos, D.G.S. Deacon; J. C. Parker, D.G. Dir. of Ceremonies; W. H. Jones, D.G.A. Dir. of Ceremonies; W. Nicholls, as D.G. Sword Bearer; C. H. Compton, D.G. Organist; J. Beer, as D.G. Pursuivant; W. H. Ayres, J. F. Barns, J. M. Evans, D.G. Stewards; G. Alexander, D. G. Tyler.

The following lodges were represented, Star in the East, No. 57; True Friendship, No. 218; Humility and Fortitude, No. 229; Lodge Marine; No. 232; Lodge Anchor and Hope, No. 234; Lodge St. John, No. 486; Lodge Excelsior, No. 826; Lodge Star of Orissa, No. 1106; Lodge of Temperance and Benevolence, No. 1100; and Lodge Sandeman, No. 1374.

The following visitors were present.—W. Bros. A. B. Mitchell, W.M. No. 401, S.C.; R. Graham Birch, No. 40; B. St. Leger Halsted, No. 229; J. B. Norton, No. 232; S. Emanuel, No. 232; J. Craighhead, No. 232; B. W. Hayes, No. 486; Abromovitch, No. 1100; Armstrong, No. 371, S.C.; Grevelink, No. 401, S.C.; W. Burroughs, Ed. *Masonic Herald*.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 7 p.m. Apologies were read from several brethren for unavoidable non-attendance.

The Worshipful Acting District Grand Master informed the brethren, that the first work before the meeting was to consider and confirm the Minutes of the Communication of the 21st June last; but that as printed copies of those Minutes had been circulated, he proposed to consider them as read, and moved that they be confirmed.

W. Bro. Mactavish said, he had been asked to point out that the report in para. 13 of the Minutes in question, about Lodge Industry and Perseverance being in arrears with its dues and its return for one quarter, was not correct, as those arrears were cleared off prior to the last meeting of District Grand Lodge.

The District Grand Secretary explained that the reference to the arrears of Lodge Industry, and Perseverance, objected to by W. Bro. Mactavish, appeared only in the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, at the date of meeting of which, it was not, he believed, questioned that the lodge was actually in arrears as reported.

W. Bro. J. L. Taylor then proposed, and Bro. C. H. Compton seconded:—That the Minutes of the Communication of the 21st June last, as printed and circulated, be confirmed. On being put to the vote, they were confirmed.

The W. the Acting District Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:—

"Worshipful Brethren:—I come before you on this occasion under circumstances which compel me to express much regret. I understand that at the meeting of the Committee of General Purposes there were certain reports made of a most unpleasant character. In the course of these the Committee have expressed their opinion on the conduct of some of the brethren in very strong terms. These matters will need to be carefully considered by you after you have had the report of the Committee read to you. It is indeed much to be regretted that subjects of this character should have to be brought before you, tending as they must do to disturb the peace and harmony of Grand Lodge, on occasions like the present. I am bound to tell you, however, that one of the brethren, whose conduct it was proposed to censure, has addressed a letter to me through the District Grand Secretary, wherein he expresses his regret at his silence and explains the cause of it. I must confess that it was to me a matter of astonishment that a brother, in the position of Bro. Lloyd, should have shown such disregard, as for some time he did, to the repeated requisitions addressed to him by the District Grand Secretary. I must say, however,

that that brother has now explained himself fully in the matter, and in a manner which induces me to believe that his silence was not intended in any way as a slight to the Craft. It will therefore be pleasing to me to pass over in silence that portion of the report of the Committee of General Purposes which refers to this particular case, as the offending brother having acknowledged his fault and apologised for it, I do not consider that it will be needful for you to proceed further against him.

"Of the other matters which will come before you, that which will need your attention in a special degree is the circumstance that some of the lodges are reported to be in arrears with their returns and dues. I cannot help expressing my regret that this should have occurred in so many instances, as the Masters of lodges, must be aware that it is impossible to carry on District Grand Lodge unless their dues are fully and regularly paid. In some cases payments have been made, but unfortunately they have not been accompanied with the necessary returns, and unless these are sent in, it cannot be determined whether the proper amount has been paid, or if any balance still exists. The Bye-laws of the District Grand Lodge are strict on the point, and require that both the returns and the dues should be rendered at the same time; the submission therefore of the one without the other does not absolve a lodge from the charge of being in arrears or unmindful of one of its important duties to the District Grand Lodge.

"Regarding the other matters which will be brought before you, I need make no remark. I must express my regret at having been unable to attend the last meeting of the Committee of General Purposes; had I been present at it, I would have suggested to the members of the Committee to recommend milder measures in the cases to which I have referred, as I do not consider that it is essential to the interests of the Craft that any violent steps should be taken against an erring brother while there is yet any hope of his reformation or his return to a sense of his duty.

"It will be seen that the Committee of General Purposes have referred in their report to the appointment of an Acting District Grand Treasurer. I am happy to say that I have been able to obtain the services of a brother well suited for the appointment, and if the selection made by me be such as to recommend itself to you, I feel sure you will readily confirm it, otherwise it will be open to you to elect some other brother for the office, a motion to which effect will be brought forward hereafter, as set down in the agenda of business for this evening.

"These are the principal matters on which I have thought it needful to comment. I have again to express my regret that so much business of an unpleasant nature should have to be transacted on this occasion in Grand Lodge."

The reports of the Audit Committee of General Purposes were read and considered.

The reports of the Grand Committee of the Fund of Benevolence was read and adopted.

The business being concluded, the lodge was closed at 9 p.m.

THE CATTLE SHOW held this week at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, will, doubtless, bring up our country friends to see the *sights and scenes* of London. Quadrant House, Regent-street, will meet with a large share of their patronage. The proprietor, Mr. Ahlborn, whose name has become a household word, has a display of winter furs unequalled in the world. The inspection of this stock, so varied, so rich, and so suggestive of warmth and luxury, will reward the most refined and most fastidious taste. Mr. Ahlborn has the highest name as a just dealer, as well as being remarkable for his extensive knowledge and good taste as a designer.

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J. B. Anthony, Troy, New York, Draft, £2 17s.
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The following communications stand over:—
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NOTICE.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1873.

CHARITY VOTING.

The Court of Queen's Bench has decided, that, the interchange of votes is perfectly legal, and that a contract to barter or purchase votes is maintainable!

Something was said, as to an implied condition to accept the worthiest candidate, laid upon all subscribers, but that, as we before observed, constitutes a great difficulty in itself, and rests, we still venture to think, on a misapprehension of the actual facts of the case.

It is understood that the cases of all candidates are submitted to the "House Committee," or "Board of Management," and no cases are presumed to get upon the List, which do not conform to the rules of the Institution, and are not in themselves cases properly claiming relief and support.

It then becomes a very difficult matter for any one, or any body, to lay down absolutely, which out of forty or fifty applicants is the most deserving case.

As Mrs. Malaprop said, not only are "comparisons odorous," but it seems to us, that, once admitted on the list, and being, in one sense, on a common ground of urgency, and having an equal claim to support, it then becomes a question, necessarily, of individual opinion and private judgment.

Because A supports case 15, and B supports case 20, and D supports case 27, no one can fairly say that either A, B, or D has not a right to select that particular case, or ought to have selected case 21, which seems to another mind the most deserving case.

The tests of urgency and merit vary considerably, and we can quite fancy a case to arise where A and B think certain tests are not decisive of the merits of a particular case, and D and E think other tests equally decisive of the merits of a totally different case.

We feel persuaded, that, on the whole, with some unavoidable defects, we cannot materially amend the present system, without committing other injustices than those the recent agitations profess to have discovered, and propose to remedy.

On the whole, the actual system works well admittedly for the financial welfare of the Institutions, and in these days of hard and fast lines, and of very doubtful political economy, we think it far better, in the interests of the recipients themselves, "quieta non movere."

THE SCOTTISH GRAND LODGE.

As we are always anxious not to err in any statements we make, and always to do full justice to others, it seems but fair that we should supplement our leader of last Saturday with a few explanatory remarks.

It appears, from a copy of Scotch Regulations for Lodges, which we have seen, that there is at present a minimum initiation fee incumbent on Scotch Lodges, namely, £1 1s., exclusive of a registration fee of 5s. 6d. But this is obviously far too low, and ought at least to be £3 3s. or £4 4s. There is also a power given to Lodges, by which they can charge the member by a two-thirds' vote, with the payment annually of a sum not exceeding £1, of which 10s. is to be set aside as a charity fund, to be administered by the Master, Wardens, and Secretary, or by the Committee of the Lodge, and for contributing to the Fund of Masonic Benevolence, and the other 10s. to form part of the Lodge Fund, towards the ordinary expenses.

We, however, shall not be wrong in stating that this permissive law is "more honoured in the neglect, than in the observance."

There is, Bro. Paton states, an inherent right in Lodges to levy annual payments,

as "dues" and "quarterages"—but it is a right seldom exercised in Scotland—and the first payment, be what it may, (almost all the Lodges vary) covers generally the registration dues, and even mostly the certificate charge.

The Fund of Benevolence is maintained by fees payable from the office bearers of Grand Lodge annually, from donations, and from a charge of 1s. per quarter on all "entrants" deducted from the registration fee. We feel persuaded, that, there is great need for amendment in these regulations, and that until such amendments are effected, Freemasonry in Scotland will not occupy the position it could assume, and ought to assume.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Nothing of any very great importance has occurred during the past week to disturb the even tenour of home events.

The Queen has returned to Windsor Castle from Balmoral, where she had been detained by the indisposition of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who, we are happy to know, is now able to bear his journey.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are at Sandringham.

Parliament is again prorogued to February 5th, 1874, then to "meet for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs."

The School Board elections have gone on, and are now, if not entirely, nearly over, and have called forth a large amount of interest, and a larger amount of votes.

Several of the learned societies, such as the Geographical, and Archæological, and Anthropological, and the Societies of Antiquaries, and Actuaries, and Civil Engineers, have held meetings during the last week.

Lord Kensington, a new lord in waiting, has been returned, by about 50 majority, over his gallant opponent Colonel Peel, and it is understood, that, no opposition will be offered to the re-election of Dr. Lyon Playfair and Mr. William Vernon Harcourt.

The Tichborne case has recommenced with rebutting evidence on the part of the prosecution, and will now, we would hope, continue *de die in diem*, until it is really finished. When that will be, who can say? We think that both judges and jurymen deserve the greatest "kudos" for their exemplary patience during this remarkably protracted trial!

From the Gold Coast we have despatches from Sir Garnet Wolseley, who is at present a general without an army—something like the play of Hamlet without the ghost. The good soldiers who are gone and are going to him, will, we trust, enable him soon to make a morning call at Coomassie. An Ashantee attack, in force about 10,000, was made on November 5th on Abrakrampa, held by a small garrison. Sir Garnet Wolseley marched to its relief, and reached the place on the 6th. On the 7th he attacked the camp, which he succeeded in capturing and surprising. He took, among other things, an Amonquartis bed and chair. We have to regret the loss of Lieut. Eardley Wilmot, R.A., in a skirmish at Dumquah, on the 4th.

The Oxford University Boat Club have sent their annual challenge to the Cambridge ditto—a piece of intelligence highly interesting to the *habitués* of the University boat race, male and female.

Dr. Tristram, the well-known writer on the Holy Land, and not undistinguished as a traveller and naturalist, has been selected by the Bishop of Durham to succeed the venerable and excellent Temple Chevallier, well known as Professor of Mathematics to all Durham men, as well as for the many excellent qualities of a very kindly heart.

In Foreign news there is not a great deal to report.

Marshal Mac Mahon has changed his Ministry, though it seems rather what the French call "un changement des decorations." France is otherwise tranquil.

In Spain the end of the Carthagenan revolt seems approaching, as that fortress and town are now undergoing the agreeable process of bombardment.

The Russian Government have issued a new Loan through Messrs, Rothschild and Co., and it is said that the Prussian "Sec-Handlung," have effected a financial arrangement with the Austrian Government.

The Turkish Administration seem to be very wisely recognising the autonomy of the Danubian Principalities, and thus removing another cause of possible disagreement.

Everything seems to augur for the continuance of peace.

The Virginius affair, bad as it is, and indefensible on every principle of municipal or national or international Law, as regards the execution of "non-combatants," seems to be taking a pacific turn. The Virginius is ordered, it is said, to be given up to the American Government, and Senor Castelar is understood to repudiate the action of the Cuban authorities, and the last telegraphic despatches state that a friendly protocol has been signed.

The seventh exhibition of the Society of French Artists, 68, New Bond-street, is again opened, with 130 contributions, from 70 French painters. It is always an interesting exhibition.

The deaths of Lord Thomas Cecil, of Sir Henry John Brownrigg, C.B., late Inspector General of Irish Constabulary, and of Mr J. S. Akermann, F.S.A., the well-known numismatist, are announced.

The sad news has reached England, of the loss of the Havre and New York Steamer "Ville du Havre," which came into collision with the "Loch Earn," a British sailing ship, November 22. Only 87 survivors out of 313 persons remain to tell the mournful tale.

The Editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Acciajoli, Florence, Italy. Prints, photographs, pictures, and English stationery, are also kept in stock.—ADVT.

Masonic Tidings.

A National Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem will be held on Friday next, Dec. 12th, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, at half-past 3. A Grand Priory of the Order of Malta will also be held.

St. George Chapter of Sovereign Princes Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.—A Chapter of Instruction of the above, will be held this (Friday) evening at the new Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, at 6 o'clock.

The following circular has been issued from the Grand Lodge of Scotland:—"Freemasons'-Hall, 98, George-street. Edinburgh, 4th November, 1873.—R. W. Sir and Brother,—At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held on the 3rd current, I was instructed to inform you that the following notice of motion has been tabled for discussion at next Quarterly Communication. Moved by Bro. L. Mackersy, Pr. M., Lodge Mother Kilwinning, and seconded by Bro. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M. Lodge 102—That on and after the Quarterly Communication in February 1874, all regularly installed R.W. Masters and Past Masters of all lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, whose names are recorded in the Register of R.W. Masters, shall be members of the Grand Lodge for life, upon their making payment of the same fees as are exacted from Proxy Masters; and that they shall enjoy all the privileges appertaining to Proxy Masters.—I am, R.W. Sir and Brother, yours fraternally, John Laurie, G.S."

THE NEW LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.—This building, which was considerably delayed in consequence of the recent joiners' strike, is now approaching completion. It has been covered in for some weeks, and the internal work, such as plastering, &c., is being pushed on vigorously, and there is every prospect that the building will be completed during the early part of next year. The total amount received for the building fund up to the middle of September last was £2,407 4s. 2d., out of which the sum of £2,000 was handed over to the trustees on signing the contract, and a subsequent sum of £200 was paid to them during the previous month. To meet further calls by the contractor the hall committee are making a fresh appeal to the liberality of the members of the Brotherhood in Liverpool; and from the generous support and hearty sympathy which have been shown by the lodges generally, there is no doubt that this appeal will meet with a cordial response. In order that the brethren who have not subscribed may have the matter brought directly under their notice, and in the hope that many who have already given to the building fund may be induced to increase their donations, it has been decided to issue subscription lists, which will be revised and reprinted from time to time, as new or increased donations are received. A considerable sum yet requires to be raised, and to accomplish this the committee rely upon the assistance of the brethren generally, for whose comfort and convenience, and for the advancement of the interests of Masonry in Liverpool the arduous and responsible task of providing a new Masonic Hall was undertaken.

Bro. J. Tweed, the enterprising publisher, of Glasgow, whose "Guide to Glasgow and the Clyde," we reviewed a short time since, has now issued an "Illustrated Map of Scotland," in which all the present railways as well as those in course of construction or projected are distinctly marked. There is also the altitude of all the principal mountains, with a sketch. Our readers will doubtless look with interest on the view of the old Abbey of Kilwinning, founded in 1140, which we are informed was the cradle of Freemasons, and that parties from all quarters of the globe visit it on that account. Those who wish a comprehensive view of Scotland at a glance would do well to adorn their walls with Bro. Tweed's map.

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GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales was made on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, when a very large number of Mark Masons both from the provinces and the metropolis attended. Previous to the Grand Lodge entering upon its business a Lodge of Improvement was held at which Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O., presided, and worked the beautiful ceremony of advancement to perfection. Bro. C. T. Speight, G. Tyler, acted in that capacity both at the Lodge of Improvement and at Grand Lodge, and discharged his duties with the efficiency he is well known to possess. When Grand Lodge was opened, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick, Deputy Grand Master, presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master the Earl Percy. The Rev. G. Raymond Portal, Past Grand Master, occupied his usual post, and among the other brethren who attended were Col. F. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, as D.G.M., Bros. Le. Gendre N. Starkie, G.S.W.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.J.W., as G.J.W.; F. Binckes, G.S.; Saml. Bryant, G.M.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O., as G.S.O.; Frederic Davison, Dep. P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, as G.J.O.; Rev. D. J. Drakeford, G.C.; Rev. J. Hordern Jukes, G.C.; George Lambert, G.S.D.; E. T. Inskip, G.J.D.; Geo. Neall, P.G. Insp. of Works, as G. Insp. of Works; Thomas Cubitt, G.D.C.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C., as G.A.D.C.; T. W. Coffin, Grand Swd. B.; I. J. H. Wilkins, P.G. Std. B., as G.D. Std. B.; William Worrell, G. Org.; S. Funkens-stein, G.I.G.; Geo. Page, W.A. Scott, Clement Stretton, A. Greatrex, and T. R. Parker, G. Stewards; Major J. Tanner Davy, Prov. G.M.M.M., Devon; Percy Leith, P. Prov. G.M.M.M., Bombay; Hugh T. Sandeman, Prov. G.M.M.M., Bengal; Rev. John Huyshe, P. Prov. G.M.M.M., Devon; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; J. C. Dibdin, P.G.J.O.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap; J. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.S.D.; Morton Edwards, P.G.D.; Charles Hammerton, P.G.D.C.; Sigismund Rosenthal, P.G.D.C.; Rev. H. C. Levander, P.G.D.C.; Richard Spencer, P.G. Swd. B.; S. M. Lazarus, P.G.Org; J. H. Wynne, P.G.I.G.; D. M. Dewar, James W. Smith and Henry Massey, P. G. Stewards; Geo. Barlow, P. Prov. G.J.W., Middlesex and Surrey; William Wigginton, Prov. G.J.D. Middlesex and Surrey; R. H. Thrupp, P. Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex and Surrey; F. H. Cozens, P. Prov. G. Org., Middlesex and Surrey; C. T. Sparkes, P. Prov. G. Swd. B., Middlesex and Surrey; C. W. Iaidman, P. Prov. G.S.W., Devon; T. S. Partridge, P. G. Sec., Leicestershire; Harry Brett; C. Horsley, No. 1; Davison, No. 1; George Kenning, W.M. No. 1; and many others.

The Acting Grand Master entered Grand Lodge with his Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers in procession, and with all the prescribed regularity, and on taking his seat was saluted with the usual marks of respect.

Bro. F. Binckes, G.S. read the minutes of the Half-yearly Communication of 3rd June, which were put to the meeting and confirmed.

The next business was the nomination of Grand Master for the ensuing year, a duty which was entrusted to

Bro. George Lambert, who in performing it said: I rise as requested to propose that our Brother Lord Percy, be re-elected to the high position which he has now filled for a year past. That nobleman is well known to all of you, brethren, for the very successful way in which he has discharged his duties, and for the kindness and urbanity which have always distinguished him in his progress through life, and which have been the means of obtaining for him the respect and affection of all with whom he comes in contact. He has very much graced the office he holds, and I have much pleasure in moving his re-election. (cheers.)

Bro. I. J. Hooper Wilkins: I assure you it gives me much pleasure to second the nomination of Bro. Earl Percy to the post of Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales for the ensuing year. It must be a matter of great regret to every Mark Master, that Earl Percy

was unable to attend to his duties when he was first elected; but it was a source of infinite congratulation that he shortly so far recovered from the illness under which he laboured as to be enabled to discharge the duties incumbent on him. I believe we could not have a better Grand Master than Earl Percy, and it is with that faith in his abilities that I take upon myself to second his nomination.

Carried unanimously.

Bro. James Stevens rose to nominate Bro. J. R. Stebbing for re-election as Grand Treasurer. In doing so he said after nominating him: He has discharged his duties with the greatest satisfaction to Grand Lodge, and I have no doubt it will give a great deal of pleasure to all those who are present as well as to those who are absent to hear that he has been re-nominated.

Bro. S. Rosenthal: I beg to second it. Our present Treasurer has done his duty nobly. The funds of Grand Lodge have increased to the amount of about a couple of hundred pounds during the last year, and that has entailed on him a considerable increase of labour. Of course he takes very great care of our funds, and because I have seen he does so I second the nomination of my Bro. Stevens.

Carried *nem con.*

Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., then read the following report of the General Board.

"In the six months ending Sept. 30, 1873, 327 certificates have been issued. The total number of brethren on the Register of this Grand Lodge to that date being 7232.

"During the same period the following warrants of constitution have been granted.

- 164, Southdown, Haywards Heath, Sussex.
- 165, Egerton, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
- 166, East Sussex, Hastings, Sussex.
- 167, Washington, Beechworth, Victoria.
- 168, Keystone, Brighton, Sussex.
- 169, Elliott, Stonehouse, Devon.

"Since the commencement of the active working of the degree of Royal Ark Mariner, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge the following warrants have been granted, viz.:

- Prince Lodge attached to Roberts Lodge of M.M.M. No. 24.
- Sincerity Lodge attached to Sincerity Lodge, No. 35.
- Prince Lodge attached to Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43.
- Oxford University Lodge attached to University Lodge, No. 55.
- Solent Lodge attached to St. Andrew's Lodge No. 63.
- Oxford Lodge attached to Cape Stone Lodge, No. 80.
- Franklin Lodge attached to Hiram Lodge, No. 82.
- L'Arc en Ciel Lodge attached to Artillery Engineers and Rifle Volunteers Lodge, No. 102.
- Hargreaves Lodge attached to Blair Lodge, No. 113.
- Irwin Lodge attached to Carnarvon Lodge, No. 119.
- St. Mary's Lodge attached to St. Mary's Lodge, No. 121.
- Amity Lodge attached to Amity Lodge, 132.
- Mount Ararat Lodge attached to Rose and Thistle Lodge, No. 158.
- Rainbow Lodge attached to Wm. de Irwin Lodge, No. 162.

"And 108 certificates have been issued to members of this degree."

With reference to the government and working of the degree of Royal Ark Mariner the Board recommend:—

1.—That a payment of sixpence on each Ark Certificate be made to the Grand Secretary's Assistant.

2.—That all members of the General Board of this Grand Lodge, being Royal Ark Mariners, shall be *ex officio* members of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council of Advice; the brethren nominated as members of such Council being: Bros. E. H. Finney, Sen.; H. H. Riach; Hugh Heugh; Aretas Akers; Benj. Cox; Alfred Harris; E. J. Walford; E. T. Inskip; H. R. Trigg; R. H. Miller; F. E. Remfry; Morton Edwards; and Col. Burdett.

Having regard to the increased rent for improved office accommodation rendered compulsory by the annually extending business of Grand Lodge, and to the advance in the price of parchment and of material of every description, the Board recommends that the fee payable by private Lodges for registration and certificate of a brother on advancement be raised from 8s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. on and from the 1st of January, 1874.

Notice of this recommendation has been sent to every lodge, lodges in the Colonies excepted, in which it is not proposed to make any change.

The Board has had before it a request for a decision by Grand Lodge on a disputed point with reference to the non-payment of dues by the Key Stone Lodge, No. 81, Madras, to the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Burmah, subsequent to 30th June, 1868.

Madras and British Burmah were originally united as one province, and continued so until the early part of the year 1870, when the first Provincial Grand Master of Madras was appointed.

No meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United Province was held after 27th March, 1868, and it was not until 30th September, 1871 that a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Burmah was held.

The Key Stone Lodge, No. 81, contend that no provincial dues ought to be required from them for the period between March, 1868 and September, 1871, during which the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy were absentees. No Provincial Grand Lodge was held, that body therefore and thereby being in abeyance.

In this view the Board cannot concur, adopting the general rules of Masonic practice, as by them the failure of a Provincial Grand Master in the discharge of his duty is not held to absolve private lodges in his province from the fulfilment of theirs. The Board, therefore, has no hesitation in adjudging that the Key Stone Lodge, No. 81, is liable for dues to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Madras and British Burmah down to the date on which the province was severed, and the province of Madras formally created by the installation of the Provincial Grand Master and the constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

To test the opinion of members of the Mark Degree, however, on a question which is confessedly one of some hardship, the President of the Board will submit a proposition to Grand Lodge.

The Board has further been asked to adjudicate on a point of difference between two Mark Master Masons, arising out of remarks published by one and held by the other as reflecting upon him and his friends. The question at issue has reference to both solely and entirely in their capacity as members of an order with which this Grand Lodge is in treaty alliance, on which ground the Board has declined to adjudicate, or to interfere in any way. The subject, under these circumstances, would not have formed portion of this report, and is introduced only for the purpose of affording an opportunity for an explanation in Grand Lodge, of the force and bearing of the provisions of the Tripartite Treaty.

The annual festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, was held in July last, at the Alexandra Palace, and again was attended with very great success, the addition to the Fund being £160.

To Col. Whitwell, *M.P.*, G.S.W., who presided most efficiently, and to the Stewards who so kindly gave their assistance, the best thanks of the order are due.

The Board has purchased a fourth five per cent. bond of £100 in the Canadian Government Securities at a sum of £106 10s. by which amount the sum to the credit of this Fund on current account on 30th September last, viz: £155 11s. 1d. has been reduced.

The Board recommends that the next festival shall be held in July, 1874, and brethren are earnestly requested to act as stewards on the occasion.

The Board recommends that Grand Lodge do authorise the appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary, and that the necessary alterations be made in the Book of Constitutions.

That the clothing be the same as that worn by the Grand Secretary, with the addition of the word "Assistant" on the emblem on the apron and on the jewel.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., moved the reception of this report, and desired to say a word in explanation of the refusal of the Board to entertain the complaint made by one Mark Master against another. The cause of complaint did not arise in a lodge-room of any other Masonic body, but from a correspondence in one of the public papers. At the same time the correspondence had reference solely to matters connected with the degree of Knights Templar, and it was thought that the Board could not entertain the complaint till it had been made to the Templar body themselves. But he would take this opportunity of saying that they must all most deeply regret that any Mason of whatever order, especially a Mark Master, had been so unfortunate as to give offence to any other Mason. But when he had done so, he should have expressed contrition and the matter might have been buried in oblivion. He believed that with all the Masonic professions of love for one another, the outer world must see that there was as much disputing among them as among other bodies.

Bro. H. C. Levander having seconded the motion, it was carried unanimously.

Bro. James Stevens moved the first recommendation of the Board given above. The recommendation had been made after careful consideration and recognition of the great increase that had taken place in the number of Mark Masons, and the ability of the lodges to pay the proposed increase. The income of Grand Mark Lodge had certainly been greater, but at the same time Grand Lodge's expenses were increasing. The manner in which the work of Grand Lodge was performed had given the greatest satisfaction; but there was a necessity for increased office accommodation to carry it out with efficiency. It was necessary that there should be greater accommodation to retain the Order in the high position which they had been long seeking and had at length attained, and which he trusted they would never recede from. He had had some little experience in regard to private lodges, and he could state from his own knowledge that the increase would not be objectionable to members of the craft desirous of joining the mark degree, and it was not likely to stand in the way of brethren becoming Mark Masters.

Bro. F. Davison seconded the motion.

Bro. Col. Burdett while objecting to the proposed increase, complained that notice by circular had not been given to provincial grand and private lodges. The difference in the present and the proposed fees appeared to be very slight but still it might be sufficient to deter brethren from joining the Mark degree. He did not speak for himself, because it would not make any difference to him; but he thought if the country lodges were considered there would be found to be great objection. The fee would do very well as it stood, and he thought they might defer raising the fee.

Col. Starkie said, that in his province, Lancashire, there would be no objection to the increase. Certainly they were influential and wealthy Masons there and were very well organized, and speaking for them he agreed to the proposed increase.

Bro. J. Tanner Davy, Prov. G.M., Devon, was sorry to say that although the Masons of his province were very powerful and very zealous they were not overburdened with riches, and he quite agreed with Col. Burdett that it would be better if a little delay took place before they raised the fee. The opinions of the whole of the provinces might then be obtained, and they would have better grounds to work upon than they had now.

Bro. Sandeman, Bengal, was about to speak on the point, but was informed that the subject did

not affect the colonies at all, as their fee was only 5s.

Bro. Meggy asked whether any communications had been received from provincial lodges on the matter. It was now 6 months since the recommendation of the Board was agreed to, and there had been plenty of time given for answers to the circulars which had been addressed to them.

Bro. Wilkins, W.M. 22, said his lodge had not received a circular, but afterwards corrected himself and said he had been informed that such a circular had been received.

Bro. F. Binckes said he had sent circulars to all the lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, and he read answers which he had received from some of them. The Minerva, Hull, disapproved of the increase; the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire objected to it; and the Remigius, Lincoln, considered it very undesirable. A lodge at Dorchester hoped it would be necessary.

Bro. T. S. Sabine moved and Bro. Scott seconded as an amendment, that it be referred back to the Board.

Bro. T. W. Coffin said he endorsed what had been said by the Prov. G.M. for Devonshire. The fees of the lodges in that province, or the greater part of them were consumed in paying Grand Lodge dues, and if they were raised the lodge could not bear the extra strain made upon them.

Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe thought it would be better that the subject should be referred back to the Board.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal said perhaps this would be better, but he thought, as there was so large a Grand Lodge present, it would be a good opportunity for making the brethren acquainted with the relative charges made by this Grand Lodge and the other Masonic bodies. At present the fee charged by this Grand Lodge was 8s. 6d., in the Craft it was £1 7s. 6d., Royal Arch 15s., Knights' Templar £1 1s., and 18° £1 1s. It was a great object with Grand Mark Lodge to get an increase in its income by £100 a year, which it would get if the proposed increase in the fees was submitted to. If it was referred back to the Board for discussion, and for the further opinion of all the lodges under Grand Lodge banner, he was afraid that those private lodges would be inclined to take their own individual view of the case, and consulting their own private interests, rather than the interest of the general body of Mark Masons. If the increase tended to make the body of Mark Masons a trifle more select than it was, the general body would be no losers at all. But entertaining that view, he would propose that a slight modification should be made in the proposition and that instead of raising the fee to 10s. 6d., let it be 10s.; which, when a circular announcing it had been sent to all the lodges, he did not think it would be objected to.

Bro. James Stevens agreed that this proposition was entitled to great weight. When he made the motion he spoke from his own personal knowledge and belief of the feelings of Mark Masons in London, without reference to the provinces at all; but he had been given to understand that there would be a number of Mark Lodges which would be prepared to endorse the decision proposed to be come to in Grand Lodge. The contents of the letters read by Grand Secretary were quite new to him, and probably that might to some extent have induced him to give a little further consideration to the matter as one of the Board of General Purposes; but the remarks of the Past Grand Master were very reasonable and if the subject were referred to each individual lodge throughout the kingdom for its opinion, the great probability was that the increase would be objected to. He did not think he ought to take into consideration only the feelings of the private lodges, but rather the circumstance whether the increase would inflict an injury on the degree itself. If it could be proved that the proposition before Grand Lodge would be of advantage to the Order generally it ought to be adopted. Taking into consideration also the amount that had to be paid for certificate fees in all the other degrees of Freemasonry they knew of, Grand

Mark Lodge might expect from its private lodges that a certificate fee of the smallest golden coin of the realm would not be objected to. The expenses of Grand Lodge it had been admitted had greatly increased, and it was merely with a view of meeting the increased expenditure that the proposal was made to increase the fees.

The motion was carried, there being but nine hands held up for Bro. Sabine's amendment.

Bro. H. C. Levander proposed the second recommendation of the Report, to increase the fees of Honour.

Bro. Charles Horsley having seconded the motion, it was carried.

Bro. D. M. Dewar moved and Bro. Wilkins seconded the adoption of the third recommendation, which was also carried.

Bro. Charles Horsley, in moving the fourth recommendation, hoped that the next annual festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund would be such a one and under such high patronage as to be supported by every Mark Mason.

The motion was carried, after having been seconded by Bro. S. Rosenthal.

Bro. the Rev. A. B. Fraser moved the fifth recommendation.

Bro. R. H. Thrupp seconded it, and it was adopted without discussion.

Bro. Thomas Meggy moved the sixth recommendation, with regard to the appointment of Assistant Grand Secretary. The time had now arrived when this Grand Lodge, having reference to the important and numerous duties which devolved on the Grand Secretary and the dignity of his work, thought the Assistant Grand Secretary should be empowered to sign for him. This was so when Grand Mark Lodge was first established. The appointment was however for some reason or other dropped during the last few years; but as the work of Grand Secretary's office had increased so much it was incumbent on Grand Lodge to invest the Assistant Grand Secretary with some distinction like the officers of Grand Lodge.

Bro. James Stevens seconded the proposition.

The Acting Grand Master: I need not say that if Grand Lodge approves of this, the appointment having been sanctioned by Grand Lodge will be under the same incidents as the other appointments of Grand Lodge, excepting the Grand Treasurer's, viz., that it will be at the disposal of the Grand Master.

Carried unanimously.

Bro. Portal said that before bringing before Grand Lodge, the motion that stood in his name, "That the Fee of Honour payable by the Grand Stewards be £1 1s." That no Provincial Fees be in future recoverable from private Lodges during the year when there has been no meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He wished to say he thought it a very great pity when the General Board made its recommendation that the Benevolent Fund Festival should be held in July, they were not able to fix the day on which it should be held, because it was impossible for brethren at the beginning of the year to make a note of it in their diaries and secure the attendance of the friends they wished to bring with them. The subject had been talked over at the Board, but, as everyone knew, the Masonic Festivals came so thickly that when an appointment for a given day was mentioned, some brother was sure to start up and say "Oh! but such and such a festival falls on that day." He hoped however that at some future meeting they would be able to fix a day that might not be changed from year to year, by which means brethren would be able to prepare themselves. As regarded the first motion, that the Stewards' fee be a guinea, he had forgotten that already the Grand Stewards were put to considerable expense in bearing their share of the cost of the festival, and he would withdraw that motion. With regard to the second, the brethren had heard of the discussion that had arisen at the Board on the dispute between the Provincial Grand Lodge of Madras and British Burmah, and the private lodge there. The Board had really no option in arriving at the decision it had come to, for after consulting with Bro.

Hervey, Grand Secretary of Grand Craft Lodge, they found the same course would have been taken if a similar dispute had arisen in Craft Masonry. He thought it was a very great grievance to private lodges to be asked to pay fees for work done when that work was never done; and he was glad to see so many Provincial Grand Masters present to hear what he was saying. The Prov. Grand Masters from the colonies were not concerned in the question of raising the fees; but unfortunately Provincial Grand Lodges in the colonies did not meet so regularly as they might. This was not the case with the home Provincial Grand Lodges, for the Provincial Grand Masters were very diligent in holding their lodges regularly, but it would be a great boon if they were held at stated times, and a great stimulus to Provincial Grand Masters. He brought forward his motion because he thought the matter contained in it was a fair subject for discussion, and he would be very glad to see it passed. They would simply assert the principle that they would not ask persons to pay for a thing which had not happened, which ought to have been done but had not been done.

Bro. Thomas Meggy seconded the motion.

Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, said: he had been 25 years a Provincial Grand Master and had never on one occasion omitted to hold a Grand Lodge.

Carried unanimously, without discussion.

The festival jewels were then presented by Earl of Limerick to the Stewards. The names of the brethren were Major J. Tanner Davy, Prov. Grand Master for Devonshire; Ed. Thos. Inskip, J.G.D.; T. W. Coffin, G. Sword-bearer; H. W. Binckes, Assist. G. Sec.; R. H. Thrupp, P.P.S.W., Middlesex and Surrey, and Brothers Entwisle, Macher, Sugg and Trigg.

Bro. F. Binckes announced that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from numerous brethren.

There was one omission he had made which he would immediately supply.

He had just received a letter from Grand Treasurer stating that he was suffering from severe indisposition and would be unable to attend. In his stead, therefore, he (Bro. Binckes) would read the statement of accounts.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last account	- -	£441	4	6
Receipts for 6 months to 3rd December, 1873	- - - -	309	15	2
		750	19	8
Expenditure	- - -	415	4	6
Balance	- - - -	335	15	2

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Balance from last account	- -	£15	8	5
Donations	- - - -	115	14	6
Half year's interest to July	- -	7	8	2
		138	11	1
Disbursements (one petitioner)	- - -	3	0	0
		135	11	1
Reduced by the purchase of another Canadian Bond	- - -	106	10	0
		£29	1	1

The report was received on the motion of Bro. F. Davison, seconded by Bro. Coffin.

Col. Burdett said: that as it had been unanimously agreed that the Benevolent Fund Festival should be held on a fixed day in every year, he would give notice that that day should be the 15th July, the third Wednesday. Of course it would be competent to the Board to alter the day.

Bro. C. Horsley thought that at the same time that they were considering the day they might name the place.

Bro. F. Binckes said: Bro. Horsley should remember that the festival was managed by Stewards, and it would be curtailing their privileges if they were so interfered with.

Bro. Inskip would suggest that it should be held at one or other of the Masonic Institutions,

where the inmates would be very glad to see the brethren. It might also be profitable to such Institution.

Bro. Binckes replied that as Secretary of one of those Institutions, although they had a very fine building at Wood Green, they could not accommodate the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

A grand banquet was afterwards partaken of, at which the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., presided. After the cloth had been cleared grace was sung and the toasts were proposed.

The toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" having been disposed of the acting Grand Master in proposing "The Health of the Grand Master" said he was sorry his lordship was not sufficiently well to have presided in Grand Lodge. He was far away in the north of England, but Grand Secretary could inform them that nevertheless Grand Lodge business was never at a standstill on that account.

The Rev. John Huyshe proposed "The Health of the acting Grand Master." He did not mean to say one word against the other Past Grand Masters who were all well deserving of the highest regard and esteem; but he had no hesitation in saying that among them all there was no one who deserved so especially the brethren's esteem as his most excellent friend who now sat in the chair. Out of all the Grand Mark Masters there was not one who had done so much for Mark Masonry as he, and he (Bro. Huyshe) could only hope that others would follow his example.

The Rev. G. R. Portal said he should be the most ungrateful of men if he failed even to be present in Grand Lodge when his presence might be useful to the brethren who had supported him so cordially during his term of office and whose support he looked for during many years to come. He believed they had done right that night by increasing the fees for certificates, for this reason, that they would be enabled to have the appearance of more importance by larger and better offices. As in private life a man's respectability derived no little aid from the respectability of the house he lived in, so would Mark Grand Lodge be aided in its respectability by the premises it occupied. They were about to have a handsome suite of rooms where lodges might be held at a merely nominal price, where every facility would be afforded except the facility of getting refreshment. Ultimately he hoped they would have a name and habitation of their own, which could only be done by investing capital, and they might put by £100 a year for that purpose, private lodges would not then be the losers by the increase in the fees.

The Rev. G. R. Portal then proposed "The Past Grand Masters," and apologised for the absence of Earl Limerick from the table, which was caused by considerable ill-health. He congratulated Grand Lodge on having obtained the adhesion of the last of the Mark lodges working under the Scotch Constitution. This lodge was held at Bristol in Lord Limerick's own province, and that very morning the Grand Master's warrant had been sent there. The adhesion of this Lodge was greatly due to Lord Limerick. He would connect with this toast the name of the Grand Secretary who had the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden. The Mark degree was most fortunate in having so hard-working a body of officers as it had; but he attributed that to the way in which the Grand Lodge appointments were made. Brethren instead of being chosen for ornamental or honorary reasons they were selected according as they had shewn their zeal for the Order by their hard work.

Bro. F. Binckes, in responding, said; I speak with the almost sincerity regarded from either point of view when I say, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that I rise to respond to the toast you have just now so kindly given, with mingled feelings of regret and of pride—with regret that by unquestionably the accident of circumstances over which, no doubt, not one of those distinguished brethren had any control, no one more qualified to respond to this toast is present than myself;—with pride that I have been singled

out by the position I hold to have my name coupled with the toast which has just been recommended for the brethren's reception by the Grand Master. And that pride is not diminished when I know and feel that by the exercise of the prerogative vested in our Grand Master, he chose to single me out for a distinguished honour, which I shall value as long as life is spared to me; by which prerogative I am the senior Past Grand Officer present. I look around this room, and I look at the meeting we had upstairs, and I say that the position I occupy is one which any man might be proud of, that many men may envy perhaps, and that all may indulge in the hope they may arrive at. The gist of our Most Worshipful Grand Master's observations was this, that hard and persevering work will ensure to every man, no matter what his station, a great and honourable reward. I am satisfied that we have had at the head of this Order no Grand Master who would ever distribute his honours wantonly or without due consideration, but who has always made it his earnest study to give to all matters his best consideration, to see where merit could be found. When that merit has been found it has always been rewarded.

Now, my observations as far as this goes do not apply to myself, for I know I owe a great deal to the kindness of the brother who has presided over us as Grand Master to-night; but there was one special occasion when his firmness and gentleness were of immeasurable value. His kindness I shall never forget, and he thought me worthy of the high honour which I now hold. I cannot surely be deemed guilty of egotism in acknowledging this kindness of our Grand Master, or of pride in saying how gratefully I bear the honour that distinguished brother has bestowed on me, and surely if my position to-night is an accidental one, no brother, however distinguished, will envy me. In Grand Mark Lodge we have no undue influences brought to bear on these appointments. In our Grand Mark Lodge merit, work, labour, zeal, exertion, are the simple passports to our highest honours. Let us always bear this in mind. We see it and know it. It is practically brought to bear upon us year by year, as our Grand Masters succeed each other. If this continue to be the case, and this is understood, we never can fail to have a large number of brethren duly qualified; and those brethren when appointed, duly sensible of the honours conferred upon them. I look round this table to-night—I speak on behalf of a large number of distinguished brethren—and I see brethren who, if I speak dispassionately, by the work they have done for the degree have no honour which they have not deserved. But I feel sure their services have been cheerfully rendered, and they have earned for themselves the honours they bear upon their breasts, and the orders they wear on the clothing that adorns them. They have been rewarded to a certain extent for the duties they have performed, and if they know within themselves they have earned by their own work those distinctions, so much the more qualified must they be to take part in the working of Grand Lodge than those who have been elevated by the exercise of caprice or favour. On behalf of Deputy Grand Master, whose absence we so much regret, but whose services we must acknowledge for the way in which he discharged his duties upstairs—for I know I shall be confirmed by you when I say I never saw a meeting presided over with more firmness on the one hand, and consideration on the other, when one little slight step might have created a great difficulty. I beg to thank you. I think we ought to be very proud of our Grand Mark Masters. I will take our acting Grand Master to-night, Lord Limerick, as a fair sample of what our Grand Master's have been, what our Grand Master is and what our Grand Masters will be, and what the Grand Officers present and past are. It is a unanimous opinion that the Mark Grand Lodge is the model body as regards Masonic legislation and Masonic working. We made at one time a protest, and we said to another body we would endeavour to make one of our own. With what success have we done it? With 7,000 enrolled Mark Masons on our

register can any man regret that? Having put his hand to the Mark Masonic plough will he look back and desert it? I am sure he would not do so. Worshipful Master and brethren, you have paid me a very high honour by calling on me to respond to the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and past and present Grand Officers." I look upon it as a very high compliment and I never was more proud than when I heard you say so. I only wish they had had a more eloquent, but they certainly could not have had a more honest or more truthful mouth-piece than myself. I say for them all we value our offices and we will shew you good proof that we do value them by the work we intend to render in the future. (cheers.)

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Masters," was responded to by Major J. Tanner Davy, and "The Mark Benevolent Fund," by Bro. Meggy, after which the brethren separated.

There was a choice selection of music performed under the direction of Bro. John Read, P.G.Org., by Bros. Lord, Evison, Gilby, and Hubbard, and Miss Ward, and the evening was a very pleasant one from beginning to end.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

United Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, the M.W. the Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon, presiding. The Rev. John Huyshe, Prov. Grand Master of Devon, occupied the S.W. chair; Col. Whitwell, M.P., the J.W.; while Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of Jamaica, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and the Earl of Limerick, Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, as Past Grand Master. Past Grand Officers were not very numerous; but the Lodge below the dais was well attended by Grand Stewards, and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, of private lodges. Among the brethren present were Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; the Revs. A. B. Fraser, C. J. Martyn, and R. J. Simpson; Bros. R. J. Spiers, J. M. Clabon, Joshua Nunn, F. A. Philbrick, W. Glaisher, W. Pratt, H. Browse, Hyde Pullen, Wilhelm Ganz, T. Fenn, E. J. Saunders, Benj. Head, Brackstone Baker, N. Bradford, James Mason, Raynham W. Stewart, and Dr. Jabez Hogg.

Grand Secretary having read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication held in September, they were put to Grand Lodge and confirmed.

The nomination of Grand Master for the ensuing year, was the next business on the paper.

Bro. Standish Grove Grady rose and said: Brethren, I rise with feelings of very great gratification to nominate the most worshipful the Grand Master, as Grand Master for the ensuing year; and I feel quite certain that that nomination will give the greatest satisfaction to the Craft in general. (Applause.)

The M.W.G.M. I now appoint Bro. Clabon as President of the Lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year (applause). The next business is the election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

The Grand Secretary: As there are no other nominations for the office of Senior and Junior Vice-President than those already in office, they will be as follows:—

Senior Vice-President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Junior Vice-President, Bro. James Brett, P.G.P.

The M.W.G.M.: There being no other brethren nominated for those offices, those two brethren are elected.

The election of 12 Past Masters, to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence, for the ensuing year, was the next business on the

paper, but as no other names were proposed than those of the brethren composing the present Board that body was re-elected for another year.

The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, contained recommendations for the following grants, viz:—The widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend, £100; a Brother of the St. James' Union Lodge, No. 180, London, £50; and a Brother of the Holy Temple Lodge, No. 412, Longtown, £50. Brother Hervey having read the Report.

Bro. Joshua Nunn moved, and Bro. J. M. Clabon seconded the first two recommendations, and Bro. Nunn moved and Bro. John Savage seconded the third.

The first two having been carried, Bro. John Savage wished to make a few remarks about the third. He perfectly agreed with Bro. Nunn in what he had said regarding the services the brother to whom the amount of £50 was to be granted had rendered, but he should be glad if the money which it was intended to give the petitioner, could be entrusted to two brethren whom he (Bro. Savage) named. He agreed in the recommendation, but wished Bro. Nunn to add this point to the vote.

After a few words from Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.,

Bro. J. M. Clabon said that it was quite competent to the Board to direct into whose hands the money should go without such an addition to the vote. The Board frequently found that it would be imprudent to hand the money to the petitioners themselves, and as they always wished to do what was best for those petitioners they placed the money in hands where it would be used to the greatest advantage.

The motion was carried *nem. con.*

Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, G.R., in the absence of Bro. Horace Lloyd, president of the Board of General Purposes, through illness, moved the taking as read and the adoption of the following Report of the Board:—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes have the honour to report that they have received from the Board of Directors of the Freemasons' Tavern Company, Limited, a Resolution under the common seal of that Company, accepting, with their thanks, the reduction of rent which the Board of General Purposes were authorized to offer to the Company, and upon the terms attached to such offer. The Board of General Purposes have instructed the Solicitor of the Trustees of Grand Lodge, to prepare the necessary document for giving effect to the arrangement for this reduction of rent, the expense of which the Company have bound themselves to pay.

(Signed) HORACE LLOYD,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

18th November, 1873.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £2,888 5s. 3d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75; and for Servants' Wages, £88 19s.

Bro. McIntyre's motion was carried and Grand Lodge was then closed.

The following is a List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M. W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1449.—Royal Military Lodge, Canterbury, Kent.

1450.—Doric Lodge, Hill End, N.S.W.

1451.—St. John's Lodge, Mudgee, N.S.W.

1452.—St. Margaret's Lodge, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

1453.—Pacific Lodge of Reefton, Reefton, Westland, N. Zealand.

1454.—Plantagenet Lodge, Albany, Western Australia.

1455.—Wangaratta Lodge of St. John, Wangaratta, Victoria.

1456.—Port Fairy Lodge, Belfast, Victoria.

1457.—Bagshaw Lodge, Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

1458.—Lodge of Truth, Manchester.

1459.—Ashbury Lodge, West Gorton, near Manchester.

1460.—Thames Valley Lodge, Shepperton, Middlesex.

1461.—Clausentum Lodge, Woolston, Hants.

1462.—Wharcliffe Lodge, Penistone, Yorks.

1463.—Northern Star Lodge, Ferozepore, Punjab.

1464.—Erasmus Wilson Lodge, Greenhithe,

1465.—Ockenden Lodge, Cuckfield, Sussex.

1466.—Hova Ecclesia Lodge, Hove, Sussex.

1467.—Wodehouse Lodge, Dordrecht, Cape of Good Hope.

1468.—Port Alfred Lodge, Bathurst, Cape of Good Hope.

1469.—Meridian Lodge, Cradock, Cape of Good Hope.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. FRANCIS BENNOCH, F.S.A.

An interesting gathering took place on Friday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, the occasion being the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Francis Bennoch, the originator of, and honorary secretary to the Refugees' Benevolent Fund. Alderman Sir Thomas Dakin, Bart., presided.

The testimonial consisted of a handsome photographic Album, containing the portraits and signatures of the members of the committee of the fund.

The toast of "The Queen and Prince of Wales" having been duly honoured, the Chairman gave the toast of the evening, "The health of Mr. Bennoch." He said that they no doubt all recollected the stirring events of the French and Prussian war, and the unexpected results which followed from it. It was a very great satisfaction to him to think that at that time the English mind was deeply touched by the troubles and disasters of our near neighbour, our ancient ally, and he hoped he might say our sincere friend for all future time. The original conception of the idea was due to Mr. Bennoch, who put a stirring statement into the public prints in October, 1870, the result of which was that upwards of £10,000 was raised, and more than 7,000 cases were enquired into and relieved. Each case was thoroughly investigated, and although, of course, no one could do such a work without the assistance of a committee, still Mr. Bennoch had the faculty of fixing on those who had administrative power like him. Nothing could have been more happy than the working of the machinery employed by him, particularly the ladies' committee, under the direction of Lady Lothian. The presentation then took place, and the toast was drunk with three times three.

Bro. Bennoch in acknowledgment of the compliment which had been paid him, said that nothing could be more in accordance with his feelings than that memorial of the dear friends who had been associated with him in this work. Alderman Besley placed the Mansion House at his service, and Sir Thomas Dakin moved the first resolution at the meeting which was held there. His (Bro. Bennoch's) only merit was the conception of the idea of the fund, which was forced upon him by the sight of the great national calamity which had happened across the Channel. The chief merit of the good accomplished was due to the committee, who for seven months daily attended at his office and examined into the more than 7,000 cases which were relieved. He bore testimony to the help given by Lady Lothian and the other ladies, and said nothing could have exceeded their charity and philanthropy during the seven months that their labours lasted. It was an exceedingly pleasant gift which they had presented to him, and he thanked them most heartily for it.

A number of toasts were afterwards given.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

This prosperous and harmonious lodge celebrated its annual festival at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 28th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lieut. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Past Senior Grand Warden, who was supported upon] the auspicious occasion by the following distinguished brethren:—Capt. William Platt, G.J.W.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; F. A. Philbrick, G.D.; B. Head, P.G.D.; Bent, G. Chaplain; Wendt, G. Sec. German Correspondence, H. Dumas, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.J.D.; T. Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Ganz, G. Organist; J. C. Parkinson, D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Rosenthal, P. Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex; A. A. Richards, Prov. J.G.W. Middlesex; S. G. Grady, G. Steward, W.M.; J. Gibson, P.G. Steward; J. A. Rucker, V. P. Board of G.P.; Erasmus Wilson, S.D.; Henry Muggeridge, E. March, P.G.S., P.M. 99; A. Green, Sec.; and F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School.

The lodge having been opened in the first and second degrees, was worked in sections by the following brethren:—

- 1st Section Bro. W. Smallpeice, W.M. 1395.
2nd " " J. Muzio, J.D. 1150.
3rd " " Dr. Erasmus Wilson, S.D. 2.
4th " " G. E. Wainwright, W.M. 1370.
5th " " T. Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.

The above Sections were worked in an admirable style, and were so successfully accomplished, that the proceedings will not soon be forgotten by those whose privilege it was to be present. After this the lodge was closed in due form, and a vote of thanks was passed to the worthy brethren.

The brethren then adjourned to the spacious banqueting hall, where upwards of 200 sat down to an excellent banquet, at which Col. Burdett presided.

After the removal of the cloth, the Chairman in proposing "The Queen, and the Craft" said the first toast that I have to propose this evening is one that is always received among Masons with the greatest pleasure. I know you are all loyal subjects, and our Sovereign Lady the Queen is most excellent, and we all appreciate her virtues, therefore I give you "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," and I couple with that "The Craft."

The Chairman said, the next toast is "The health of one of the most leading persons in the Kingdom, and leading member of our Order, "The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M." It is unnecessary for me to say anything in his praise, he is appreciated by all of us, and is a nobleman of whom we all feel proud.

The toast was duly honoured.

The Chairman: I have now to call your attention to a toast which I am sure you will all receive with pleasure. We have for a long time been governed by the Marquess of Ripon, and he has been supported by his Deputy the Earl of Carnarvon, not only by him, but has been supported by his Grand Officers, both past and present, and it is with extreme pleasure, I propose the "Deputy, the Grand Masters, past and present, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and I couple with that toast the Duke of Edinburgh, who is about to be allied to one of the greatest Princesses [in Europe, I therefore have great pleasure in drinking the healths of the Prince of Wales, Present and Past Grand Officers, and I also beg to couple with that toast our G.J.W., Bro. Platt.

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. Platt, in rising to return thanks, said I return you thanks on behalf of the officers, both past and present, and also for the kind manner in which you have been pleased to receive my name. The able way in which the second lecture was worked must have improved the memories of juniors, and refreshed the seniors amongst us. As one of the seniors I have been greatly instructed, and I am sure we all have been benefitted by the proficiency that has been displayed this night. I beg to tender to you all my most cordial thanks, and I hope union will exist amongst you all till time shall be no more. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: Brethren, the next toast I

shall propose gives me a deal of pleasure, and requires the eloquence of some brother more able to do it than myself, and I feel confident it may be done in more glowing terms, yet no one can do it with more earnestness than I shall; not only what has been done this night, we feel sure it is not an unexceptional case but one of frequent practice. Come when you will you will always find it worked well. (Cheers.) Therefore, I have great pleasure in asking you to drink "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement."

The toast having been honoured, Bro. Platt replied. He said: Worshipful Sir and brethren, I have a very pleasing duty to perform, that is to propose the health of a brother whose endeavours to promote the welfare of Masonry have been appreciated by all. The brother whom I refer to sits on my left hand (cheers), and who has kindly consented to preside over this Lodge of Improvement to-night. He is a lover of the cause, and has always shown great zeal in furthering Masonry. He has distinguished himself as a Mason, and has proved faithful to his brethren: I shall therefore ask you to drink his health with all the fervency which his works do claim (cheers).

The toast having been honoured, Bro. Lieut. Col. Francis Burdett, who was loudly cheered, said: Brethren, I assure you it is very gratifying to endeavour, as far as I can, to promote the interests of Masonry. I feel I do not deserve such an high compliment. You have received me very kindly indeed, and I find that you are all brethren, not only by Masonry, but in heart. Whether in London and provinces, or elsewhere, I have always met with such kindly feeling. I have been gratified and feel much flattered, but have been pleased to be allowed to preside over this lodge. I have around me some of the best working Masons in England. (Hear, hear.) We are here to undertake the duties of instructing others to what Masons should be. I am sure the admirable working of to-night will induce young Masons to acquire the knowledge that has been exhibited; and will also induce them to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before. I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the honour you have conferred upon me by drinking so heartily my health. (Cheers.)

Rev. B. Bent, G. Chap., in rising said: Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I have to propose a toast which will require but very few words on my part. You cannot be insensible to the duty we owe to the lodge under whose auspices this Lodge of improvement works. I ask you to drink "Success to the Lodge of Unions," and couple with it the W.M.

The toast was drunk with the greatest cordiality.

Bro. Green: Brethren, I must say that the principal part of my knowledge has been imparted to me from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Bro. J. Hervey on rising said: Brethren, allow me to propose a toast; under the present circumstances there is no better person in the room to propose it than myself. It is not from any assumption on my part; being one of the oldest members of the Emulation Lodge. I beg to propose success to the sister Lodges of Instruction. We pride ourselves on our work, we do our best to bring up those who are sucking Masons in the way they ought. (Laughter.) We cannot be insensible to the fact that other lodges of instruction in this great city are as much entitled to our praise as our own. I am glad to see Bro. Muggeridge present. (Cheers.) Brethren we may be good, I think we are, at least I hope so. The brethren present do their best to promulgate the interests of Masonry in their districts; and I am sure we do our duty in the West Central District. I wish all our sister Lodges success, and that they may do in their districts the same as we are doing in ours. I, therefore, propose "Success to all other Sister Lodges," and couple with that toast the name of my good friend, Bro. Muggeridge. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Muggeridge, on rising, said: It is with very much pleasure I rise to thank you for the kind manner in which the toast has been proposed and responded to, but at the same time I cannot state anything fresh, I can repeat the old

story, should like to say something new, I feel highly gratified for the kind manner you have drunk my health. I have attended my lodge for 35 years. I again thank you and the committee for the very kind compliment that has been paid me. I am always pleased to hear of the prosperity of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, It has been very gratifying to me to see the excellent working that has been exhibited by the brethren that have worked; it reflects great credit to them. I again thank you most sincerely for your kind manner in responding to the toast.

Bro. Philbrick: Worshipful Sir, and Brethren, I cannot make a witty speech, yet I can make a short one. We have witnessed to night what an intelligent appreciation of the ritual of our craft can produce. We feel proud of the distinguishing features of our Order, and the grand principles on which Masonry is founded, viz., Charity. It will flourish through all storms, it is to this great principle we attribute the great permanency of Masonry. Although this Lodge of Emulation teaches us the ritual of the Order, we must not forget the charity on which it rests I beg to mention the name of Bro. Binckes, a name only to be used among Masons; also that of our Bro. Terry;—I therefore propose "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Binckes, in responding said, I shall make a very short speech indeed. I am well contented with this toast. After a few remarks on the claims of the Great Masonic Institutions, our much respected brother sat down amidst loud applause.

Bro. Terry, who was loudly cheered, said: I am not in the habit of addressing such a large assembly as our Bro. Binckes. After some remarks on the coming festival in the ensuing year, he trusted that those brethren who have not made up their minds to support it, will do so. We have plenty to do in the Benevolent Institution. Great success has been made in the past year, and I trust that yet further exertions will be made, and we shall be able to show that such exertions were not in vain. I beg to return you my sincere and hearty thanks. (Applause.)

The Chairman: Brethren, we know that no office can go on without its officers, I therefore need make no explanation, for you all are aware of the able manner in which this lodge is worked. I shall therefore propose the health of "The Officers of the Lodge of Emulation, and also Bro. Smallpeice."

Bro. Smallpeice: I thank you for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health, and it gives me pleasure to take this opportunity of publicly expressing my sincerest thanks to the brethren of the Lodge of Emulation.

The Chairman: The stewards have done a great deal to make us comfortable, and I believe you are all willing to appreciate their exertions. We cannot do less than to express our best thanks to them. It gives me pleasure to propose the health of "The Stewards of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement." (Cheers.)

Bro. Fenn: I thank you for the kind compliment you have paid to my work. We are all anxious to promote the interests of this lodge in Masonry. I may say that we thoroughly appreciate the kind manner in which you have expressed this evening. (Cheers.)

The Tyler's toast was given, which brought the proceedings to a close. We may add, the whole of the proceedings was a great success, and the brethren expressed themselves highly delighted.

The officers were most courteous, and won the favour of all by the warmth of their reception. They exerted themselves praiseworthy to make all comfortable, and Bro. Fenn afforded whatever information was required.

AID TO HAPPINESS AND HEALTH.—Bilious affections with all their concomitant annoyances, induced by atmospheric changes, or too liberal diet, should be checked at once, or serious consequences may ensue. When anyone finds his ideas less clear than usual, his eyesight dimmed, and his head dizzy, with indisposition for all exertion, physical or mental, he may be quite sure that he is in immediate need of some cooling and purifying medicine. Let him send at once for a box of Holloway's pills, which will free him from his sufferings, and speedily renew his usual healthful feelings. If the bowels be irritable, Holloway's ointment should be diligently rubbed over the stomach and liver every night and morning.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, December 12, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, December 6.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, December 8.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons Hall.
- " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 90, St. John's, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 879, Peckham, Maismore Arms Tavern, Park-road, Peckham.
- " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7. Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, December 9.

- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses, Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
- Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
- " 235, Nine Muses.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.
- " 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Arms Hotel, Hammer-smith.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square.
- Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Shepherd's-lane, Brixton.
- Pilgrim Lodge of Instruction (No. 238), German Gymnasium, Old St. Pancras-road, King's Cross. (Working in German.)
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, Dec. 10th.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
- Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
- " 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Linchouse.

- Lodge 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham Green.
- " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.

Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, Freemasons Tavern.

- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, December 11.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks.
- " 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Volunteers, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
- Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- " 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.

- K. T. Preceptory, 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Wbury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, December 12.

- Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- K. T. Preceptory, 26, Faith and Fidelity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7, St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Counts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Roso Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, December 13, 1873.

- Monday, December 8.
- Lodge 292, Sincerity, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 4.
- " 447, Mersey, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
- " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
- Tuesday, December 9.
- Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
- " 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
- " 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
- Chap. 537, Zion, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
- " 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
- Wednesday, December 10.
- Lodge 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 6.30.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264) Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
- Thursday, December 11.
- Lodge 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
- " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
- Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
- Friday, December 12.
- Lodge 155, Perseverance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
For the week ending Saturday, December 13, 1873.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

- Monday, December 8.
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- Chap. 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-street.
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Craft Masonry.

BOLTON.—*Anchor and Hope Lodge* (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Monday, 1st inst., when there were present Bros. J. Pilkington, W.M.; W. Slater, S.W.; J. Walker, J.W.; J. Tunnah, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.; T. H. Winder, P.M., P. Prov. G. Purst.; Knowles, Robinson, Isherwood, Newton, Harwood and Wilson, P.M.'s; Sharples, Treas.; E. Ainsworth, Sec.; Horricks, S.D.; Freeman, J.D.; Brown I.G.; and others. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the W.M., for the ensuing year, the result being the unanimous election of the S.W., Bro. Wm. Slater, to that office. The lodge was passed to the second degree, when Bro. Rooke Pennington was passed to the degree of F. C. by Bro. Robert Harwood, P.M. The lodge was then opened up in the third degree, when Bro. Wm. J. Challinor, was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. Samuel Isherwood, P.M. The annual festival of the lodge was fixed to be held on the first Monday in January, when it was understood the ceremony of installing the W.M., would be performed by Bro. W. Romaine Callendar, Dep. Prov. G. Master. The lodge was then closed down to the first degree, and after a portion of the ancient charges had been read, was then closed.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—At the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Tuesday, November 18th, this old lodge met. Bros. G. J. Grace, W.M.; A. L. Dussek, S.W.; J. S. Grame, S.D.; T. J. H. Wilkins, J.D.; J. H. Batten, I.G.; C. Rayden, D.C.; E. Harris, P.M. Treasurer; G. Free, P.M. Secretary; G. Morris, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M.; and others, were present. The visitors were Bros. A. Morgan, 254; J. W. Avery, P.M. 619; W. Angus, 919; E. Wright, 619; R. Meggitt, 890; J. Nutton, 890; and others. Bros. E. W. Sutton and E. Buckland were passed, and Mr. W. J. Heritage initiated, the work being done well. The usual six-guinea Past Master's jewel, was voted from the lodge funds to Bro. G. J. Grace, W.M. A banquet was served after the lodge was closed.

IPSWICH.—*British Union Lodge* (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the 4th inst., present—Bros. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; C. F. Long, P.M. (in the chair); Peter de Lande Long, P.M.; W. Boby, P.G.S.W.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G.C.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; P. Cornell, P.P.J.D.; Rev. T. G. Beaumont, P.G.C.; H. Moore, P.M.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sec.; S. Wright, S.W.; A. D. George, J.W.; J. Burton, S.D., and others. Visitors—Bros. J. D. Huson, P.P.G.W.; W. Stafford; A. Gamman, W.M. Perfect Friendship Lodge; and S. D. King. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read, Bro. C. F. Long, I.P.M., resigned the gavel to Bro. Sanderson. The ballot was taken for Mr. Sturgeon Nunn Brewster, gentle-

man, proposed by Bro. Emra Holmes, seconded by Bro. George, which was unanimous, and the candidate being in attendance, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. On the lodge being raised to the third degree, Bro. Allen, having first proved his proficiency in the former degrees, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; both ceremonies being most impressively performed by Bro. Sanderson, who is the life and soul of Masonry in Suffolk. Bro. Peter de Lande Long was afterwards installed with all ceremonial into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Lockwood, D.P.G.M., and proceeded to appoint the following as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. D. George, S.W.; J. Burton, J.W.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, S.D.; H. Miller, J.D.; Rev. J. Tweed, I.G.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Chap.; Emra Holmes, M.C. In consequence of a death in the family of the W.M., St. John's Festival, which was to have been celebrated on this occasion, was postponed *sine die*, but the usual supper was numerously attended.

WINDSOR.—*Etonian Lodge* (No. 209).—The regular meeting of this old and improving Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Royal Adelaide Hotel. At the request of the W.M., Brother J. Wilson, P.M., presided. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the two previous meetings having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. A. Pears as a candidate for initiation, which having been unanimous, he was duly admitted into the light of Freemasonry. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Webster and Baker as joining members, which was declared by the W.M. to be unanimous. The lodge was then opened in the second degree when Bros. W. S. Nicholls and C. Barkshire were examined in the usual questions and intrusted with the passing grip and word leading from the second to the third degree. They then retired to be prepared. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and they were re-admitted and most impressively raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The lodge was then resumed to the first degree when the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year. As Bro. W. Bladon the S.W., expressed a wish not to go into the chair on the present occasion, the ballot ended in favour of Bro. G. W. Dixon, Prov. G. Steward, Berks and Bucks, and J.W. of the lodge. Bro. Dixon then thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had shewn him, and at the same time expressed his regret that Bro. Bladon had not accepted the honour he had so fairly earned. The ballot was then taken for the Treasurer, when Bro. J. S. Pullin, P.M., was unanimously re-elected. It was then proposed by Bro. Dixon and seconded by the W.M., Bro. J. Rein, that Bros. J. O. Carter and C. D. Hume be elected auditors of the current year's accounts. This was carried *nem. con.* The lodge was then closed in due form by the W.M., and the brethren adjourned for refreshments. There were present Bros. J. S. Reid, W.M.; W. Bladon, S.W.; J. W. Dixon, P.G.S. Berks and Bucks, J.W.; J. O. Carter, P.G.S. Berks and Bucks, S.D.; W. Denne, J.D.; J. Crowhurst I.G.; J. R. Gibbons, Sec.; G. Stacey, Organist. J. Strange, P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; L. Bryan, W.M. 785; C. D. Hume, R. Roberts, W. S. Nicholls, C. Barkshire, and A. Pears. Visitors, Bros. T. Hiscock, I.G. 865; W. E. Chorley, 865.

RIPON.—*De Grey and Ripon Lodge* (No. 837).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Ripon, on the 5th December, 1873. Present Captain George Kearsley, W.M.; Past Masters Evans, Collinson, Herring, and Ripley; Bros. Bradwell, Mountain, McConochie, Dunnington, Harrison, Smith, Calvert, Colley, J. Kearsley, Donaldson, Moss, Robinson, Sayer, James, Pratt, Harland, and Stork. Visitors Brothers Akrill, W.M., Pullan, P.M., Skiolan, England, P.M., and J. Pullan, of Lodge 1008. The lodge was opened in due form at 6 p.m., and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second degree, and then raised to the third degree. The W.M., Capt. Kearsley, then proceeded to install his successor, the S.W., Bro. T. H. Bradwell, in the E. chair. The ceremony was admirably done, and the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens given

in his usual impressive manner. Brother Mountain was appointed S.W.; Harrison, J.W.; Smith, S.D.; Calvert, J.D.; Dunnington, Secretary, McConochie, Steward; Harland, Organist; and James, I.G. Bro. Stock, who was at the last meeting re-elected Tyler, was invested. Through the unavoidable absence of Bro. P.M. Kendall, who had been re-elected Treasurer, the W.M. was obliged to postpone the investing of him with the badge of his office. The lodge having been closed down to the first degree, the ballot was then taken for Lieutenant E. Fletcher, R.N., of Lodge Union of Malta, 407, and he was unanimously elected a joining member. The new W.M. at once proceeded to show his fitness for office by initiating in excellent style Captain J. S. Brougham. It could not have been better done, and the newly appointed officers also proved that they were up in their work. Captain Kearsley presented the lodge with a copy of the photographic group of the brethren, taken by Bro. Skeolan during last summer; it is in an appropriate frame of oak, carved with Masonic emblems. The lodge was closed about 8.30 in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Unicorn Hotel, where an excellent supper was provided, and the evening passed off in the usual happy manner.

ST. HELEN'S.—*Lodge of Loyalty* (No. 897).—The annual Installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 2nd ult., at the Fleece Hotel, St. Helen's, when a good attendance of members and visitors evinced the high esteem and respect in which is held the re-elected W.M., Bro. William Lester. The lodge having been duly opened and some routine business disposed of, Bro. J. Hamer, P.P.G.T., proceeded to re-install the W.M. elect, and at its close received a warm vote of thanks for his efficient rendering of the ceremony. The W.M. then named and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year. Bros. P. P. Dunn, S.W.; H. S. L. Gurney, J.W.; C. C. Wilson, S.D.; J. S. White, J.D.; W. J. Marion, Sec.; H. Rawlinson, S.S.; J. Molyneux, J.S. The banquet, which gave every satisfaction in its arrangements, was then held, and closed at about nine o'clock p.m. The W.M. in responding to the toast of the evening alluded to the great honour done to the lodge by the recent visit of Prov. G. Lodge, and spoke very hopefully of a successful future for Lodge 892. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. L. W. P. Fowler, P.P.A.D.C.; Bro. R. Young, W.M., 1384; and Bro. Cadman.

DENBIGH (NORTH WALES).—*Royal Denbigh Lodge* (No. 1143).—The brethren of this lodge held their installation meeting at the Town Hall, Denbigh, on the 28th ult., a large number of brethren greeting this important occasion by their presence. During the Mastership of Bro. Martin Underwood, the lodge has had the pleasure of obtaining for the widow and children of a gallant British officer named Rainer a grant of £20 from the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, although the deceased brother had no connection with Denbigh, but had become a Freemason in England before going to Jamaica, and the family had recently come to reside in the town with a view to educational conveniences. Again, the oldest son of a deceased brother of the Lodge of St. Tudno, and a well-esteemed Welchman in Denbigh, as elsewhere (the late Mr. J. Willmott Rees), on the application of his devoted mother, Mrs. Wilmot Rees, obtained the unanimous vote of the lodge for admission to that noble Masonic Institution for orphan children at Woodgreen, with best wishes for success. The lodge also for the first time became a subscriber to the funds of that institution during the past year. Bro. M. Underwood can, therefore, upon leaving Denbigh for London, look with satisfaction to his period of office as having been a truly Masonic year, and as having brought into play all those qualities for which the Craft is so justly noted. The W.M. elect, Bro. Robert James Sisson, of Talardy, Flintshire, is really a Mason born of the Royal Denbigh Lodge, and a most worthy successor of those excellent Masters who have from the first installation filled the chair, once occupied by the illustrious Grand Master of England, the late Duke of Sussex, grand uncle to H.R.H. the Past Grand Master. That which speaks

a language for Masonry which may be understood by all brethren throughout the world in the fact that the eldest son of the new worthy Master, Mr. John Pope Sisson, connected by his mother's side with Cambridgeshire, has been proposed by the W.M. as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry. We think, therefore, those who have a doubt of that status, that position and advantage which Masonry holds in the world, will, when this is brought before them, say that there is nothing in Masonry which a father need keep from his much beloved, but show him all in Masonry which widely should be known by everyone deserving of the privilege. The Board of Installed Masters on the present occasion included every Past Master of the lodge, viz., Bro. John Preece, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales and Shropshire, of the National Provincial Bank of England, Lichfield; Bro. Robert Vaughan Williams, M.A., P.P.G.S.W., North Wales and Shropshire, County Court Judge; Bro. John Copner Wynne Edwards, P.P.G.J.W., North Wales and Shropshire, Bro. John Ormiston, Wigfair, Flintshire; Bro. the Rev. John Henry Roberts, M.A., Head Master, Denbigh Grammar School; Bro. Richard Lloyd Williams, County Surveyor, and Bro. Martin Underwood, artist architect. Bro. Preece in due form proceeded with the installation, which was well performed, and elicited encomiums from all present. The lodge business being ended, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, Mrs. Lloyd, hostess of the Bull Hotel, being highly praised for her catering. The W.M. was supported on the right and left by the Past Masters of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. J. H. Roberts, being Chaplain, and amongst the rest of the company were:—Bros. Dr. J. R. Hughes, S.W.; Thomas Sleight, J.W.; Dr. Llewelyn Lodge, S.D.; Bro. Dr. Evan Pierce Williams, J.D.; John Davies, Vale-street, I.G.; J. Parry Jones, the Worshipful the Mayor of Denbigh, Treasurer; Robert Harrison, Steward; Stephen Rosse, Samuel Perks, Rhyl; Robert Davies, Leanfairtalhaiarn; Francis Wynne, Town Clerk of Denbigh; Peter Thompson, Coed Coch, Abercele; William Lloyd, Junior, Well-street, Ruthen; Edwin Shelton Jones, Denbighshire Infirmary; and others. The usual complimentary toasts and speeches followed the repast, including a bumper toast to the new W.M., and probably the happiest evening the lodge has ever known resulted, in the course of which Bro. P. M. Vaughan Williams paid a most deserving tribute to "the father of the lodge." He said, Worshipful Sir, I rise with a mixture of pleasure, and at the same time with fear, that I shall not do right justice to the toast which I have the honour to propose. It is the health of one I would sooner propose than of any other in this room. I propose to you "Health and success to the father of this lodge, Bro. Preece." (Great applause.) If any one deserves the name, Preece is the name that will always be thought of as that of the father of this lodge, for had it not been for worthy John Preece I do not think that the Royal Denbigh Lodge would have been reborn. (Great applause.) And certainly his devoted spirit is attached to it; so useful and so successful has the lodge become. (Renewed applause.) With full knowledge of the facts, I beg to say we are the most successful lodge in North Wales. (Great applause.) And that is owing to the time, to the earnestness, the devotion with which he tried to bring it up, and the anxiety with which he taught Masonry, and the principles of Masonry to the lodge. (Applause.) We all derived benefit from him. I had been a Mason, and others here had been Masons, but I say whatever we may have known, we knew but little of the practical principles of Masonry until this lodge was reborn of Bro. Preece. (Applause.) Under his tuition as first Master I learned a great deal, not, let me say, of the cant of Masonry—because there is cant in everything in this world—but of the true duty and principles which belong to Freemasonry, and I endeavoured to discharge that duty and observe those principles during my year of office, as my successors have done to the best of my ability. (Great applause.) We all gladly acknowledge that it is owing mainly to Bro. Preece that the true spirit of Masonry pervades this lodge; and that is why we

always ought, as we always do, show him the greatest welcome that we can show as Christians and Masons whenever he shows his bright masonic-looking face amongst us. (Great applause.) May he succeed in whatever part of the world he lives, and have time to come now and then to help to bring us up, and keep us in the way we should go in Masonry. (Great applause.) Brethren, I speak thus, not for the sake of simply saying complimentary words; but I speak the feelings of my inmost heart when I pray, long may he live, and strengthened for the day may he be, to raise up and help Masonry forward; and may he come here often, and have as good and cordial a welcome ever as I am sure every brother of the lodge present and absent most heartily gives him. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours, and eloquently responded to by Bro. Preece. It may be mentioned that in connexion with the fund of benevolence raised in this lodge, the feeling of many of the members was to propose at the next meeting that a subscription of £10 be given to the fund which is now being most kindly collected by Mr. R. C. B. Clough, Borough Surveyor of Denbigh, on behalf of the respected widow and family of the late Bro. Minshall, of the Crown Hotel, who was a member of the Llandudno Lodge before coming to reside at Denbigh.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—On Thursday, November 20th, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. Brother William Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M., presided. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. H. T. Dubois, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, P.M., Secretary; E. Gilbert, S.D.; and some forty others. The only visitor was Bro. Davage, W.M. 201. The agenda paper was reduced by Bro. F. Walters, P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M., Secretary, raising Bros. J. Johnson, J. V. Watkins, and J. Laurence, and initiating Messrs. Ellis and Stone. The W.M., Brother William Hammond, P.M. 201, resumed the throne of K.S., and initiated Messrs. Tagg and Larking and passed Brothers W. Mitchell and Josias Laurence. The privileges and rank of honorary Past Master were abolished, on account of the great expense they entailed on the lodge. The following Stewards were appointed Bros. J. Hurst and J. Newton, for Benevolent Institution; H. A. Dubois, P.G. Steward Middlesex, S.W., for Boys' School; William Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M., for Girls' School. It was arranged that no more meetings would be held until next May. The work was, as usual at this lodge, well done. Refreshment followed labour.

EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).—An emergency meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, November 21st, for the purpose of relieving the agenda paper of Tuesday, November 25th, when the installation ceremony had to be done. There were present Brothers Bourne, P.M., W.M.; J. Summers, S.W., and W.M. elect; E. Jacobs, as J.W.; John Coutts, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; J. Elliott, Secretary; G. Stacey, Organist; T. J. Ireton, I.G.; F. Harrison, Steward; and a large number of other members. These following gentlemen were initiated, viz., Messrs. W. F. P. Maturin, W. W. Thomson, W. J. Gosden, W. H. Robinson, and W. Clifford. The ceremony was well rendered, the music adding much to its beauty. The lodge was adjourned to the following Tuesday. Nothing deterred by a notice on summons that those attending cold collation would have to pay for same, all present remained. The usual toasts were given. The W.M. elect and the Treasurer especially distinguishing themselves by the eloquent manner in which they proposed and responded to the toasts of the evening, some of them being special ones, which were received with enthusiasm. In consequence of the numerous applications for initiation at this lodge it is expected the fees will be increased to not less than ten, but probably fifteen guineas and eventually a higher sum. The lodge has been founded in such an excellent manner by its father, Brother John Coutts, and his friends, that a genuine success has been the result of the

labour bestowed. A very good and efficient lodge, well worthy of the Order, has been added to its roll.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic-room, Millom, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 18th. Bro. Thomas Dodgson, W.M., P.M. 945, and P.G.S.S. C. and W., in the chair, who was supported by Bros. Roger Dodgson, P.M. 1390, P. Prov. G.S.B. C. and W. and P.S.W. 995; John Mills, S.W., P.G.S.B. C. and W.; J. Meridith, J.W.; James Rostelthwaite, Sec.; H. M. Meakin, S.D.; W. Crook, J.D.; Holloway, Org.; Waiting, S.S.; Bell, J.S.; Whiteside, I.G., and P.M. 1398; with many more brethren, members of the lodge, and Bro. McKay, visitor, of Union Lodge, Kendal No. 120. The minutes of last regular lodge were read and duly confirmed; the lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Lang, and George Smith, having satisfactorily answered the questions entitling them to be raised to the sublime degree, were fully entrusted and retired, the lodge was then raised, and Bro. Lance was admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Bro. T. Dodgson, the W.M., in a most impressive manner, Bro. Dodgson; then occupied the chair of K.S., and raised Bro. George Mills in a manner at which the brethren felt much surprised. Bro. T. Dodgson then took the chair for Union Lodge, No. 120, and finally closed the lodge with solemn prayer at 10.15.

Royal Arch.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—*Adam's Chapter* (No. 158).—The annual meeting of this old and flourishing chapter, was held on Tuesday, the 25th of November, in the Masonic Hall, Sheerness-on-Sea, where a full attendance of officers, and a goodly number of companions attended, Comps. T. Hughes, M.E.Z.; J. Bagshaw, H.; S. L. Townsend, P.Z.; A. Spears, I.P.Z.; S. Townsend, P.Z.; T. Captain Sheppard, R.A., P.Z.; A. Oyston, Scribe E.; G. Beckwith, N.; Wm. Tailford, P.S.; and others. The chapter was opened in ancient form at 5 p.m. when the minutes of the convocation held in August, were read and confirmed. All companions below the rank of Installed First Principals, then retired from the chapter, when the ceremony of installing the Three Principals, was proceeded with; Comps. J. Bagshaw, M.E.Z.; S. L. Townsend, P.Z.; Wm. Pennell, J. The companions were then admitted and the following officers duly invested:—Comps. J. Townsend, P.Z.; J. A. Oysten, Scribe E.; Wm. Tailford, Scribe N.; J. Woodly, P.S.; S. Nunn, First Assistant; D. Ashforth, Second Assistant. The installation ceremony was performed by Comps. A. Spears, P.Z., in an efficient and impressive manner. Bro. Wigans, being a candidate for exaltation to this Supreme Degree, having been elected in the convocation in August, was duly brought forward, and exalted to the degree of a R.A. Mason. The exaltation ceremony was most ably performed by Comp. J. Bagshaw, the New M.E.Z., and the other two Principals, assisted by Comp. T. Hughes, I.P.Z. Great praise is due to Comp. Bagshaw, M.E.Z., for his energy and zeal, and in performing the duties of the First Principal's chair for the first time. The dues for the ensuing year were then taken, and the labours of the evening being thus ended, the chapter was closed in ancient form, Comp. A. Spears, P.Z., giving the parting address. The companions then adjourned to the Britannia Inn to banquet, provided by Mrs. Green (widow of our late lamented Comp. J. G. Green, P.Z.), in her usual excellent style, the viands and wines being of first-class quality, and gave great satisfaction to all. Eighteen companions sat down to table, presided over by the M.E.Z., Comp. Bagshaw. After the companions had done due justice to the excellent banquet, and the cloth removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in true R.A. style. After which several of the companions amused and entertained the company with several songs, recitations and speeches. Comp. A. Spears, P.Z., in proposing the toast of the Father of the Chapter, Comp. J. Townsend, P.Z., and

Treasurer, said that in proposing the health of our aged companion, it naturally leads the mind back to the early history of man, when our mysteries were blended in the secret rites and ceremonies of that worship rendered to the Deity in all the various forms then practised by the priests and magii of the different sects of philosophers, in the early ages; these handing them down through the long vista of time, were taken hold of by those craftsmen of the middle ages to bind themselves together for one grand object. Those men who erected those glorious cathedrals throughout Europe, and that stand to this day as monuments of their talents and zeal, and in later times these mysteries were made the foundation of this grand superstructure of morality and virtue now held by us. This toast was received with great applause, and feeling, responded to by Comp. S. L. Townsend, P.Z., and who is the next oldest member of the Chapter, in his usual excellent style. After spending a pleasant evening together, the companions separated, well pleased with their entertainment.

IPSWICH.—*Royal Sussex Chapter* (No. 376).—The usual quarterly convocation of the chapter was holden at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, Dec. 3rd, when there was an unusually large number of companions present. Comps. Cornell and Tracy were duly installed into the chairs of H. and J.; Comp. King remaining Z., Bros. A. Gamman, W.M., and E. Godbold, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, were elected, received, obligated, and exalted as companions of the Holy Royal Arch, the deeply impressive ceremony being performed with his usual skill by Comp. S. B. King, M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. Cornell and Tracy, who gave the symbolical and historical lectures. Amongst others present were Comps. Lucia, P.Z.; S. H. Wright, P.Z.; Marriott, P.Z.; Dr. Mills, P.Z.; J. Pitcher, P.Z.; G. S. Finchley, P.Z.; D. Fraser, P.Z.; A. Smith, Richmond, &c. The usual supper was afterwards done ample justice to by the companions, and as is customary in meetings of the Royal Sussex, a most agreeable evening was enjoyed by all present.

WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862).—This new chapter held its first meeting since consecration, on the 28th ult., at Anderton's Hotel. Comp. J. Weaver, M.E.Z., officiated as Z; W. Hurlestone, H.; R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., as J.; W. F. Smith, P.Z., N.; T. Kingston, P.S. Bros. Alfred Moore, 862; G. C. Pritchard, 862; W. A. Tinney, 1319; and Pritchard, 1319, were duly exalted into the Royal Arch Chapter. Comps. Tinney and Pritchard were appointed Assistant Sojourners, and Comp. Little was elected honorary member. The chapter was then closed, and the companions sat down to a comfortable supper, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Mark Masonry.

LEICESTER.—*Fowke Lodge* (No. 19).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 27th ult., for the transaction of the regular lodge business, and also for the reception of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. The Chair of A. was occupied by the W.M., Bro. William Weare, who was supported by his I.P.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; the S. and J. Wardens, Bros. Toller, and McAlister; the Treasurer, Bro. C. Stretton, Grand Steward; the Hon. Sec. Bro. Baines, and a fair attendance of the other officers and members. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was received, and the business of that lodge was proceeded with, the present Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. Kelly, whose time of office expires on the 5th inst., being unanimously chosen for re-appointment by the M.W.G.M.M.M. After the Grand Lodge had been closed, the Fowke Lodge was resumed and the remaining business of the meeting disposed of. Two brethren were proposed for advancement, and a vote of two guineas as a donation to the Girls' School, was voted to be placed on Bro. Waite's list, he having undertaken to represent the Craft

Provincial Grand Lodge as Steward at the next festival of the above Institution. The lodge was then closed in due form and in perfect harmony,

Knights of Malta.

IPSWICH.—*Priory of Prudence*.—On Wednesday the 29th ult., the annual meeting of this old priory was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, present Sir Knights Emra Holmes, Past Grand Provost of England; Prov. Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Sub Prior, Norfolk and Cambridge; J. Pitcher, Captain General; Dr. Mills, Lieutenant General; G. S. Findley, Chancellor, S. B. King, 2nd Lieutenant, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been accepted as correctly recorded, the priory having first been duly opened and the muster roll called, the Sir Knights proceeded to ballot for Sir Knight George Richard Scopes, of the Prudence Preceptory, who being accepted, was duly admitted to the Mediterranean Pass, and afterwards conducted by the Marshal, was received and installed a Knight of Malta, the interesting ceremony being performed in his usual impressive manner by Sir Knight Sanderson. The Sir Knights having resumed their stalls the usual business was proceeded with, and Sir Knight Holmes suggested to the Fratres that after the next meeting of the Prudence Preceptory in January next, when Sir Knight Mills would be installed as Preceptor, a Priory should be holden for the purpose of installing him as Prior at the same time, as by the new statutes of the Convent General the Preceptor for the time being is *ipso facto* Prior of the Priory, if a Knight of Malta. The Sir Knights afterwards assembled round the festive board when the Prior proposed in due course "The Queen, Patron of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital;" "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master," "The Earl of Limerick, Great Prior of England;" and "Captain Philips," the popular Prior of Norfolk and Cambridge, all of which toasts were duly honoured. He afterwards gave "The Health of the Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Sanderson," and spoke in the most eulogistic terms of that worthy and distinguished member of the Order, who replied as modestly as is his wont, and deprecated the flattering terms in which his health was given. Sir Knight Holmes then proposed the newly installed Companion-in-arms of the Order of Malta, Sir Knight Scopes, and impressed upon him the dignity of the Order he had now been privileged to join. Sir Knight Scopes responded briefly, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in being admitted as a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta. A very pleasant hour or two was spent discussing matters of interest to the assembled Fratres as to the regulations of Convent General and Great Priory, &c., and the Sir Knights separated at a reasonable hour.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

PALESTINE ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.—This chapter celebrated its third anniversary at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when the following members of the Order were present:—Ill. Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°, Lieut. G. Com.; Major-Gen. H. Clerk, 33°, G. Chan.; R. Hamilton, M.D., G. Sec. Gen.; Major S. W. Clarke, 33°, Dep. Sec. Gen.; Hyde Pullen, 33°, also—Colonel F. Burdett, 32° (Ireland), M.W.S.; John Hervey, P.M.W.S., and Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, 30°, P.M.W.S., and Rec., and many members of the 18°. Bro. George Kenning, 30°, M.W.S. Elect, was duly installed into the chair for the ensuing year, and the officers invested were as follows:—Bros. H. C. Levander, H.P.; T. L. Fox, 1st Gen.; C. Hammerton, 2nd Gen.; J. Hervey, Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, Rec.; S. Leith Tomkins, G.M.; J. T. Moss, Raph.; J. Dyer, Almoner; T. B. Yeoman, Herald; T. Cubitt, E.C.; E. Stanton, Org.; J. Dixon, M.D., D.C.. Bro. J. Read, 30°, officiated at the organ during the ceremony of perfecting Bro. Rev. J. Marychurch Vaughan, P.M. 907, Prov. G. Chap., Middlesex, which was the next business, and after a vote of thanks to the mem-

bers of the council for their attendance and assistance, the chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the new Royal Masonic Hall (*Café Royale*), where a splendid banquet was served, the *menu* surpassing anything of the kind usually provided at Masonic banquets. Several toasts were given during the evening, including the "Supreme Council," for whom Capt. Philips responded; the "Past M.W. Sovereigns," acknowledged by Col. Burdett; the "Visitors," by Major Clarke; and the "Officers," by Bros. Levander, Fox, and Little. During the financial year ending November, this chapter has given ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, constituting the M.W.S. a Governor in perpetuity.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—This conclave held its quarterly meeting at Freemasons' Tavern on Monday, the 1st inst., and was well attended, amongst those present being Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., G.V.; Colonel Francis Burdett, G.S.G.; W. E. Gumbleton, J.P., G.H. Chancellor; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; W. H. Hubbard, P.G. Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.G. Architect; H. C. Levander, M.A., G.H. Almoner; J. Boyd' G. Hist.; T. W. White, G.A. Treas.; J. T. Moss, G. Herald; H. Parker, G. Org.; R. W. Stewart, G.O.; G. Kenning, G. Insp. of Regalia; T. Cubitt, G.P., Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart. Int. Gen., Hants; E. Sillifant, V.E.; Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D., H. Prelate; Colonel James Peters, Hon. Sov.; John Dyer, K.G.C.; Jas. Pettengell, Hon. Sov.; T. Kingston, Hon. Sov.; Alfred Moore, Hon. Sov.; Herbert Dicketts, Treas. No. 2; Charles Horsley, S.G. Bective Conclave, No. 2; J. Woodward Barrett, G.S.B.; Clement Stretton, V. No. 4; C. Hammerton, S.G. No. 2; E. S. Norris, No. 2; S. Muggeridge, No. 14, &c. The conclave having been duly opened ballots were taken for several candidates, and the following brethren being in attendance, were introduced and installed as Knights of the Order, viz., the Rev. Philip M. Holden, 907; Thomas Massa, P.M. 59; and Jean V. P. Cereche, 142. The honorary grade of Viceroy was subsequently conferred upon Sir Knts. Horsley, Hammerton, Norris, and Cereche, and that of Sovereign upon Sir Knts. C. Stretton, Horsley, Hammerton, Norris, and Cereche. It was intended to confer the K.H.S. and St. John degrees, but owing to the lateness of the hour, those ceremonies had to be omitted. The conclave was then closed, and the Knights adjourned to the banquet, after which the following toasts were duly honoured:—The Queen and the Christian Orders; The Earl of Bective, M. Ill. G. Sov.; The Grand Viceroy, Sir F. Williams, Bart.; The Grand Council, responded to by Colonel Burdett; The Intendant-General and Grand Senators (Sir G. E. Campbell); The M.P.S. (Sir Kt. Moss); The newly Installed Companions in Arms (Sir Knts. Rev. P.M. Holden, Massa, and Cereche); The Visitors (Sir Knts. Horsley, Hyde Pullen, Boyd, Stretton, Norris, &c.); The Past Sovereigns (Sir Knts. Hubbard, Kenning, Marsh, &c.); The Viceroy and Officers (Sir Knts. Sillifant, and Rev. Dr. Brette); The Hon. Sovereigns (Sir Knt. Col. Peters), The Organist (Sir Knt. Parker); and the Sentinel's toast by Comp. J. Gilbert. During the evening Sir Knt. Parker performed most brilliantly on the pianoforte and sang several songs. Sir Knts. Dyer and Marsh also favoured the company with some choice vocal harmony, and all three were very heartily applauded for their kind exertions to please. The next meeting of this conclave will be held on the 2nd March, 1874, on the same day that the Annual Assembly of the General Grand Conclave is convened, previous to which date a Red Cross Ball will take place for the benefit of the Masonic Charities and the Almoner's Fund of the Order.

LIVERPOOL.—*Skelmersdale Conclave* (No. 77).—An assembly of the Skelmersdale Conclave, was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and was one of the most successful which has yet been held in this section of the country. Eminent

Sir Knt. H. Nelson, M.P.S., occupied the throne; and amongst those present were Sir Knts. J. T. Callow, V.E.; W. Cottrell, J.G.; H. Jackson, H.P.; T. Ashmore, P.S., Treas.; J. McCarthy, Rec.; J. J. Rosa, S. Prefect; J. Skeaf, J. Prefect; C. Leighton, Org.; W. Quayle, Herald; J. Capell, S. Aide; Peter Ball, Sentinel; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.S., D. Int. Gen. for West Lancashire; J. Dawson, T. Large, J. Purvis, William Oldham, J. Wood (Treas. 55, Liverpool Conclave), T. Garrett, H. Burrows, E. Dutch, H. Jones, and J. Gordon. The visitors were Ill. Sir Knt. G. Turner, Int. Gen. for West Lancashire; Sir Knts. T. Clark, V.E., 55 (Liverpool Conclave); W. Cron, 55; and G. H. Turner, 55. After the usual preliminary business, Bros. Ysidore Alvarez, of Lodge 673; L. Johnson, of Lodge 673; and John Burgess, of Lodge 1356, were duly balloted for, and on being declared elected unanimously, were installed according to the impressive ritual of the Order. Very rarely has the working in any conclave been so complete and satisfactory in every respect, and therefore the greatest praise is due to every officer connected with the "Skelmersdale," especial notice being due to the delivery of the historical lecture by Sir Knt. H. Jackson, H.P. A veteran Mason said he was confident that the lodge-room of the Liverpool Temple never looked more striking than on this occasion, and this opinion was doubtless justified by the superb fitting and furnishing of the conclave chamber by Sir Knt. George Kenning, of London and Liverpool. There were several other installations due, and it was resolved that an emergency should be held before the Masonic ball on the 15th prox. The conclave was closed in the greatest harmony, and an excellent repast was subsequently served to about 30 knights of the Order.

FREEMASONRY IN THE MAURITIUS.

Monday, the fourteenth day of July, 1873, was a red letter day in the Masonic annals of Lodge Friendship, and the gathering of the brethren on this interesting occasion was both numerous and influential.

This happy day was due to the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Right Worshipful Bro. George Dewison R.W.M. of Lodge Friendship for these last three years; to him its members are indebted that this lodge is still extant, for a few years ago when it was on the brink of decay the present Master, then W.S.M., with a Masonic generosity and with much ability, conducted its affairs, and has now raised it to that pitch of respectability which it at present possesses amongst the other lodges of the Island.

On that occasion the lodge was duly opened by Brother Joseph Isaac Cohen de Lissa, the R.W.I.P.M. assisted by Bros. White, S.W.; J. Furlong, J.W.; Nagle, Treasurer; Sharpe, Secretary; Rev. Geo. M'Irvine, Chaplain; V. Crew, S.D.; R. Jones, J.D.; Hawtree, D. of C.; Gelster, I.G.; Giloh, Tyler. There were also present on that auspicious day, Worshipful Bro. Jules Fery, together with many other members and visitors from other lodges.

The business of the evening then commenced with the reception of the Masters, Past Masters, and brethren of different lodges in the Colony and beyond the seas, in the following order.

1. The Worshipful Master, the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the British Lodge, No. 736, E.C.
2. The Presiding Brother, Officers, and brethren of Lodge La Paix, G.O. of France.
3. The Immediate Past Master and several brethren of the Lodge La Triple Esperance, G.O. of France.
4. Visiting Brethren of lodges beyond the seas.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, and as well as that of the emergency meeting of the 16th June last, were read letters from the Very Worshipful Bro. Williamson, P.G. J.W., of the Grand Lodge of England, Past Masters Bewsher, Kyshe, and Rickwood of lodges under the Irish Constitution, regretting their not being able to attend the meeting, and expressing their approval of the presentation of a Past Master's

jewel to the R.W. Bro. Levison, and congratulating him on the honour conferred upon him on that auspicious day. Letters of the same tenour and effect were also read from Bro. Sir Charles Farquhar Shand, Knt., Chief Justice, and Bro. Robertson, District Magistrate of Port Louis, as well as from several other distinguished brethren.

The R.W. Bro. in the chair next thanked the Masters, Past Masters, and visiting brethren for the honour of their attendance.

At this stage of the proceedings W.W.B.B. Aitchison, Butler, and Cannonville withdrew from the temple, and subsequently W. Bro. Levison, accompanied by the former, was duly announced, admitted, and received with ample honours, and conducted to his seat by the Masters and Past Masters present in lodge.

The R.W. Bro. De Lissa then addressed the R.W.M. in about the following terms: "R.W. Sir,—It is a most pleasing duty to me on this occasion to have been commissioned by the brethren of this lodge to present to you a testimony of their sympathy and esteem and believe me, Worshipful Sir, it is not through favour that this medal has been subscribed by the members of this lodge, but it is through merit and through the unrelenting zeal and exertion which you have at all times displayed in fulfilling the arduous duties that have devolved upon you for these past three years. It is to my personal knowledge that you joined the Craft in the "British Lodge" at the Cape; since then thirty-five years have elapsed. On your arrival at Mauritius, propelled by the Masonic principles which have since been one of the most distinguished features of your life; you have been one of the founders of the British Lodge, the name of your mother lodge, and have thereby introduced English Masonry in this Island. In that lodge you have already received testimony of the heartfelt sympathy of its members, for whilst Treasurer of that lodge you were presented with a jewel set in diamonds, for your able services during three years, subsequently you have been elected Master of that same lodge for three years, and through your impartiality and your amenity of character, and the display of your Masonic talents, the same voted to you a P.M.'s jewel made of massive gold, which I see at this moment adorns your breast. Another reward awaits your perseverance this evening, Worshipful Sir, for by your ability in conducting the proceedings of this lodge you have raised it to the height it now possesses, you have cast a lustre upon it and moreover have made it respected and revered by all the lodges of this island, for whilst Master of this lodge, from November 1869, to November 1872, you have attended sixty nine meetings, with the exception of one, and it grieves me to say it was owing to the sad calamity that had befallen you at that time, I mean the death of your beloved wife. Twenty-three committees you have presided over during that time, you have made sixty-seven initiations, fifty-three passings, fifty-four raisings, and fifteen affiliations. Judging from the amount of work accomplished by you, Worshipful Sir, we have been led to believe that with your usual modesty you will be pleased to accept this, the P.M.'s jewel subscribed by the members of this lodge for it affords to each and all of us great pleasure to honour him who has with such zeal and impartiality conducted the business of this lodge, for upwards of three years. May the Almighty ever keep you amongst our midst, and bestow every happiness on you.

Bro. de Lissa then advanced to the east, and invested him with P.M.'s jewel presented to him by Lodge Friendship. The jewel is a massive piece of work in gold, of beautiful design. It has three clasps for the three years' services, as R.W.M., of Bro. Levison, and on the back is engraved the following inscription:—"Presented to George Levison, R.W.M. No. 439, S.C., P.M. No. 736, by Lodge Friendship, in testimony of his able services as Right Worshipful Master during three years, and as a token of respect, esteem, and affection. Mauritius, 1873."

The R.W.M. then with emotion returned thanks to the worshipful and other brethren present for the honour of their attendance, in the following terms, addressing himself to Bro. De Lissa:—"R.W. Sir, it is difficult for me to thank

you sufficiently for having presided over the lodge on this occasion, and it is difficult for me to express my gratification at seeing so large a number of distinguished visitors at a meeting held in my honour; still more is it difficult for me to find becoming words to impart my sense of gratitude to the brethren of Lodge Friendship for the high distinction they have conferred upon me this evening. It would be affectation on my part were I to declare that I consider myself altogether unworthy of the testimony of respect and esteem which I have received in their name and at your hands, but I can sincerely assure you that I feel that so costly a recognition of the services I have, happily, been able to render the lodge is far beyond my real deserts. Certainly I have worked hard, and I do not think in vain, to maintain the dignity and honour of Lodge Friendship, to encourage fraternal affection among its members, and to promote, as far as laid in my power, the honour and progress of our beloved Craft. But I am fully aware that I have been sometimes wanting in that tact and judgment so necessary to the quiet and successful onward movement of a lodge in a country such as is Mauritius, and impressed with my occasional shortcomings in this respect, I can only appreciate the more the kind feeling and indulgence which, except in rare instances, have been evinced towards me, and the unanimity and hearty good will which have characterised the proceedings of the brethren when deciding to bestow on me the highest honour the Master of a lodge can hope to attain. I am the more happy and grateful at receiving from them so marked a proof of their satisfaction at the manner I have conducted the affairs and directed the working of the lodge, for now nearly four years, since, as is well known to you, my labours of late have, unfortunately been rendered more than usually onerous and anxious, owing to an individual case in our midst of insubordination and an imperfect knowledge of what the principles of Freemasonry demand of all and every one of its members. If I did not resign my position as your Master some time ago it was because I believed I had reason to be proud of what it had been acknowledged I had accomplished for Lodge Friendship, and because I was fully convinced although my decisions were at the moment looked upon as severe, that sooner or later it would be owned they were actually arrived at after an impartial examination of every circumstance connected with the matters brought under my notice, and that I persisted in them in a spirit of perfect honesty, and with a view to the continued honour and dignity of the lodge.—

I thank you most sincerely, Right Worshipful Sir, for your kind and flattering notice of my endeavours to be of use to this and other lodges, and to aid in the spread of the grand principles of our Order. I thank you most sincerely, Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, brethren of the sister lodges, and brethren of lodges beyond the seas, for your attendance at this meeting, and I thank you most sincerely, dear colleagues, officers, and brethren of Lodge Friendship, for the ever-to-be-valued jewel which you yourselves have characterised as a "memento" of esteem, respect, and affection.

In reply to the above address, W. Bro. James Cannonville S.P.R. and Immediate Past Master of the Lodge. La Triple Esperance, G.O. of France, spoke to the following effect:—

"Dear Brethren of Lodge Friendship, when I recollect the kind and fraternal reception I have always met at your hands, I find that I cannot remain silent on this occasion. It would be indeed very difficult for me, nay more, I may say impossible to add anything to the kind, fraternal, and friendly expressions which have just fallen from the lips of Bro. De Lissa, on presenting Bro. Levison, in your name, a jewel as a test of the ability with which he has governed your lodge for the last three or four years, and also as a proof of the high sense of your esteem and respect. Dear Bro. Levison, I beg you will accept these few words as an echo of the feeling I also entertain for you personally, and I hope that your successors in office will follow your good example and thereby obtain the same favour conferred on you on this occasion, and allow me to add that this testimonial cannot fail but to reflect great honour on you, especially as

being one of the founders of the Lodge Friendship in Mauritius. I salute you, Worshipful Master, with all honours."

Bro. Seerey, 32°, Consistory of La Triple Esperance, and honorary member of Lodge Friendship, stood up and spoke thus:—

"Brethren, I have made it my duty, and a most pleasing one it is, to come on this occasion to join with you in order to present to our worthy Bro. Levison, a testimony of our esteem and consideration for the services which he has rendered, not only to this lodge in particular, but to Masonry in general. Let me tell you brethren that I have known Bro. Levison for upwards of twenty-five years, and that I have had always with him the most fraternal intercourse, during which interval I have always witnessed the efforts he has made for the benefit of our noble Institution. You know as well as myself that he has been the promoter and one of the founders of the English, Irish, and Scotch lodges which have been established since fifteen years ago. In all those lodges he has already received testimonials of sympathy and esteem, of which we are about to gratify him again to-day. Let the Almighty grant him long life, and may he be at our head for many years to come."

Next to Bro. Seery, the worthy Chaplain of Lodge Friendship spoke to the following effect:—

"He felt it a privilege, and a very gratifying duty, to take part in the proceedings of that evening. He had of late years been less frequently present at lodge meetings than it was his duty to be, the duties of his profession having kept him very much occupied, often by night as well as by day, during seasons and scenes of sickness such as the colony had gone through. But as often as he found that his duty specially claimed his presence at lodge, he was anxious to hasten to the front. That was an occasion when he felt it his bounden duty to come forward and identify himself with those who sought to do honour to their R.W. Master. They had all heard already the varied and substantial grounds on which the brethren had chosen to assemble, and in a tangible way signify their respect for their R.W.M. His merits, his qualifications, his high attainments in Masonry, had been too clearly set forth for him (the speaker) to add many words on that subject. He might just be permitted to say, that he was indebted to R.W. Bro. Levison for his elementary education in Masonry; that he had no other tutor in the various steps of progress he had made in acquiring the mysteries of the Craft, and for the high and honoured position he held in the E. that evening as Chaplain to the lodge; he had the pleasure to acknowledge his indebtedness to the tutor, the professor, the skilful and Right Worshipful (Masonic) Master of Arts, whom they all are now delighted to honour. But he had more to say than that, he must speak of the private worth and social standing of their R.W. brother. Not alone within the circle of the initiated was the name of Levison appreciated and honoured. Not only did it carry its own weight with it in the council rooms of Masonic committees, and the inner temples of Masonic lodges. But among high and low, rich and poor, throughout the city of Port Louis, and the whole colony of Mauritius, no man was better known, and no man's deeds of kindness, friendship, generosity, charity, were more generally acknowledged and appreciated than their R.W.M.'s. For nearly twenty years he (the speaker) had known Brother L. to be regarded by a large circle of friends as little else than a book of reference—a sort of centre-post to whom strangers newly arrived were recommended, friends long tried were attracted, and from whose door the poor and needy were never sent away empty or feeling ungrateful. In fact, if the name of George Levison were to disappear for a single month from No. 16, Church-street;—if G. Levison himself were to plead "leave of absence" for the half of that period—if he were but to take himself off to Bourbon for a brief trip, why the poor of Port Louis would pout, to say the least, some of the rich would be put out a little, and all would say "strange how we do miss him, when is he to be back?" But he was not away to Bourbon on sickleave, or any other leave; he has had no need, thank God, to

leave the spot where his best energies had been spent in the advancement of many a good cause, and where his time and means had never been refused to those who needed and sought his counsel and advice; they had him there that evening to bear witness to the truth of the fact *virtuti est suum præmium.*" He felt sure it was the prayer of all present that their R.W.M. might be long spared in our midst to do honour to the name of Masonry, and to adorn the name citizen, friend, benefactor, as he had done in time past.

Bros. Britter, P.M., of the British Lodge, and Wheldon, I.P.M., of the same lodge spoke highly of Bro. Levison, and in eulogistic terms expressed their approval at the presentation of a P.M. jewel to him, and lastly Bro. Aitchison, W.M. of the British Lodge, No. 736, E.C., animated by his Masonic feelings, and furthermore being a colleague of Bro Levison, spoke to the following effect:—

Right Worthy Sir, as the youngest W. Master present, I have purposely deferred addressing my congratulations to you until now, and find that the W.B.B. who have already addressed you have left nothing for me to add, I shall therefore not take up the time of the meeting by reiterating what has been already so well expressed, but I shall content myself and you also, I doubt not, R.W. Sir, by simply endorsing their hearty good wishes and facilitations on this auspicious occasion. Permit me to express, on the part of the British Lodge generally, and of myself personally, the hope that although we cannot expect you to continue much longer that energy and perseverance in the working of the lodges with which you have been so long connected, still we trust that the G.A. of the Universe will long spare you the health to attend our meetings, and thus aid by your presence and advice when required.

A vote of thanks was then proposed by W. Britter P.M., to W. Bro. De Lissa, P.M., 736, and I.P.M. No. 439, S.C., for the able manner he has conducted the business of the evening, which on being put to the vote was carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed in proper form, and an adjournment was made to the banquetting room, where the brethren mustered in great numbers to felicitate the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M., receiving the fraternal congratulations of the assembly.

The last toast brought the pleasant evening's proceedings to a close, and the brethren, happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again, dispersed before high twelve.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

A special meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 27th ult., under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, P.G. Chaplain, P.D.P.G.M. in the chair. The business for which the meeting was convened was for the purpose of electing a brother to be nominated to the M.W.G.M.M.M. for appointment as Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years, the term of office of the present R.W.P.G.M., Bro. William Kelly, *F. R. Hist. S.*, expiring on the 5th inst. Bro. Alexander, M. Duff, Prov. G.J.W., in a very eulogistic speech, proposed that the R. W. Bro. W. Kelly be nominated for re-appointment, which was seconded by Bro. Clement Stretton, Grand Steward, Prov. G. Treasurer, supported by the acting P.G.M., and carried by acclamation, Apologies for absence were received from the Prov.G.M., and from other officers, after which the lodge was closed.

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For our fellowship's more than a name;
The bond that unites us is far from a myth,
Then our unity let us maintain.

But the circle we move in is wide as the world,
Our regards no exclusiveness know,
Our dealings are ever within compass kept,
And the spirit of brotherhood show.

Though some in the byeways of vice may be found,
They are false to the pledges they gave,
They dishonour themselves, vice and virtue confound,

We disclaim them; but still would them save.

If all were but true to the truths they profess,
Neither sham'd nor reproach'd should we be;

The Craft would be honour'd, the world would us bless,
Being won by the virtues they see.

Then let us work on, each one as he can,
Though some may unfaithful be found;
Our duty's the same, though all should prove false.

Let our labours of love, then, abound!

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I am glad to follow up my notice of last week with respect to the rare pamphlet, "Thoughts on Masonry," with the account of a very curious little work, which fell into my hands only a day or two ago. It is entitled

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It has a curious vignette on the title page, with this motto "Tandem fit surculus arbor." The songs are partly in French, and partly in Dutch, one song is dedicated to the Lodge of Hope, at Amsterdam, by N.N., and another by W.S., A.D. 1793. The date of the book is probably 1794 or 1795.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Masonic Tidings.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The ceremony of installation will be worked at the above Lodge of Instruction on Friday the 19th inst., at 7 o'clock by Bro. C. F. Hogard, W.M., 205, S.W. 453, and from what we know of the working generally in this lodge we can recommend those brethren seeking knowledge to visit it. The meetings are held throughout the year at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Stacey, P.M. 80.

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Answers to Correspondents.

P. G., Barrow.—Certainly, if requested so to do by the Master in the chair. The following communications stand over:—Reports of Lodges 302, 1,331, 1239; 73, S.C.; Victoria Chapter Rose Croix; Restoration of Waltham Abbey. ERRATUM.—Page 783, Dec. 6, under United Grand Lodge, for "Col. Whitwell, M.P., the J.W.," read "Capt. William Platt, J.W."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1873.

CHARITY VOTING.

We should not have returned to this subject, as we believed, that, enough had been said about it, had it not been for the report of a meeting which took place at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on the 2nd inst., Sir R. A. Alcock, in the chair.

At that meeting, it appears from the fuller report in *The Times*, resolutions were even-

tually agreed to, or rather perhaps a resolution, embodying the following point:—

1. That in electing candidates to charitable institutions, it is desirable, in order to prevent trafficking in votes, that voting papers should be forwarded to each subscriber a short time before the elections, and that all such voting papers be returned direct to the managers of the charities; 2, that, as far as possible, canvassing for votes should be discouraged, but that the full description of each case and the names of the subscribers nominating the case be inserted in the voting paper; it is moreover expedient that the names of the candidates so nominated should be classified, after investigation, according to the best judgement of the Committee on their relative claims; 3, that the public polling day, involving the attendance of the candidates and their relatives and friends, should be discontinued, and that the result of each election, having been duly arrived at by proper scrutiny, be declared by publication in one or more of the principal journals, and by special circular addressed to each candidate, or to the nearest relative of each candidate."

During the discussion, a speech was made by Dr. Jabez Hogg, which is as follows, and which we consider deserves notice for his allusion to a Masonic Charity.

Bro. Jabez Hogg, in seconding the resolution, dwelt upon the demoralizing effect of the existing method of conducting the elections of charities. He pointed out that in the case of an institution with which he was connected, for the relief of the widows and orphans of medical men, the most deserving cases were selected for relief without any reference to the subscribers, adding that the charity was distributed in the most satisfactory manner. He mentioned also the case of a charity connected with the Masonic body, in which the system of open voting and that of selection of applicants by a committee prevailed, observing that the work done by the Committee was far more efficient where the sole object was to afford relief in the most deserving cases.

We should be extremely glad to know to which Masonic Charity Dr. Jabez Hogg alludes, as the fact, if it be a fact, is entirely new to us. We do not see that much of what is new or important was brought forward by the promoters of the meeting.

Our worthy Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., made, we note, a very energetic speech, "more suo," but, which appears to us rather an undeserved attack on the managers of our charities, and the present voting system.

He said that in dealing with so grave a question, involving as it did, the happiness of their fellow-creatures, it was most desirable to avoid anything like petty personalities. It was by abstaining from all irritating language that they could best secure the co-operation of managers of the charities. A great many persons felt—and among the number was the Earl of Derby, whom he had seen only a few hours before—that it was not desirable, at all events for the present, to do anything more than to endeavour to remove the great abuses which attached to the system of working and which prevented anything like a healthy action. As to the system itself, he did not think any manager would contend that it was a pure and simple charity. It was, perhaps, at the same time necessary to make allowance for a system which had grown up for many years, and not at once to produce a revolution, which would not only unsettle the charities themselves, but which might diminish to some extent the sympathy with which they were regarded. Besides, the legal difficulties in the way of abolishing the existing system were very great, if not insuperable. Under those circumstances, the obvious course for those who were in favour of a change was simply to seek to reform that which they could not destroy. He must at the same time point out that those were no mere theorists who maintained that charities could stand without the

voting system, and in support of that view he might instance the national refuges and the Queen-street workshops and other institutions which had flourished 20 years without it, and which were increasing in prosperity. But what the promoters of the present movement proposed to do was, as he said, not to destroy, but reform, by allowing no trafficking in votes, no canvassing, and no public polling days. Canvassing was a gross abuse, for if one person sent out printed papers, the whole of the candidates must do the same, at a cost of at least £10 each. English independence had, he would add, been sadly sapped by the present pauperising system, and the whole proceedings were nothing but a travesty of charity. (Hear, hear.)

We all of us know what is said about the "zeal of converts," and we think that our good brother, in his excellent intention," overlooks somewhat the practical difficulties of the case. If his own resolution be carried out, the only effect will be, to give practically to the House Committee the selection of the candidates.

The "classification by the Committee," of the cases, after investigation, "according to their best judgment on their respective claims," is after all nothing more and nothing less than a recommendation of the Committee to the subscribers of certain special cases.

We have as much experience as our good brother R. J. Simpson in charitable associations, and we are quite certain of this, that, the proposed changes in the charities can only tend to the diminution of individual regard for, and individual interest in, the respective cases.

We also are equally certain that, many of the abuses are more sensational than real, and we have no hesitation in adding, that, the managers of the various charities are fully competent to manage their own affairs, and are also ready to reform any proved mistake, either in detail or practice,

The charities, as we have said before, have grown with the growth of our country, and are subjects of just pride to all patriotic Englishmen, and are certainly in no way deserving of being termed, as we see they are by our able Bro. R. J. Simpson, "a pauperizing system," and "a travesty of charity."

We hope that the charities will be left alone, despite all the great names of approving absentees at the recent meeting, to pursue the "even tenour of their way" in works of usefulness, beneficence, and of good.

THE IRISH GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTIONS.

It appears, that, in our last article on the subject we did not give quite the correct account of what took place at a recent discussion on the proposed revised laws, and especially as regards Law 133. What really took place appears to be as follows:

It was proposed and seconded when Law 133 was reached, that it should be expunged. Whereupon an amendment was proposed, but on a division was negatived by a decisive majority, and after a long and animated debate, the original question of expurgation was then put and carried by about the same majority. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge next night, (adjourned we presume,) a brother who had been absent at the discussion raised the point, that, as it had been distinctly stated in the notices,

no new matter should be raised after 10.30 p.m., the whole discussion was irregular and illegal.

The D.G.M., reserved the point, and finally ruled that the discussion was irregular, contrary to understanding, and the decision invalid. Upon this a protest was tendered, we are given to understand, and referred, we also believe, to the G.M. This no doubt is an entirely new phase of the affair, and if the G.M., as he probably may, holds, that, the proceedings after 10.30 that evening, were informal, and "ultra vires," the discussion on Clause 133 will have to be commenced "de novo."

We have great confidence in the good sense and sound Masonic feelings of our Irish Brethren, and we feel little doubt, but that the result will be the distinct rejection of this most unmasonic Clause. We cannot pretend to conceive or understand, how such a provision ever got into Craft Regulations, or what good purpose it is supposed to serve. It is contrary to every principle of Masonic or civil jurisprudence, and is as retrograde a principle as it ever has been our lot to peruse or to criticise. Let us hope that we have heard the last of it, and that we may witness the assertion of the simple and equitable laws of Craft Masonry, instead of this most untenable proposal, and the unprecedented introduction of alien jurisdictions, among the constitutions and within the portals of a Craft Grand Lodge.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty the Queen has continued at Windsor, surrounded by a small family circle, including Prince and Princess Louis of Hesse, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and H.R.H. Prince Arthur.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are at Sandringham, where the birthday of the Princess was duly observed, both in a family gathering, and by a large assembly of distinguished visitors, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge being amongst the number. The festivities were very happily closed by an entertainment to the tenants of Sandringham, and to the tenants of the estates adjacent to that property. The best wishes of the country and of the Masonic body go with that august lady.

Sir Thomas Freemantle, after a long and meritorious public service of nearly fifty years, has resigned the Chairmanship of the Board of Customs, and the name of his successor will be awaited with interest by all who are connected with trade, and by the community at large.

The School Board elections have all, we believe, now closed, except Sheffield which has had no election, and some of the new boards have already commenced their important duties, others will commence them this week.

Sir Garnet Wolseley has been ill of fever, but is better, great preparations are being made for an advance." May good luck attend them, and those two other gallant corps which have left for the Ashantee War!

The 42nd Highlanders, the old "Black Watch" have sailed in the Sarmatian, a large hired transport for the Gold Coast. This fine regiment left Portsmouth and embarked amidst great enthusiasm, H.R.H. Prince Arthur running out in a steam launch, with some officers to bid them farewell off Spithead. Sir A. Alison, and several officers for special service accompanied the 42nd.

The Sacred Harmonic Society has had a most successful representation of Israel in Egypt, under the skilful "Baton" of Sir Michael Costa, and purposes to give the Messiah at Christmas. They are also talking of producing ere long Palestine, by Dr. Crotch, and John the Baptist by Mr. Macfarren.

The Tichborne trial continues, and much admiration is expressed for the exemplary patience of those three distinguished members of the judicial bench who preside over the proceedings, which seem interminable.

Great efforts are made to lighten the effects of the apprehended famine in Bengal, which it is hoped will be successful. Sir George Campbell's resignation is, however, a matter of deep regret.

Lord Colville, who had met with an accident out shooting—it is hoped is doing well, though the surgeons have had to remove an eye which had been struck with the shot.

In foreign news there is not a great deal to record.

France is tranquil, though the debates are many, and that good old soldier, Marshal MacMahon, evidently intends to keep before him General Changarnier's famous declaration, "*L'ordre surtout.*" Some further proceedings have taken place as regards the submarine tunnel between France and England, which, if completed, will certainly constitute a remarkable guarantee for the preservation of peace. The case for the prosecution in the trial of Marshal Bazaine is over, and Maître Lachaud has commenced an eloquent defence for the accused.

The Duke de la Rochefoucauld-Bissaccia has been appointed French Ambassador to London.

The Emperor of Austria has commemorated the 25th anniversary of his accession the throne, amid the enthusiastic plaudits of his people. He came to the supreme power in very troubled times, and has ever maintained the promise of his youth—spent under old Radetzky's care—in the graver and darker scenes of trial and storm. The Empress has left for Godollo, in Hungary, where the Emperor will join her for Christmas. An era of peaceful prosperity seems, happily, to be opening out for the Austrian Empire.

The Virginius case is settled, as between the Spanish Government and the American Administration, but not, it seems, with the authorities at Havannah. If this be so, further complications will inevitably arise. One great and sad fact is, that 16 English subjects, non-combatants, have been illegally sentenced and put to death. Seven remained in prison on October 8th, of whom one was a boy of 10, one of 13 years, one of 15, one of 16, two 19, and one 22 years old.

We have to record the death of Sir George Rose, former a Master in Chancery, and a judge of the Court of Review, and the only survivor of the "Old Westminsters" of the last century. Lord Athlumney's death is also mentioned, better known as Sir William Somerville.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards, appointed to carry out the arrangements for the forthcoming Festival of the above Institution, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, 5th inst. The Rev. Bro. Cochrane presided. The Rev. C. Martyn was appointed Chairman of the Board of Stewards; Bro. Richards, Treasurer; Bro. Terry, Secretary. A musical committee was also appointed, the amount voted for music being £30; the Stewards' fee, £3 3s.; and the price of the dinner tickets, 21s. Ninety-five brethren have given their names as Stewards, twenty of whom have volunteered as Ladies' Stewards. After a vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting was adjourned to January 7th, at 4 o'clock.

The Editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Acciajoli, Florence, Italy. Prints, photographs, pictures, and English stationery, are also kept in stock.—ADVT.

CONSECRATION OF THE BURDETT CHAPTER, No. 1293.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293, was consecrated at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, by Comps. J. Hervey, G.S.E., assisted by Comps. R. Hamilton, M.D., District G. Supt., East Jamaica, as H.; J. Boyd, P.Z., 145 and 534, as J.; and J. W. White, J. elect, 21, as D.C.

The usual ceremonies having been observed, the presiding officers installed Comp. Col. F. Burdett, P.Z., Prov. G. Supt., as the first Z.; R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. as H.; and Frederick Davison, as J.; Comps. H. C. Levander, P.Z.; D. R. Still, and H. G. Buss, P.Z., were elected and invested as E.N., and Treasurer respectively.

The rank of honorary member was conferred upon Comps. Hervey, Hamilton, Boyd, and White for their efficient services, after which Comp. Little proposed seventeen candidates for exaltation, and three for joining. The chapter was then closed and the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was opened by M.E. Comp. Col. Burdett, Prov. G. Supt.; W. Roebuck, C.E., H.; Major S. H. Clerke, as J.; and the other officers.

The minutes of the 1872 meetings were read and verified, and the reports of the audit and bye-laws committees were approved. The following companions were appointed Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, R. W. Stewart, H.; A. J. Codner, J.; Wentworth Little, E.; J. Coutts, N.; W. Smeed, P.S.; G. Cattel, 1st Asst. J.; H. Edmunds, 2nd Asst.; H. G. Buss, Treas.; Chas. Horsley, Registrar; Sir G. E. Campbell, Bart., S.B.; S. Rosenthal, Standard Bearer; H. Parker, Organist; Fred Davison, D.C.; J. Gilbert, Janitor.

The fees approved by the Provincial Grand Chapter are three shillings for every exaltation, and one shilling for every joining member since the 20th of April, 1872, the date of the foundation of the Province in the Order of the Royal Arch. No annual dues are required, but returns from the subordinate chapters must be sent in every year, shewing the names of new members.

A vote of thanks to Comps. G. Elliott, M.P., Z.; J. C. Parkinson, H.; the Earl of Limerick, J.; and the members of the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 771, for the loan of their magnificent furniture, was carried by acclamation, and the P.G. Chapter was then closed. The Prov. G. Supt., Col. Burdett, presided at the banquet which followed, and was supported by Comps. Hamilton, Hervey, Roebuck, Hyde Pullen, Codner, Major Clerke, Little, Coutts, Horsley, Buss, Boyd, White, Barrett, Kenning, Levander, Still, Parker, Smeed, Rosenthal, Davison, and others.

The dinner was well served, and gave every satisfaction to the members and visitors.

A FORESTER'S FUNERAL.—On Saturday last, the 29th ult., the mortal remains of Bro. Arthur Wellesley Weldon, A.O.F., Court Vulcan, 3,245; A.O.S., Sanctuary Knaresborough Castle, and late editor of "The Foresters' Journal," were interred at Norwood Cemetery. Notwithstanding the drenching rain, the procession was most impressive. Headed by the Chief Ranger and Secretaries of Court and Sanctuary, together with the splendid brass band of the City Police, and followed by the other officers of the District and Order in general, in mourning regalia, the cortege was made up with mourning coaches, private carriages, and cabs, containing the relatives of the deceased, and several opulent tradesmen with whom he had been connected in business. About 2,000 residents of the neighbourhood and suburbs, despite the rain, followed as far as Denmark-hill.—*The Foresters' Journal.*

We would draw the attention of our many readers to the fact that the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1874, is now ready, price 2s. od. post free 2s. 2d., and may be had at Bro. Kenning's Masonic Depots, or through any respectable bookseller or newsagent.

MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

The half-yearly general meeting of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, on Thursday, 13th November, 1873, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, as Senior Vice-President, in the chair.

The minutes of the previous half-yearly meeting having been read, Bro. George H. Major, Hon. Sec., read the following half-yearly report of the Committee.

"The Committee of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School are happy to be in a position to state that since their last report was laid before the Governors the Institution has made satisfactory progress.

"The abstract of accounts cannot of course be laid before the Governors at the present meeting, as the accounts for the year have not yet been closed; but the Committee are able to say that the life donations and annual subscriptions have, during the present year, been much increased, many brethren who were not previously Governors having become so.

"The Committee have also much pleasure in stating, that during the present year, they have invested the sum of £1,180.

"The Committee have every reason to be satisfied with the care and attention which the boys receive from Bro. the Rev. S. S. Skeen, at whose establishment 16 of the pupils are at present placed, and they are also enabled to report most favourably as to the progress in education the boys have made during the present year. A special examination for prizes, conducted by Bro. Rev. J. A. Galbraith, F.T.C.D., and Bro. Rev. Benjamin Gibson, was held in the month of June last, and the answering of the boys on that occasion was most creditable.

"The Committee regret to state that there are two vacancies among the Trustees of the institution, caused by the deaths of Bros. W. S. Tracy, and E. R. Dignes La Touche, and they would beg to recommend that Bros. Phillip C. Smyle, and Richard O. Armstrong be appointed to fill those vacancies.

"Bro. W. E. Gumbleton, V.P., at a meeting of the Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School, held in the month of June last, moved that certain additions to, or alterations in the rules of that Institution, should be made, and such having been approved of, the Committee strongly recommend that similar alterations should be made in the rules of this Institution. The following are the new rules, as carried at the meeting of the Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School:—

"Vice Patrons—Every individual donor of £60 in one sum, or in two sums of £30 each, or of £100 in payments of £10 each, shall be a Vice-Patron.

"Vice-Presidents—Every individual donor of £30 in one sum, or of £50 in sums of not less than £10 each, shall be a Vice-President.

"Extra Votes—All payments made by any brother after he has become a Vice-President shall entitle him to double the number of votes, which such payments would usually give.

"Signed on behalf of the Committee,
James A. Tyrrell, V.P., Chairman.
10th November, 1873."

Proposed by Bro. G. S. Eves, seconded by Bro. F. W. Scott, and resolved—"that the Report now read be received,"

Proposed by Bro. G. H. Major, seconded by Bro. Dr. Dunne, G.O.—"that Bros. Phillip C. Smyly, and Richard Owen Armstrong, be elected Trustees of the institution, in room of William S. Tracy, and E. R. D. La Touche, deceased."

The proposed alterations in the rules were taken as a notice of motion.

Proposed by Bro. C. Foot, seconded by Bro. R. W. Gamble, Q.C., and resolved:—"that the following be the Honorary Officers and Committee of the Institution, for 1874.—

President: His Grace the Duke of Leinster, G.M.

Senior Vice-President: Robert William Shekleton, D.G.M.

Committee: Samuel H. Bolton; Maxwell Close, D.L.; the Right Hon. H. E. Chatterton, Vice-Chancellor; Robert Courtenay; Capt. A.

Vesey Davoren; Alexander Dickson, J.P.; John H. Edge; The Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith, F.T.C.D.; John G. Gibbon; W. E. Gumbleton J.P.; Harry Hodges; J. Stewart Kincaid; Stuart N. Lane; the Rev. J. J. Macsorley; E. William Maunsell; the Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Plunkett; Francis Quin; Theophilus E. St. George; Charles G. Stanuell; George A. Stephens; Sir John M. Stewart, Bart; the Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D.; James Tyrrell; Thomas Valentine, J.P.; Charles T. Walmisley; Robert Warren, D.L.; Henry Wilson, F.R.C.S.I.; Charles H. Woodroffe, Q.C.

Honorary Secretaries: Philip C. Smyly, M.D.; George Hill Major.

Trustees: The Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D.; Edward H. Kinahan, J.P.; Robert Warren, D.L.; Philip C. Smyly; Richard Owen Armstrong.

Medical Officers: George H. Porter, Surgeon in Ordinary to her Majesty; John H. Chapman, M.D.

Assistant Secretary: Samuel B. Oldham.

The following report from the Scrutineers of the ballot for the election of three pupils was then read:—

"We, the undersigned Scrutineers of the Ballot, for the election of three pupils, into the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, have to report that with the aid of the Assistant Secretary, we have examined the several voting papers sent in. The total number of papers received was 751, viz:—141 from Life Governors, 450 from Annual Governors, and 161 from Official Governors, of these 25 were from Governors whose subscriptions were unpaid, 5 not being properly signed, 7 received in duplicate, and 3 received late. The total number of votes recorded was 2481.

Wills Ballantine.....	59
Thomas H. Blundell.....	33
Robert C. Burton.....	382
Frederick S. Clayton.....	378
Edward L. Coleman.....	255
Frederick Ferguson.....	125
William H. Knight.....	103
William F. O'Neill.....	105
Alexander L. Richardson.....	42
Edward T. Sheilds.....	154
Frederick A. E. Skeen.....	190
Isaac Strahan.....	281
Julian H. Verdon.....	301
Malcolm Wallace.....	73

Dated 12th November, 1873.

John A. Hogan, Samuel Dubbin, Charles Foot, R. T. Bourn, Scrutineers."

Proposed by Bro. C. H. Major; seconded by Bro. Captain Maxwell, and resolved—"that Robert C. Burton, son of the late Howard Burton, banker, formerly of lodges 411, 127, and 9; Frederick S. Clayton, son of the late William B. Clayton, M.B., T.C.D., of Lodge 167, Athy and Julian Howard Verdon, son of the late Theodore B. Verdon, solicitor, of Lodge 2, Dublin, and grandson of the late John Fowler, P.D.G.M., be declared duly elected as pupils of the School.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ARMAGH. PROPOSED NEW MASONIC HALL.

The 27th of November, 1873, will long be remembered as a Masonic red letter day in the history of the brotherhood in and around Armagh. On that day the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monaghan, Louth, and Armagh met in the Tontine Rooms, Armagh, and if interesting business, true fraternity of spirit and feeling, and enthusiasm of the most decided character can make a meeting pleasant, then the gathering on this occasion deserves to be ranked as the best and most memorable of the Masonic Order which has ever been held in this section of the emerald isle. The Irish Mason at his best is a pattern of all that is good, loyal, true, energetic, and harmonious, and every brother present on this occasion—representatives from every portion of the province—displayed all their qualities in a high degree. As a consequence, while there was a noble work to be inaugurated, there was also a harmony and fraternal feeling characterising the whole assembly which made the meet-

ing something like the realisation of a "happy family." The meeting was called for a noble purpose, and that seems likely to be inaugurated and carried out with an enthusiasm and cordiality worthy of the noble name of Freemasonry.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. Maxwell C. Close, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by an imposing array of P.G. officers, and many of the W.M.'s., P.M.'s., Wardens, and brethren of his province. The chief business of the meeting was the proposal to erect a new Masonic Hall in Armagh, and the universal feeling of the brethren was unanimously in favour of the scheme being carried out without delay. Plans for the new building were submitted, and a committee was appointed to report on the subject to the Grand Lodge at its meeting in Clones, in February next.

At five o'clock about seventy of the brethren again assembled in the Tontine, and sat down to a splendid banquet, prepared by Bro. Bright. The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens, interspersed with various Masonic emblems; and as the brethren marched in from the ante-room two-and-two, wearing their regalia, while Bro. Marks discoursed music on the harmonium, the sight was grand indeed, so much so, that one of the oldest Masons present—indeed, we should say, the oldest—informed us that he did not remember such a splendid gathering of Craft for forty years previous.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Maxwell C. Close, presided.

The dinner, which was of a *recherché* character, and served up in Bro. Bright's usual elegant style, was done ample justice to, after which the R.W.P.G.M. rose and proposed the usual loyal toasts. "The Queen," air—"National Anthem," was warmly received.

In proposing the toast of Bro. "H.R.H. Prince of Wales, Past G.M.," the R.W.P.G.M. observed that the Prince had always shown his attachment to Masonry by the cordial and generous support he had invariably given to the interests of the Craft. Air—"God bless the Prince of Wales."

The toast was received with Masonic salute and cheers.

The next toast was "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Ireland," was received very heartily with Masonic salute and cheers.

A part song, specially written for the occasion by Bro. G. H. Smith, Lodge 39, and set to music with quartette arrangement by Bro. T. O. Marks, Mus. Bac., P.G.O., Armagh, entitled "The Grand Old Lights of Masonry," was beautifully rendered by Bros. Clements, Nelson, and Marks, and enthusiastically applauded. An encore was demanded and complied with. The R.W.P.G.M. requested that, as the harmony and music were so good, Bros. Smith and Marks should have the song published at the expense of the Grand Lodge, which they agreed to do. By special permission, obtained by Bro. C. F. Tranter, S.W. 623, we subjoin a copy of the words of the song, which is dedicated to the Duke of Leinster, M.W.G.M. of Ireland.

THE GRAND OLD LIGHTS OF MASONRY.
I.

The grand old lights of Masonry
Still guide us on our way,—
Though rugged be the path we tread
And gloomy be our day;
So still we hail with welcome shout
That good old charter cry,
And drink to Leinster's honoured name
With glass uplifted high.
For we are all true Masons,
Good Masons every one,
Gathered here for pleasure
When our work is done.

Here's to our good Grand Master—long may he live.

II.

For many a year he still has been
Our sure and trusty friend—
For many a year we wish him spared
Our ancient Craft to tend;
With him we'll work in 'peace' and 'love,'
In 'harmony' be blended;
And sorrow deep shall fill our breasts
Whene'er his days are ended.
For we are, &c.

III.

As Masons then we proudly claim
The Duke as "one of ours"—
Long may he lead a happy life
'Mid Carton's lovely flowers:
And when Acacia branch is reared,
Where cold his ashes lie,
May he have joined that Lodge above
Where brethren never die.
For we are, &c.

"The Most Worshipful the Grand Masters of England and Scotland" was next given. Glee—"Lady of Beauty."

Bro. Nicholson proposed "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Lodge." Trio—"Life's a Bumper." The toast was enthusiastically received.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., in acknowledging the toast, observed that he had to return thanks for the hearty co-operation he had always received from the brethren and officers who had charge of the administration of the affairs of the Craft. It was a great pleasure to him to be present there that evening, and to see such a muster of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh. He hoped that it would be an annual meeting, as he believed social re-union helped to foster good fellowship and kindly sympathies between one another. (Applause.)

"The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," and "Our Visiting Brethren," having been given and responded to, the company separated at an early hour, all seeming to have thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings of the evening.

We may mention that the musical portion of the proceedings, which consisted of glees and songs, was admirably rendered by Bros. Clements, Nelson, and Marks. Bro. Wood's name had also appeared in the programme; but the death of a near relative obliged him to be absent. The appreciation of the audience was conveyed to those who had so kindly given their services, by the toast of their health being warmly received.

Original Correspondence.

SURREPTITIOUS CRAFT RITUALS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The authors of the surreptitious ritual are not Masons, except in name. The real truth about the matter being that their father was a Mason, who had thrown together certain notes for his own guidance, as I have ascertained. His manuscript became the property of his widow, and was offered to but not purchased by the Wakefield Lodge. The brothers afterwards published it, I wrote to you as soon as your leader on it appeared, but you did not think it desirable to publish my letter.

Of course the Craft would disavow such a publication, and Masonry need not fear such presumed exposures. Masonry does not depend upon ritual, or other publications would long since have been hunted down, and done away with.

The object of these men is only to trade upon the credulity of the masses; but I trust my warning may be felt useful when I say that secret societies, however harmless, should take greater care as to whom they admit into their ranks.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,
Known as "Cryptonimus."

FRUGALITY AND PHILANTHROPY.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter of Bro. H. B. Hodges under the above heading, which appeared in your last issue, contains an imputation upon the members of our honourable fraternity, ascribed as emanating from our universally esteemed Bro. W. Hughan, which in my humble estimation ought not to be permitted to be passed unchallenged. The brethren are charged with using the lodge funds for the purposes of conviviality and are

advised to "gratify their tastes in eating and drinking out of their own pockets."

Now, with all due respect to Bros. Hughan and Hodges, I cannot admit, and strongly protest against, such a charge, and deem that advice gratuitous, and even (however unintentionally) offensive.

The bye-laws of every lodge regulate the annual subscriptions in proportion to the number and quality of banquets or suppers the members shall be annually entitled to, and such lodges who deprecate conviviality fix their charges so as to procure only a sufficiency to defray current expenses. This being the case, how can the charge of employing the lodge funds in "eating and drinking" be sustained. Fully recognising the benevolent feelings which prompted Bro. Hodges to pen his remarks, I cannot help accusing him of having permitted his sympathies to override his better judgment, and cause him to make or endorse a statement which cannot in any sense be said to be within the boundaries of truth.

We may safely assume that every brother in the Craft, with scarcely an exception, would cordially assist in any scheme having for its object the augmentation of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, to enable its administrators to extend their operations, but the vast majority would certainly object, and justly too, to any attempt to deprive them of such enjoyments they think proper to subscribe to.

The prevalent mania for curtailing the amusements of people, and the principles which are sought to be enforced to make man solemn whether they like it or not, should not be allowed to creep in amongst us. God knows, most of us are worked hard enough, and enjoy but scant opportunities for holiday making, therefore I should be sorry to see the end of those rare occasions which tended to enliven the drooping spirit, and under whose influence many friendships have been formed and cemented—aye, and through the medium of which, many charitable contributions are procured. It would be out of place, in this communication, to discuss the question as to whether, in any case, money so spent in conviviality, could not be better employed in charitable gifts; that is a matter which each individual must determine. I only wished to protest against an unfounded accusation, and point out that those brethren who delight in the pleasant social gathering which takes place after the business of the lodge is over, and whose health and appetite permit them to enjoy the viands and delicacies which are then provided for them, do not squander the subscriptions appertaining to their lodge, but actually and truly pay for their own pleasures "out of their own pocket."

Yours fraternally,
E. GOTTHEIL, P.M., P.Z.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

Will you or any of your numerous correspondents please to inform me in your next or future issue, in what relation do honorary members of lodges stand with regard to balloting for candidates for admission, they not being subscribing members of the lodge, or in other words "have they the power of voting on such occasions" if not subscribers,

AN ENQUIRER,
Duke of Lancaster Lodge, 1353,
West Lancashire.

BRO. BIGG AND THE MIDDLESEX LODGE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am a perfect stranger (so far as brethren in the Craft can be strangers to each other) to both the Golden Rule and the Middlesex Lodge, and have never had the advantage of enjoying the hospitality of either, therefore my endeavour on my part to procure an explanation which may have the effect of restoring harmony between Bros. Bigg and Salmon, must be perfectly, (which is as much as to say) fraternally impartial.

May I then ask two questions, replies to which I cannot gather from Bro. Bigg's eloquent address as reported in your columns, but upon

the answers thus desiderated I take it Masonic judgment must be based.

1. Assuming that Bro. Bigg was personally unknown to every brother present did he volunteer to undergo examination at the hands of the W.M. or any delegate he might find, and so prove his knowledge of the noble science?

2. Did the W.M. of the Middlesex evince any intention of his wish that the formula usual in such cases should not be departed from, viz., that the Junior Warden should retire with the visiting brother to the ante-room, and there prove his proficiency.

3. Did Bro. Bigg, relying on his rank and experience in the Craft, resent the doubts implied by a proposal that he should undergo the usual examination.

The duties of the W.M. and J.W. are so explicitly enforced, and expressly explained, and specified upon these points that until the Masonic public obtains further information respecting the exact facts of the course pursued on the occasion when Bro. Bigg took offence, it is impossible to say whether Bro. Salmon's conduct deserves censure as boorish and inhospitable, or praise for caution and fidelity.

P.M.

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think the repeating "from memory Ecclesiastes xii., verses 1 to 7 inclusive," by the Chaplain, is very appropriate, as noticed by "A P.M.," and worked in the Hertford Lodge, No. 403. But according to the working of all the lodges I have seen, the senior P.M., or any one else, could not possibly "read" that passage, or any other; so that there must be quite a different working in the 403.

I enclose my card, and shall be obliged by your forwarding it to "A P.M.," and I shall be obliged by your correspondent explaining how anyone may "read" the appropriate passage referred to.

I am, yours fraternally,
W.M. 402.

NOT GENERALLY KNOWN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The notice in the November number of the "Masonic Magazine" of Bro. Paton's book on Symbolism reminds me that I have something to communicate in that line which is not generally known.

Credulous Masons are not quite so numerous as they used to be, but, nevertheless, we have still quite a number who believe that our ceremonies, symbols, &c., have descended to us, unaltered, from the days of King Solomon. These brethren argue thus: Did not the R.W. Bro. Smith exhort me at my initiation, "as you received it, so you must impart it." Well, and was not Bro. Smith exhorted in the same manner by the R.W. Bro. Jones; and was not Bro. Jones exhorted in like manner by Bro. Robinson. And so on, and so on, each W.M. was exhorted by his predecessor to impart only what was communicated to him. Such being the case, how then was it possible for any Worshipful Master ever to have dared to add, or to subtract a solitary word from the Ritual or Tracing Board marked out by King Solomon himself?

Dr. Winslow Lewis, P.G.M. of Massachusetts, once humourously remarked, when alluding to that class of credulous brethren, "These men," said he, "not only believe that our Ritual was composed by King Solomon, but they are even persuaded that King Solomon composed the Ritual in the English language." Tell one of these men that the Massachusetts Ritual differs, not only from the English Ritual, but also from those in vogue in New York, Philadelphia, &c., and he will answer with a "Bah!" and with a "suppose they do differ a little?" And if you point to a number of symbols on the American tracing board, not found on any other tracing board, and ask who manufactured those symbols, they are either apt to manifest vexation, or they may civilly acknowledge their inability to answer.

Now, if any of my London readers would call at

Bro. Kenning's office, and examine an American Masonic Monitor, Manual, or trestle board, decorated with woodcuts, they will see among the woodcuts a group, consisting of a winged angel, a female, and a broken column. I have repeatedly enquired for the origin of that group, and how it came into the American ritual, &c., but with no satisfactory result. Recently, however, I obtained the desired information from P.G.M., John W. Simons, who is also editor of the Masonic department of the *New York Dispatch*.

But before communicating the information, I may premise that American Masonry is mainly indebted to the genius of Thomas Smith Webb for the rituals of most of our Masonic degrees, and in some instances we are even indebted to the said Bro. Webb for the degrees also, Bro. Webb manufactured the American Royal Arch degrees, which differ from every other R.A. under the sun, he also manufactured the American Knight Templar degrees, and was the author of the first Masonic Monitor ever printed in America. In short, he was looked up to as the most luminous shining light in the United States, and many still believe, that Webb's Monitor approaches nearer to the original manual composed by King Solomon himself, than any other Monitor that has since then been printed.

Bro. Webb was the great instructor of a school of "bright and well-informed Masons," (so-called by one of his scholars). About thirty years ago I remember spending an hour with Bro. Gleeson, at Bro. Charles W. Moore's house, who was introduced to me as one of Webb's disciples, and whose exclusive business was, to travel all over the land and lecture on Masonry. He told me that he had visited England, where he illumed some lodge with an American lecture, and that he was well remunerated by his delighted audience. Bro. Gleeson was really the only one of Webb's pupils who received a college education, but he was either incapable, or too indolent to write an article for a magazine. Bro. Gleeson probably never added, and never omitted a word, from the lectures, &c., he received from Webb; his vocation was that of a lecturer and instructor in all the works appertaining to all the degrees he received from his master, and probably reading Monitors at the same time.

But Bro. Jeremy L. Cross, though he received but an ordinary school education, was the most successful of the whole Masonic arena, including the S. and A. Rite, but was also the originator of that part of the (so-called) "York Rite," known as the "Council degrees." This Bro. Cross, first conceived the fortunate idea of improving his Monitor with pictorial illustrations. I do not know how many editions of his Monitor Bro. Cross disposed of, but I see in one of Bro. W. S. Gardner's orations a quotation from the 16th edition of Cross's Monitor. Well, it was while Bro. Cross was pondering in his mind as to what kind of engravings would be most suitable to adorn his forthcoming work; he happened to stray into the Trinity Churchyard, located in Broadway, New York, and there he noticed placed over one of the graves, a broken column, and I know not what else besides; and it struck him, that some such a picture would make a useful addition to help the sale of his book, and so he had a drawing taken from it, and after making some alterations, had it placed in his book as a Masonic symbol, and Masters in all American Lodges now address the neophytes when conferring the third degree, thus,—"And Masonic tradition informs us that there was erected to his memory a marble monument on which was delineated a broken column, a virgin weeping; before her lay a book open; in her right hand she held a sprig of acacia, her left encircled an urn, and Time behind her, with his hands enfolded in the ringlets of her hair." And I have no doubt, that we may now find, between Maine and Florida, and between the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard, thousands and tens of thousands of credulous brethren, ready to swear that the group as described above, and as delineated on the American tracing boards, was designed by King Solomon, and made by his order.

The fact of Bro. Cross having been the

originator of that symbol, as above stated, was obtained by Bro. J. W. Simons from Dr. Robert B. Folger, well known as the author of the history of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and Bro. Folger has received the information direct from Bro. Jeremy L. Cross himself. On referring to Bro. Folger's history, page 248, and so forth, we find that in 1850 Bros. Folger and Cross conjointly took an active part in one of the Scotch Rite factions which was then battling with other Scotch Rite factions for the mastery of what they called "the Northern jurisdiction of the U.S.," so that there can be no doubt that a clear intimacy subsisted between Bros. Folger and Cross. Besides which, Bro. Folger stands deservedly high as a candid writer and a man of integrity, and I strongly suspect that he is even now combating weekly in Bro. Simon's paper, a ridiculous law passed by the G.L. of New York at its last session. And furthermore, I believe, that Bro. Folger is the author of the interesting article headed "Ancient Accepted Rite," reprinted from the "New York Dispatch," in the November number of your "Masonic Magazine"; there can therefore remain no doubt of the correctness of the information.

We have many other strange symbols on the American tracing board, such as for instance, as the hourglass, scythe, anchor and ark, a beehive, a smoking pot, etc.; whether Cross was also the author of all these pictures, I have not as yet taken the trouble to find out, sufficient, however, has been made known to undermine the belief in the Solomonic authorship of our symbology, and also to show the worthlessness of the so-called Masonic traditions.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN GLASGOW.

The new Masonic Hall in Trongate, belonging to Lodge Star, (No. 219), was consecrated on the 8th inst., by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. There was a very large attendance of brethren. Bro. F. A. Barrow, Deputy Prov. G.M., occupied the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. W. Neilson, Prov. G.M., and was assisted by the following members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, viz:—Bros. William Phillips, acting P.G.S.W.; John Fraser, acting P.G.J.W.; George Thallon, P.G.J.D.; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G., Sec.; James Walker, P.G. Treas.; Bain, P.G. Bible-bearer; George Sinclair, Treas. to the Benevolent Fund of the P.G. Lodge; Balfour, P.G. Master of Ceremonies; Miller, P.G. Director of Music, &c. Bro. McDonald acted as V.W.P.G. Chaplain. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the solemn and impressive ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, during which Bro. Barrow delivered an eloquent oration on Masonry. The anthems, psalms, hymns, &c., appropriate to the occasion were ably led by a very efficient choir, under the leadership of Bro. Miller, P.G. Dir. of Music; Bro. A. W. Banks, presiding at the harmonium. The consecration over, the R.W.M., Bro. Wilson, took occasion to thank the D.P.G.M. and members of the P.G. Lodge for their attendance and kindness in officiating in such a masterly style; after which the P.G. Lodge was closed. Immediately thereafter the Lodge "Star" was opened in due form, when the following office-bearers were elected and installed for the ensuing year, viz:—Joseph Wilson, R.W.M.; C. S. Alston, D.M.; William Anderson, S.M.; James A. Logan, S.W.; John Garth, J.W.; P. McDonald, Treasurer; George Miller, Secretary; John White, Chaplain; John Lawrence, B.B.; Ross Rennie, S.D.; Sydney Smith, J.D.; John Gardner, S.S.; James Park, J.S.; John Morgan, P.G.S.; Colin Campbell, Dir. of Mus.; David Mearns, Arch.; A. McNicol, Jeweller; J. Harper, Standard-bearer; J. Wight, Dir. of Cer.; William Elliot, I.G.; James Pearson, J. and T. The Sec. read an elaborate report, from which it appeared that notwithstanding the expense of fitting up this new hall the lodge was out of debt.

Since the opening of the hall they had received no less than fifty-one candidates which proved

that the change of locality had been beneficial. Bro. A. T. Barnard, D.P.G.M., then in a very impressive manner installed the R.W.M.; as well at the Depute and Substitute Masters. Bro. A. M. Taggart, M.A., P.G.S., then installed and delivered the charge to the remaining office-bearers. The thanks of the lodge were given to both these distinguished brethren, as well as to the remainder of the P.G.L., for their services in double event.

Bro. Banks replied on behalf of the musical talent and Bro. J. Stuart, of 405, Rifle Lodge of Edinburgh, one of the singers, on behalf of the visiting brethren. The toast of the Press having been given from the chair it was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Wheeler for *The Freemason*, Furge, for the "Glasgow News," and Mr. Thackery for the "Daily Mail."

The choir, which had rendered such service in the early part of the preceding evening, then took part in some excellent solo singing, particularly Bros. J. Miller, Stubbs, Good, Alexander, Robertson, M. Taggart, and Custance. The Star Lodge will doubtless shine with renewed brilliancy after that truly successful meeting.

At the close of the installation ceremonies the lodge was called to refreshment. Bro. W. Phillips, acting P.G.S.W., replied to the toast of the "Provincial Grand Lodge," Bro. Alon, P.M., gave "The Health of Bro. Robertson," of St. George's, 333, who had on many occasions rendered valuable services to the Star Lodge.

Bro. Robinson, in reply, trusted that while the Star would have a prosperous year, her officers would look more to the quality of her new members than the quantity that might offer themselves for candidates, as that was the way to retain the high position in which they now stood. He concluded by proposing "Prosperity to the Star Lodge, and its R.W.M."

Bro. Wilson briefly replied, and then said it was not often he was supported right and left by two Bros. John Miller's, both R.W.M.'s, in this province, the Masters of 87 and 413. Bro. Miller, 87, said the Thistle and the Star were old friends, the Star had often shed its light on his lodge, while the Thistle, he believed, had helped to defend the Star. (Cheers.) Bro. J. Miller, of the Athol, could not boast of old acquaintance, as this was his first visit, but from the cordial reception he had received they might expect a visit from the Athol men. (Cheers.)

AN INTERESTING PRESENTATION TO THE FREEMASONS OF LIVERPOOL.—The following circular, which has either been or will be sent to and read at all the meetings of lodges in Liverpool, speaks for itself:—"Dear Sir and Brother, at the Town Hall, Nov. 5th, Bro. Samuelson, P.P.G.S.D. of Cheshire, the Mayor of Liverpool, presented to the Masons of Liverpool, through me, and the W.M. of Lodge 32, the chair which was given to him on the occasion of the installation of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale. The inscription on the chair, which is as follows, sufficiently indicates the wishes of Bro. Samuelson with regard to it. Presented by Brother Edward Samuelson, Mayor of Liverpool, through Brother Joseph Hornby Birley, J.P. Lancashire, W.M. of the Sefton Lodge, 680, to the Freemasons of Liverpool, to be kept at the Masonic Temple, and to be in the joint custody, and under the joint control of the Worshipful Masters for the time being of St. George's Lodge of Harmony, No. 32, and the Sefton Lodge, 680, of which last-mentioned Lodge the Mayor is a member. Town Hall, Liverpool, Nov. 5th 1873. I shall be much obliged if you will read this communication at your next lodge meeting. I am, sir, yours fraternally, Joseph H Birley, W.M., 683."

The will of Bro. Jabez Samuel Gower, of Leicester Lodge, West Brighton, was proved on the 27th ult., by Mrs. Mary Holford Gower, the relict, Mr. Thomas Watney, and Mr. Edward Henry Sanderson, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £70,000. The testator leaves a pecuniary legacy and his furniture to his wife, legacies of £100 to each of his executors, and portions to his three daughters; the residue he gives to his wife for life, and at her death, as she shall appoint among the children.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, December 19, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, December 13.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
- " 132S, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
- " 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 1457, Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.
- Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 3.30 (Emergency).
- Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Head-Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-rd., Camberwell.
- " " 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, December 15.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7. Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses, Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, December 16.

- Board of General Purposes, at 3.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cafofan, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, December 17.

- Lodge 143, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 709, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
- " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
- Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, December 18.

- Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
- " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
- " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne-hill.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.
- Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
- K.T. Precep. E. Ooservance, 14, Bedford-row, Holborn.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, December 19.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
- " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- K.T. Precep. 43, St. Georges, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-st.
- Rose Croix Chap. Invicta, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clayton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clayton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M. Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rosa Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, December 20, 1873.

Monday, December 15.
Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
Everton Lodge of Instruction, (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
Tuesday, December 16.
Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
Wednesday, December 17.
Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 527, Zetland, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
Thursday, December 18.
Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.
Encampment of William de la More, New Court House, Prescott.
Friday, December 19.
Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
For the week ending Saturday, December 20, 1873.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, December 15.
Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st.
St. Mungo Encampment, K.T., 213, Buchanan-street.
Tuesday, December 16.
Lodge 33, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-street.
Wednesday, December 17.
Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
Thursday, December 18.
Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
" 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garn-gad-road.
Friday, December 19.
Lodge 31, St. Mary Cotness, Scott Hall, Wishaw.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
Chap. 109, Sir William Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.
" 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.
For the Week ending Saturday, December 20, 1873.

Monday, December 15.
Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemason's Hall, George-st., at 8.
Tuesday, December 16.
Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.
Wednesday, December 17.
Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nelson-street, at 8.
Thursday, December 18.
Lodge 48, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
" 226, Portobello, Town Hall, Portobello, at 8.
Red Cross Conclave, 103, St. Giles', Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.
Friday, December 19.
Chapter 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—*Phoenix Lodge* (No. 24).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, on Wednesday evening, when R. B. Lutert, was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Lutert having been duly placed in the chair, invested the following officers, viz.:—Bro. J. S. Pearson, I.P.M.; Thomas Cairns, S.W.; J. D. Todd, J.W.; J. Riseborough, P.M., Treasurer; J. J. Stiles, P.M., Secretary; W. Hunter, S.D.; B. Caick, J.D.; J. Harrison, I.G.; W. W. Collie, M. Frampton, and C. J. Hall, Stewards. It is worthy of note that the genial Treasurer (Bro. Riseborough) and the energetic Secretary (Bro. Stiles) have each entered upon the tenth year in their respective offices, and they each received the warm congratulations of the brethren on their re-appointment. There was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, including several Present and Past Provincial Officers, the W. Masters of the St. John's Palatine, and Williamson Lodges, and several Past Masters of the Phoenix and other lodges, who warmly applauded the new W.M. (Bro. Lutert) on his having attained the chair of his lodge, and earnest wishes were expressed by one and all for continued prosperity to this old established and flourishing lodge.

SUNDERLAND.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 80).—On Tuesday, 9th inst., the brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, when Bro. Thomas Elwen, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following officers were appointed, viz.:—James Davison, I.P.M.; H. J. Turnbull, S.W.; James Dobson, J.W.; Thomas Godfordson, Treasurer; T. G. Curray, Sec.; George Young, S.D.; D. P. Huntly, J.D.; J. Lowes, I.G.; J. Thompson, Tyler; G. L. Fox, and J. Herring, Stewards. Thursday se'nnight the regular meeting of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, was held in the same building, when Bro. S. P. Austin, was installed W.M., and the following brethren were invested with the insignia of the various officers viz.:—R. Humphrey, I.P.M.; T. Younger, S.W.; H. Fryer, J.W.; W. Skelton, P.M., Treas; N. Allen, Secretary; A. Currie, S.D.; T. Sharpe, J.D.; T. Twizell, I.G.; C. W. Robin, O.; J. Thompson, Tyler; Horsfield and Daglish, Stewards; Scarth, and T. E. Hall, Auditors. The annual festival was celebrated the same evening at Bro. Skelton's, when a large number of Past Masters and brethren partook of a very excellent and well-served dinner, provided by the worthy brother, the genial host of the Crown and Sceptre. The newly installed W.M. (Bro. Austin) was in the chair. During the evening, Bro. R. Humphrey, I.P.M. was presented with a handsome Past Master's Jewel, in recognition of the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year.

STOCKPORT.—*Lodge of St. John* (No. 104).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Old Admiral Inn, Higher Hillgate, when Bro. William Hiram Wakefield, of Stretford, was duly installed Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. There was a good attendance of members, as well as of visiting brethren, on the occasion. The Installing Master was Bro. W. Goodacre,

P.M. 104, and Prov. G.P. of Cheshire. He was ably assisted in the duty by Bro. J. Beresford, P.M. 104, and P. Prov. S.G.D. of Cheshire, and Bro. W. Sykes, P.M. 104, and it is scarcely necessary to add that the ceremony of installation was gone through in a most impressive manner, and afforded great gratification to the brethren assembled. The officers of the lodge were invested with the insignia of their respective offices by Bro. Beresford as follows:—Bro. H. Finch, S.W.; Bro. C. Cooke, J.W.; Bro. W. Goodacre, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. G. Shaw, Secretary; Bro. T. Potts, S.D.; Bro. R. K. Payne, J.D.; Bro. G. Barber, I.G.; Bros. F. G. Platti, G. Armitage, and J. H. Duffield, Stewards; Bro. W. Gee, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed in due form, and according to ancient usage. A banquet was held subsequently, which reflected great credit on Mrs. Raynor's cuisine. The Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by Bro. C. Pepper, I.P.M., the Past Masters of the Lodge of St. John, and a considerable number of brethren of eminence in the Craft, including Bro. T. H. Kirk, P.M., 1045, Prov. G. Organist (Cheshire); Bro. F. Jackson, Prov. G.D.C. (Cheshire); Bro. W. H. Hopkins, P.M. 633; Bro. J. Hardy, P.M. 1045; Bro. R. Jackson, P.M. 148; Bro. J. P. Bardsley, W.M. 322; Bro. J. Siddeley, W.M. 1045; Bro. J. Potts, W.M. 1219; Bro. H. Kenyon, S.W. 1045; Bro. J. Bury, W.M. 325; Bro. S. Studd, W.M. elect 1375; Bro. H. Briggs, S.W. 320; Bro. B. Brown, W.M. 1387; Bro. S. Cheetham, S.W. 78, &c. Altogether there were about sixty brethren present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured in the manner peculiar to the Craft, and an exceedingly agreeable evening was passed by the brethren. Following up the usual custom of the lodge, the W.M. took occasion, in proposing the health of Bro. C. Pepper, I.P.M., to invest him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members as a mark of their appreciation of the manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past year. The concluding toast, "All poor and distressed Masons," was given shortly after ten o'clock, when the brethren dispersed.

SHEFFIELD.—*Britannia Lodge* (No. 139).—The anniversary of the Britannia Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, when Bro. G. W. Hawksley was installed W. Master for the ensuing year, and appointed Bro. the Rev. A. W. Hamilton, M.A., Chaplain and Organist. The beautiful ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. Brittain, P.M. After this followed the presentation, by Bro. Longder, P.M., on behalf of the brethren, of a handsome jewel and a beautiful outfit of Provincial Chaplain's clothing to Bro. the Rev. E. B. Chalmer, jun., M.A., Vicar of Sharrow, in testimony of their fraternal regard, and acknowledgment of the zeal and ability with which he had, during his year of office, discharged the important duties of Worshipful Master. Bro. Chalmer, after thanking the brethren for their handsome gift, said it was a source of pride to him that he had been associated with the Craft for some time, and that his attachment to it was strengthened by each succeeding year. The banquet, which was well attended, terminated the day's proceedings.

BRADFORD.—*Lodge of Hope* (No. 302).—On Monday, the 1st inst., the ceremony of installing Bro. Benjamin Broughton, as W.M. of this lodge, took place at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street. There were present the following and other brethren, Bros. Manoah Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., (Mayor of Bradford); Hen. Smith, P.M. Prov. G. Sec.; Thomas Hill, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W.; William Ibbetson, P.M., P.G.S.D.; J. J. Schaeppi, P.M., P.G.J.D.; A. M. Matthews, P.M.; John R. Armitage, P.M.; William Beanland, P.M.; C. Pratt, P.M. P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. D. Sugden, P.M.; A. Hunter P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D.; W. W. Barlow, P.M.; Evans, P.M. 974; Jere Rhodes, P.M. 974; P. Prov. G.D.C.; S. B. Walmsley, P.M. 974; Leeson, P.M. 974; F. Broughton, P.M., 651, P.S.W. South Wales; Robert Richardson, P.M. 974; S. Brook, W.M. 600; John Ambler, W.M. 974; George Althop, W.M. 1018; John Procter, W.M. 1034; Rev. John Vaile, Chap-

lain; Rev. R. W. Loosemore; Thos. Britton, M.D., 1040. The installation and investiture of the officers, and other business in the lodge completed, the W.M. invited all the visitors and members to the refreshment room, where about 50 sat down to dinner to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received heartily by the brethren, and with accustomed honours. After which he proposed "The Mayor of Bradford," and in so doing he said: The next toast which I have the honour to propose for your acceptance is one which, although not usually included in our list, is one which I am sure you will receive with that heartiness and enthusiasm to which it is entitled, namely, "The Mayor of Bradford." We have present with us this evening a brother, a member of our lodge, whom we all greatly respect, and who, by his uniform, honourable and upright conduct as a citizen, has gained the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen; who in appreciation of his character and worth, have conferred upon him the office of Chief Magistrate of the Borough, the highest honour it is in their power to bestow. As a Mason, the name of Manoah Rhodes has become a household word amongst the brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire, and if he discharges his civic duties as zealously and faithfully as he has always done those of his various Masonic offices, he will, at the expiration of his year of office, be able to retire with the consciousness of having done his duty to the satisfaction of his fellow citizens. Brethren, I feel that it is only proper that, as Masons, we should offer Bro. Rhodes our congratulations on the high and honourable position he has attained; and I have much pleasure in asking you to drink to "His Worship the Mayor," Bro. Manoah Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., (Mayor of Bradford) was received with the most rapturous applause, and in responding to the toast congratulated the W.M. on being elected to the highest position the brethren had it in their power to give, and trusted that he might enjoy good health during his year of office, so as to be able to perform its duties efficiently and to the satisfaction of the brethren. For the compliment paid him he most heartily thanked them, and was proud to know that the way in which he had performed the duties of the various offices he had held during the many years he had been amongst them had been appreciated and met with their approbation. This was the first time his health had been drunk, in a Masonic lodge, in his official capacity as Mayor of Bradford. He was very sensitive of their kind wishes towards him, and could assure them that it would be his endeavour to fulfil the onerous duties devolving on that office in the manner he had done those in the various offices he had filled amongst them as a Mason, and he hoped that at the termination of his Mayoralty if spared in health, he should equally deserve their congratulations. Bro. M. Rhodes before resuming his seat, in feeling and earnest terms proposed "The Clergy," which was responded to in a few well chosen words by the Rev. T. H. Flynn, P. Prov. G. Chaplain. The W.M. then called upon Bro. Rev. John Vaile, Chaplain of the lodge, to propose "The immortal memory of St. John the Evangelist," which he did saying: it is with mingled feelings of pleasure and diffidence I rise to propose this toast, but feeling confident that I shall be emboldened by your favourable attention, I will venture to utter a few plain sentiments on this sublime and noble subject. It may be a matter of surprise to the outside world to know how St. John is in any way associated with Freemasonry, but to us it is a matter of joy and pride that, in consequence of that great principle which actuates the whole Craft alike, and which was his all-absorbing topic, we claim him as our patron, and celebrate his memory every year. St. John the Evangelist, throughout the whole of his sacred ministry, from the time when he was first associated with his great Master, who then walked this earth, and for his loveable nature was loved by Him in return, from those early days of manhood, to the last of his aged life, he breathed forth the pure and divinely inspired doctrine of Love to God, and brotherly union and concord. And this being the centre tenet of the whole Masonic code, and the source and motive from which all Ma-

sonic actions spring, recognised as much in the merest trifles of daily life between man and man, as in that world-wide magnanimity which extends the hand of friendship and brotherly help to the greatest stranger, and to the wildest foreigner, it surely shows the wisdom of our Christian forefathers who chose for their earthly star of guidance and for their earthly standard of action, that most holy and immortal saint who is rightly denominated the "Apostle of Love." And to us Masons, when we rightly regard him as our patron, it will become a salutary exercise to study his life and teaching, that we may follow the one and imitate the other, so that whether we regard him as a man thoroughly devoted to that truth which came down from Heaven, we can seek to be embodied with the same spirit of earnest devotion, or whether we look at him labouring (as tradition tells us) in the dark mines of Patmos, suffering persecutions, we can copy his example of patience in tribulation, and, through the darkness of this world's mystery, see, as he did, glimpses of the Grand Lodge above, a vision of the highest life in the very presence of the Great Architect Himself, or whether again, we look at that other scene which is handed down, when in his feeble old age, all capacity for labour and teaching was gone when no strength was left to guide his tottering steps, when he was carried on the shoulders of men through the ranks of his converts and disciples, and, like a general on the battle field, who feels his life blood flowing fast, spends his remaining strength in encouraging his men, he continually repeated without change, and reiterated without weariness, that new commandment which summoned up one great part of his Master's will, "Little Children, love one another," I say, we can surely remember, in all our conflicts that this is the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega, of all our great duty to God and man! Well, then, brethren, if as we are gathered here, we feel proud to be under his patronage, let us also feel proud to be under his all-ruling precept, and if we take delight in immortalizing him at the festive board, let us take equal delight in honouring him by repeating his actions in our daily lives, then shall we be celebrating with due honour and decorum the immortal memory of so sublime a saint, and then may we boldly let our aspirations ascend in silence to the ears of our Supreme Ruler, whilst we invoke His aid in all our deeds of love, his acceptance of all our acts of charity. Bro. T. G. Andrews, Secretary, was called upon by the W.M. to propose "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so said I feel it a great honour to propose this toast, embodying as it does the very essence of the principles of Freemasonry, and this being the first time that a junior has had the opportunity of proposing such a toast. At the sametime I feel my inability to put the proposition before you in such terms as I could wish to do. Prior to my initiation I had heard something in the outer world, that you collected money to aid and assist your brethren in one way or other. Now that I am in the secret I know how much good is done amongst Masons in innumerable ways, but we can point the public enquirer to those noble Royal Masonic Institutions for the education and maintenance of the bereaved offspring of our brethren, where I am proud to say they are most amply provided for and the best possible education given them until 16 years of age, and so fitted to play their part in the world to advantage, still having always a helping hand near should necessity require it. These establishments can, I am sure, be worked better on a large scale, as we have them, than, as some recommend, smaller and more numerous ones. There is one thing connected with them which I confess I should wish to see altered and that is that instead of calling them "Masonic Charities," we should designate them Masonic Institutions. I do not like the idea of our orphans being educated as charity children, I can however heartily urge upon you to subscribe to these and other valuable Institutions and those of the brethren, who have not already done so, I would recommend to pay a visit to them, and also to accept the office of Steward at the Anniversaries as a means of becoming better acquainted with them, and also contributing to the funds. Wishing every prosperity to the Masonic Charities, I call upon

you to drink to their success. Bro. Thomas Hill, P.M., P.Prov. G.J.W., on rising to reply, congratulated the W.M. on his elevation, and said it gives me great pleasure to respond to the toast, so very ably proposed by our Bro. Secretary, and I am much gratified by the excellent manner in which he has submitted the subject for our consideration, I am proud of my connection with the Benevolent Institutions, and may say for the information of the brethren that I always looked upon the word charity as meaning love, which is its true signification, and therefore I cannot see much objection to the use of the word. I have to thank the brethren, on behalf of the Institutions, for their aid in the past. The Lodge of Hope feels proud of what it has done, and will do more, and in pressing the claims of the Institutions upon the notice of the brethren, I trust that those who have not already subscribed to them will do so, "The Retiring Master," was put down in the printed programme to be proposed by Bro. Michael Rogerson, P.M., but as he was absent both from the lodge and refreshment-room, it had to be done by deputy Bro. George Richardson, I.P.M., in replying to the toast, said, I find myself this evening invested with a new title that of Retiring Master, but though late commander of your forces, I cannot as a retiring general might do, speak to you of successful campaigns and bravely fought well-won battles, for I have had no enemies to contend with and no battles to fight, neither have I to regret harvest trodden underfoot, towns sacked and plundered, and men cut down in the prime of life; on the contrary my year of office has been one of uninterrupted peace and tranquillity, and as such I look back upon it with pleasure. I thank you all for the kindness and consideration you have always shown to me, and the memory of the past year will ever be cherished by me because of the place I have gained in your esteem, I am glad that my place is taken by such a man as Bro. Broughton and have a special pleasure in asking you to drink with me to his health as our W.M. Bro. Broughton was amongst the first of those who tendered me hospitality when some 22 years ago, I came to this town. I congratulate him on the position he has achieved as W.M., and am sure that the brethren will find him to be the right man in the right place. Bro. Broughton, W.M., on rising to respond, was received with great applause, and said I must acknowledge that your enthusiastic expression of feeling towards me affords me high gratification, though at the same time it causes me some little embarrassment, and I am at a loss for words in which to express my thanks for your hearty reception of this toast, and for the honour you have conferred upon me in placing me in this chair. It is sometimes said that silence is more eloquent than words, and I cannot say more than that I am deeply sensible of your kindness, and that I offer you the thanks of a grateful heart. I thank my worthy Bro. George Richardson, for the complimentary terms in which he has been pleased to speak of me in proposing this toast, and I thank you all, brethren, for the flattering and cordial reception it has met with at your hands. I trust you all know me too well to render it necessary that I should enter into any promises as to the future, and I feel a reluctance to make professions which I may not be able to carry out. I have, as you know, arrived at a time of life when I do not possess the vigour and other advantages of some of my younger brethren, but I trust that as Master of the Lodge of Hope my conduct will always be such as becomes a true Mason, and that by precept and by example I may do my duty in endeavouring to maintain and support the genuine principles of Freemasonry. At all events, I may assure you that it will be my constant and earnest endeavour, by a faithful discharge of the duties that may devolve upon me during my year of office, to show myself worthy of the distinguished honour you have conferred upon me, and to prove that your confidence has not been misplaced. I remember that when six years ago, I had the honour of addressing you in this room for the first time, I stated that it had been my aim through life to gain the good opinion and respect of my fellow men, and I expressed the hope that so long as I might be associated, actively or otherwise, with this ancient and honourable fraternity, my conduct might always be such as to

entitle me to the confidence and respect of all with whom I might be brought in contact. Brethren, I feel that to-day that hope has been realized, and I will only say further, that as in the past, so in the future, it will be my constant desire and endeavour to put in practice the principles I have professed; and I trust that the coming year may be, to all of us, one of profit and of pleasure, of peace and of harmony, of happiness and of prosperity. The W.M. then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and in doing so said, the next toast is one which in the Lodge of Hope is always heartily received, and it affords me peculiar pleasure in proposing "The Visiting Brethren," I believe I may say without contradiction that the Lodge of Hope has always enjoyed a reputation for hospitality, and for the cordiality with which it has always received brethren of other lodges, and it gives me much pleasure and gratification in offering a hearty welcome to those visiting brethren who have honoured us with their presence on this occasion. We trust that every one will feel that we are all members of one great family, encompassed by one encircling cord of brotherly love, and that to good and worthy Masons the Lodge of Hope is always amongst the foremost to hold out the right hand of brotherhood. The following brethren respectively replied to this toast, namely, Bro. Cyrus Brook, W.M. Harmony 600; F. Broughton, W.M. Brecknock, 651, P.S.W. South Wales; (and brother by consanguinity to the W.M.) who said: Worshipful Sir, I have great pleasure in congratulating you on your elevation to the high office you now hold. I have known you for about 50 years, on and off, and I must say that the estimation in which you appear to be held by the brethren present, leads me to think that you are even better than I took you to be. If I might say a word to the brethren, it would be that if they let you have a great deal of your own way, as I used to do, they will find you a very good fellow. Bro. Foster, W.M. elect of the Pentalfa, 974, was also called upon, and replied in a few terse sentences. Bro. George Althorpe, W.M. Shakespeare, 1018, also responded, and after offering his congratulations to the W.M., suggested that it would be well if during his year he could arrange matters so that the G.M. might be called upon to come to Bradford to lay the foundation stone of a Masonic Temple—a fit place in which the brethren might assemble, and be alike worthy of them and the town. Bro. Proctor, W.M. Eccleshill, 1034, also responded, as did also Bros. Rev. R. W. Loosemore and Thos. Britton, M.D., 1040. Other toasts were proposed, namely—"The Past Masters;" "The Retiring Officers;" "The Officers;" and the Tyler's toast, but we have already given as much space to reporting this meeting as our columns will admit of. We must not, however, overlook the great pleasure afforded by the admirable execution, on the grand piano, by Bro. Jeremiah Rhodes, P.M., who had volunteered his services in the unavoidable absence of Bro. F. C. Atkinson, Mus. Bac. Cantab., Organist to the Lodge; and also the vocal efforts of many of the brethren, which contributed much to the pleasure of all.

HAWORTH.—Lodge of Three Graces (No. 408).—The members of this Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist on Monday, Dec. 1st, 1873 at their lodge rooms, Haworth, on which occasion the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Robert Riley, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing officer was Bro. James Charnock, P.M. of the St. James Lodge, No. 448, Halifax. Subsequently the W.M. invested the following brethren with the badge of office: Bros. Thos. Ogden, S.W.; J. E. Lambert, J.W.; W. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. Wood, P.M., Treasurer; W. J. Terrell, S.D.; Edwin Robertson, J.D.; W.F. Sheekleton, I.G.; Smith and Holmes, Stewards; J. Whitham, P.M., Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Black Bull Hotel, and sat down to dinner, the W.M. presiding, the vice chair being filled by Bro. Thos. Ogden, S.W. There were also present visiting brethren from the undernamed lodges, Probita, 61; Prudence, 219; Royal Yorkshire, 265; Prince George, 308; Pomfret, 360; Scientific, 439; St. James's 448; Saville, 1231; Ryburn, 1283; Stas, Philadelphia, United States. The usual loyal and

Masonic toasts were given from the chair and heartily responded to. Bro. E. Taylor, P.M., proposed in eulogistic terms the health of the W.M., to which Bro. Riley responded, Bro. Thomas Ogden then proposed the health of Bro. Frank Hebden the immediate P.M. to which Bro. Hebden responded. Bro. Hebden, P.M., proposed the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge of Three Graces, to which Bros. Ogden and Lambert responded. The "Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by brethren of the different lodges. Subsequently, the "Masonic Charities," the "Marchioness of Ripon," and "The Ladies," and "Poor and distressed Masons," were proposed and responded to. The W.M. presented, Bro. James Charnock, P.M., the installing officer, with a very handsome Masonic ring for the very able and efficient manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation. The brethren then departed to their several homes after having spent a very pleasant and happy evening.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—The usual monthly meeting of this old established and prosperous East End lodge was held on Thursday last, at Bro. Walter's, "The Green Dragon," Stepney, under the presidency of Bro. Harry Morrison, W.M., who was ably supported in the working by Bros. H. Coard, S.W.; T. Hood, J.W.; J. Berry, S.D.; J. Lincke, Acting, J.D.; and J. Allen, I.G. There were also present upwards of fifty members of the lodge, including the following Past Masters:—Bros. Wynne, Moseley, Kindred, Roberts, Stevens, Barnes, Chadwick, and Verry; and amongst the visitors we noticed:—Bros. S. H. Head, G.S.L.; T. Poore, W.M. 720; Curtis, 276; W. Russell and H. J. W. Buxton, 77; J. Barrett, 902; H. N. Taylor, 1421; J. J. Walter, 615; E. L. Crouch, 1278; P. A. Coard, 90; E. L. Cross, 754; and P. Goddard, 1288. The lodge having been regularly opened, Bro. H. Moseley, Sec., proceeded to read the minutes of the last meeting, and made the brethren acquainted with the gratifying fact that an amount exceeding £200 stood to the credit of the lodge in its funds. After the minutes had been regularly confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Chapman to the third degree, and his delivery of the words of the ritual manifested a thorough conception of the ceremony, and a perfect knowledge of the declamation necessary to give due effect to the beautiful language of the degree. The labour of the third degree being ended, Bros. Thomas and Tinsley were passed by the W.M. to the degree of Fellow Craft, in a manner which evinced a like masterly interpretation of the observance as had characterised his rendering in the superior degree. The election of W.M. was, according to notice, next proceeded with, and Bro. Coard, S.W., was unanimously chosen to fill that honourable position during the ensuing year. Before balloting for the position of Treasurer, the Secretary directed the attention of the brethren to a clause in the Book of Constitutions, specifying that no absent brother can be elected to this office in a lodge, and this applying to the then Treasurer—who, we hear, although a Past Master of the lodge, has not been of late, from some unforeseen circumstances, a frequent attendant—the election was proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous return of Bro. John Stevens. Bro. Speight was next re-elected Tyler, and thanked the brethren in appropriate terms for the continuance of their confidence. On the motion of Bro. P.M. Wynne, the sum of five guineas was voted by the lodge for the purchase of a jewel as a token of esteem to the retiring W.M., and Bro. Wynne referred in suitable terms to the energy, aptitude, and general courtesy of the W.M. in the position he was shortly to vacate. The remaining routine business having been completed, the brethren adjourned to a capacious new banqueting hall, built by the host, Bro. Walters, expressly to afford increased accommodation to the continually augmenting number of the brethren, and we would observe that the room and offices are of as handsome a character as any to be found in the eastern district of the metropolis, providing a dining apartment for one hundred and twenty people with every adjunct that the most critical mind could desire. Ample justice having been done to the excellent fare provided, the cloth

was removed, and the usual loyal and other toasts duly honoured, with the health of the respected host, in proposing which the W.M. alluded in appropriate language to the marked attention Bro. Walters had invariably paid to the numerous requirements of the brethren. Bro. Walters returned thanks and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to hear his efforts to please had given such satisfaction. Bro. J. Stevens, in responding to the toast of the Masonic Charities, drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that he had been deputed to represent the lodge at the next ensuing festival in aid of aged and distressed Freemasons, and in an apt appeal facetiously intimated that as it would be his first appearance in the character, the brethren were not to be surprised at his extraordinary temerity and unbounded impudence when he assured them that, in addition to such aid as might be offered him from the lodge funds, in his endeavour he was prompted from a knowledge of the merits of the cause he was advocating to appeal to the individual generosity of every brother, either absent or present. He also touchingly referred to the lamentable condition of helplessness to which a long subscribing member of the lodge had become reduced in early life through a continuous illness resulting in paralysis. This appeal was listened to with marked attention by the brethren, and we are pleased to report that the collection that evening resulted in the sum of £59, which was duly added to Bro. Stevens' list. Some excellent singing in which Bro. H. Graves and J. Thorn distinguished themselves, the former in particular by his expressive and distinct utterance as well as by the admirable taste shown in the selection of the pleasing ballads he rendered, brought a most agreeable evening to a conclusion, and the Tyler's toast was drunk about ten o'clock.

ST. JAMES'S LODGE (No. 765).—The ordinary meeting of the members of the St. James's Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the usual place of meeting, under the presidency of Bro. William Jones, W.M. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The other business having been disposed of, Bros. Mercer and Ford were examined and instructed. The lodge having been opened in the second degree, they were then passed. The lodge having been closed down, Bro. Whittaker, of Forest-road, Dalston, and Bro. Munree were severally initiated. The W.M., having risen for the third time Bro. Montague Scott, (Sec.), proposed that the sum of twenty guineas be given to the benevolent fund. The motion having been seconded, Bro. Hugh, P.M., moved an amendment to the effect that ten guineas be given from the lodge funds to the Steward's list of Grand Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Brown, S.D., and unanimously agreed to. The labours of the evening over, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which consisted simply of bread, cheese, and ale, good old English fare, as was said by more than one brother present. During the evening it was explained to the brethren that the lodge was a very numerous one, and that the saving effected by the brethren having bread, cheese and ale, instead of the usual banquet would amount to over £30, which sum would be carried to the benevolent fund of the lodge, and thereby the better enable the brethren when assembled, to "exercise that virtue which is the distinguishing characteristic" of Freemasonry. The brethren enjoyed themselves mightily. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk in old English Ale. There were many songs and recitations, the hilarity of the evening being greatly enhanced by the efforts of the Organist, Bro. Henry Shelford, whose individual exertions, as well as his excellent accompaniment to the songs of the other musical brethren, were the theme of general remark.

WHITTINGTON LODGE.—No. 862).—The monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday evening, the 16th inst., the W.M., Bro. William Frederick Smith, presided with his usual courtesy and ability. Messrs. Edward Sedgworth and Charles Brothers were duly balloted for and admitted to the first degree in Masonry, the ceremony of initiation being impressively performed

by the W.M. Bro. Frederick H. Roberts, having been duly interrogated was entrusted, and on his re-admission was solemnly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Other business of a formal character having been transacted, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer. A banquet of a most elegant character was then provided by Messrs. Clemow, to which the brethren paid due attention. The various Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in an admirable manner, and responded to by the brethren with great enthusiasm. The two initiates severally returned thanks in a very appropriate manner, stating their determination to work hard at Freemasonry. Twenty-eight brethren of the lodge were in attendance, and among the visitors were Bros. W. Jones, (Fidelity Lodge, 445); Aitchison, (Hervey Lodge, 1260); H. Sadler, P.M. 147; K. R. H. Mackenzie, 190. The W.M., Bro. Smith, in returning thanks for his health, announced that it was his intention to qualify himself as a life subscriber on behalf of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by a subscription of ten guineas. This announcement was received with great applause. Colonel Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, had intended to be present, but was prevented by having to preside at the annual dinner of the Leander Rowing Club Richmond. The Tyler's toast brought that agreeable evening, enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. Moore and Brett, to a close, and the brethren separated in the most harmonious spirit.

BIRKENHEAD.—Rock Lodge (No. 1280).—This lodge held its fifth annual festival, on Friday, 12th inst., at the Zetland Lodge Rooms, in Birkenhead, as the usual place of meeting at Rock Ferry is at present closed. Bro. Lewis, W.M. presided, and after the usual lodge business was transacted, raised Bro. Brown to the third degree. Bro. Friend then proceeded to instal Bro. F. K. Stevenson, P.M. 537, P.P.G. S.B. Cheshire, in the chair according to ancient form, and subsequently delivered the usual address. The following officers were appointed for the year. Bros. Wigdahl, S.W.; L. Ellis, J.W.; P. J. Pearson, Sec.; Stevenson, Treas.; Dr. Paton, S.D.; W. S. Stanton, J.D.; A. Wallace, I.G.; Sanderson and Lakey, Stewards. Bro. Holloway was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The following visitors and members were present. Bros. H. Bulley, G.S.B. Eng., P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Platt, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Bulley, P.P.J.G.D.; R. H. Moore, W.M. 537; Ward, W.M. 1276, &c. After the lodge was closed, the brethren dined together at the Woodside Hotel, and amongst other toasts proposed by the W.M., was that of long life and happiness to Bro. Dr. Paton, S.D., whose absence was explained by the fact of his having been married the previous day. The brethren separated at an early hour, after a pleasant evening.

SHEFFIELD.—Wentworth Lodge (No. 1239).—This flourishing lodge held its fifth anniversary on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened at 5 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Wostenholm, assisted by the whole of his officers. Upwards of 50 members of the lodge, and visitors, amongst whom we noticed, Bros. Drury, P.M. 296, P. Prov. G. J. W. of West Yorkshire; Ramplen, P.M. 362, P. Prov. G. Officer of Lincolnshire; Thynne, P.M. 151; Hay, P.M. 139, P. Prov. G.S.B. of West Yorkshire; Garnett, P.M. 139, 1239, P.G.S.B. West Yorkshire, and others. After the usual routine business of the lodge Bro. Wostenholm, W.M., requested Bro. Matthews, P.M. to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Alfred Scargill, S.W. A board of thirteen installed Masters being opened, Bro. Scargill, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The board of I.M.'s was then closed, the brethren admitted, and the newly installed W.M. duly proclaimed and saluted in the different degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year viz., Bros. Findall, S.W.; W. White, J.W.; H. J. Garnett, P.M., Treas.; S. B. Ellis, Sec.; J. Bennett, S.D. W. R. Thomas, J.D.; A. Pfeilschmidt, Org. C. Harvey, I.G.; and G. Wilkinson, Tyler Bro. Matthews, as installing officer, gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren

in his usual impressive and forcible manner. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent from the lodge to the highly esteemed D.P.G.M. of the province. Bro. Bently Shaw, *J.P.*, P.G.D., of England, on the death of his son. Bro. Matthews, P.M., was elected Steward to represent the lodge on the charity committee of the province of West Yorkshire. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where upwards of fifty sat down to a sumptuous banquet under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. Bro. Garnett, P.M., and P.G.S.B., after replying to the toast of the Most Noble the Marquis of Ripon, G.M., and Prov. G.M., of West Yorkshire, and the Officers and Past Officers of Provincial G. Lodge, said before resuming his seat he had the pleasure and privilege in asking the brethren to join him in drinking the next toast, and he felt assured that no eloquence was required on his part to induce them to do so most cordially, for it was the toast of the evening, the health of the newly installed W.M., Bro. Scargill. He had had the pleasure of intimately knowing Bro. Scargill for a number of years prior to his becoming a Mason, and it had fallen to his (Bro. Garnett's) lot, during the year he filled the chair of the Wentworth Lodge, to initiate him into the mysteries of the Craft, and from the moment he was proposed to the present time, he had entertained but one opinion of him, and that opinion was fully endorsed by the brethren conferring on him the highest honour they had it in their power to do, and he congratulated them upon the choice they had made this evening. Bro. Scargill, the Worshipful Master, replied, and said:—Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren, I return you my most heartfelt thanks for the very flattering manner in which you have responded to the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. P.M. Garnett. We all know his goodness of heart, and his readiness at all times to render a brother any assistance he may require: I have to thank him for many kindnesses received at his hands. I certainly feel proud to occupy the position the brethren elected me to fill, and have to accord them my best and hearty thanks for the great confidence they have thus placed in me. I have ever striven to do my duty by supporting the chair, not only in carefully getting up the work, but in a regular attendance at the lodge, and what I have done in the past I shall continue to do in the future, by performing those duties that may devolve upon me to the best of my ability. I shall strenuously uphold the character and dignity of this ancient institution, by faithfully adhering to the landmarks of our Order, and by the exercise of an ever judicious care in the reception of only worthy men as candidates for initiation. I look upon worth and not numbers as constituting the real progress of the Craft, and I trust, brethren, that I shall by such a course of conduct, merit a continuance of that support and of those good wishes which you have so kindly bestowed upon me this evening. In conclusion I have to thank the Past Masters of this lodge for the constant and unvarying kindness and assistance they have at all times rendered to me. The other toasts were the "I.P.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," then followed "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Garnett, P.M. Bro. Matthews, the newly elected charity Steward replied, and said the toast was one that appealed direct to the benevolent feelings of every brother whose heart beats true to Masonry, that it reminded us that some of our brethren, (yea, and worthy brethren too,) were reduced to poverty and distress, that some had been removed and left behind unprovided for those who in life were nearest and dearest to them, and it also reminded us that it was our duty as Masons to succour and help those so left in the hour of their distress. Those noble institutions of the Craft had done much good, but much more remained to be done, which could only be accomplished by every brother, individually and collectively, subscribing liberally to their funds, and he ventured to hope that the brethren would not only accord to him the same support they had given his predecessor, but would increase it two-fold, and thus enable him at the end of the year to render

a good account of his stewardship. The remaining toasts on the list having been disposed of, the brethren separated, after passing in a fraternal manner a very enjoyable evening.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at 170, Buchanan-Street. The chair was taken by G. Macdonald, R.W.M., G. W. Wheeler, acting as S.W.; J. McLeod, as J.W.; when R. Ranking, and J. Buchanan were initiated into Freemasonry, the lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. James Smith was passed as a Fellow Craft. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and there being no opposition to any of the members the installation took place. Bro. Halket, P.M. of 102, P.G.S.D., was the Installing Master, and Bro. J. B. McNair, R.W.M. of 332, presented the new Master-elect, Bro. George Weston. On the re-admission of the members, Bro. Halket, at the request of the new Master, installed the following brethren, and delivered the charge to each, according to ancient custom, Bro. G. McDonald, I.P.M.; J. Bannerman, S.W.; J. McGregor, J.W.; W. Walter, T.; R. Richards, Sec.; G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; J. Dow, S.D.; J. Munroe, J.D.; John Kay, S.S.; R. Reid, J.S.; A. Ross, I.G.; J. Buchanan, S.B.; and A. Kay, Tyler. The R.W.M., in assuming the chair, said he must trust to the forbearance of the lodge at the commencement of his work, but he had determined to devote himself to them, and he felt sure that, with the assistance of the new office-bearers, the Thistle and Rose would not lose any of its ancient prestige. (Cheers.) Bro. Wheeler wished the first duty of their new Secretary to consist in recording the cordial thanks of the lodge to Bros. Halket and McNair for their valuable services in conducting the installation ceremonies, and also that they be affiliated as honorary members. Bro. G. McDonald, P.M., heartily seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the adjoining hotel. The chair was taken by the new Master, who proved himself fully equal to the occasion. The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. J. Gilles responding on behalf of the officers of the Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. G. McDonald replied to that of the past office-bearers of the lodge, who would still at all times be willing to aid their successors to conduct its affairs successfully. Bro. Stuart, P.M., proposed "The Present Officers, and the S.W.," J. Bannerman, in a humorous speech, describing the qualifications of each. The Master then called on the new Chaplain, and S.D., to also reply. Bro. Wheeler said that though he had filled most of the offices in a lodge he must confess that he was new to that of Chaplain, but as the lodge had at present no reverend brother amongst them, he would do his best. He then entered on what he considered the duty of Masons to each other as to the outer world. Bro. Dow said he hardly desired the honour that had been conferred upon him, and now he had to speak after two practised speakers he must be content to pick up the crumbs they had left as that was all he could contribute to the mental feast, but in any way that he could aid his mother lodge he should be proud to do it. "The Tyler's toast" brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Kilwinning* (No. 4) met in their own Hall, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, December 3rd, Bro. A. Thirburn, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bro. George 3½; J. Gilles, and J. Baird, P.M. 3½, P.G.S.W. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the R.W.M., in most excellent style, initiated a candidate into the order. He then intimated to the lodge that Bro. Grange had that evening brought to them the lost records of the lodge. They knew before that they were recovered, but they had been lent to Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who had sent extracts from them to *The Freemason* where doubtless, some of the brethren had read them. The election was then proceeded with, the R.W.M., being unanimously re-elected, Bro. J.

Gillon then installed the officers, of whom the following is a list:—George W. Clark, P.M.; A. B. Thorburn, R.W.M.; Thomas G. Jamieson, D.M.; R. B. Prout, S.W.; W. S. Henderson, S.W.; John Johnston, J.W.; J. D. Dixon, Treasurer; W. Grossett, Secretary; Thomas P. Mullen, S.D.; J. Carmichael, J.D.; J. M. Mills, S.S.; W. McCulloch, Secretary; S. Sage, P.G.S.; St. Vincent Day, Asst.; Dr. Penny, Chaplain; Charles Smith, B.B.; Holmes, M. of C.; Drummond, Jeweller; Bowering, Inner Guard; D. Ramsey, Tyler. This concluded the business, and the lodge then went to refreshment. Bro. Thorburn, presiding, Bro. Johnston, as croupier. After the loyal toasts had been honoured, the Master gave the "Three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, with their respective Grand Masters. The P.G.L. was represented by Bro. Gilles, I.G. "The last laid Stone of the Lodge" was replied to by the new-made brother in a neat speech. Bro. Wilson, as one of the oldest members of the lodge, proposed "The Officers." Bro. Henderson, S.W., replied, stating, that as the representation of "Strength" he would try to uphold the lodge with all his strength, both of body and mind. Bro. Johnston J.W., said if he represented beauty, all that he could do was to try and admire it morally, but he must look principally to the aid of the brethren, as he was quite new to the duties of office, but he would try to do his best. The S.W. then gave "The Visiting Brethren," Bro. G. W. Wheeler replied, stating that instead of them honouring the lodge it was the visitors who were honoured by being allowed to attend their installation and sit at their festive board, when they considered that No. 4 had to night the honour of boasting that they could shew their minute books with a continuous record for nearly 150 years. Bro. Carsons also replied in a neat speech. The R.W.M. proposed "Bro. J. Grange," through whom they had received their lost records. Bro. Grange said he was glad that he had been able to do so, but it was not him that should be proud, he had only done his duty, when in the course of his official duties he had the opportunity of discovering the long lost treasures; as a Mason he could do no less than try to bring them back to their rightful owners. Bro. Wheeler proposed "Prosperity to Lodge Kilwinning, No. 4, and the Health of the Master." The lodge was one of the oldest in the kingdom, and one of the most celebrated, and it had shewn its good sense by re-electing their R.W.M., who had so worthily filled the chair during the past year, and who, now that he was thoroughly up in his work, might be expected to do even better in the future. Bro. Thorburn replied, stating that the best way in which he could acknowledge the toast would be by beginning to deserve the character Bro. Wheeler had given him. What he had said about the lodge he highly appreciated, as there he could fully coincide with him. He was glad that Bro. Bard had returned, he would now give them "St. John's 3½, with P.M. Bro. Bard." St. John's had always been very friendly with them, and had rendered them good service, and when they needed it. Bro. J. Bard replied, saying that No. 3½ and 4 had always worked very amicably together, he had been absent part of the time to-night, but it was by the consent of their R.W.M., to make further extracts from their old minute book for Bro. D. Murray Lyon and a brother in America, for as it had been stated in the pages of *The Freemason* these old minutes of theirs were likely to fix with certainty the date of the first lodge in Boston, U.S. Several other toasts were given, and Bros. Johnston, Prout, Wilson, Gilles, and the R.W.M., contributed by their excellent singing to the harmony of the evening.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144).—This young chapter held its monthly meeting on Friday, the 12th inst. The chair of Z. was filled by Comp. J. Duthie, P.Z. of 67; George McDonald, Z. of 73, acting H.; J. Balfour, S.E. 73, of J.; G. McCullum, J., as Scribe E.; G. B. Adams, J. 50; and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, as 1st Soj.; J. Annard, 2nd S.; R. Appleyard, 3rd S. The presiding officer said that in consequence of their first Principal having left for India, they would have to elect a successor in his place. Comp. Wheeler proposed Comp.

Robert Bell; they all knew his abilities and his enthusiasm for Masonry, while his kind manners and mildness of disposition, as evinced in his rule of the St. Mungo Encampment of H., proved his fitness to rule in any degree. Comp. Jas. McLush, H., seconded the nomination. Comp. Duthrie, assisted by the other Principals present, then installed Comp. R. Bell, who afterwards extolled the high nature of the exalted office they had conferred upon him, expressing his determination to faithfully discharge its onerous duties.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No 69).—The monthly meeting was held on Dec. 9th., Comp. T. D. Humphries, *Ph. D.*, Z. presiding; G. Campbell, H.; H. Thomas T., acting J.; W. S. Oliver, Scribe E.; Jas. Balfour, P.Z., 73, acting 1st S. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and Bros. J. Mitchel and Thompson were introduced. Comp. G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, at the request of R.W.M.M., conferred on them that degree; then after a lodge of most excellent Masters, as well as a Royal Arch Chapter, were opened, when the same two brothers, along with Bros. Wm. Graham, were duly exalted into those degrees, Comps. Wheeler acting as Z., and J. Balfour P. Z., as Principal Sojourner. The companions of this degree in Glasgow being always willing to lend a helping hand to each other, in order to render the ceremonies effectively.

Royal Arch.

WEST YORKSHIRE, BRADFORD.—*Chapter of Charity* (302).—The usual monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street, when the following officers and Companions attended:—Comps. Wm. Beanland, M.E.Z.; J. D. Sugden, H.; W. H. Evans, J.; B. Broughton, S.E.; J. G. Hutchinson, S.N.; T. G. Andrews, P.S.; John Procter, 1st. A.S.; Jos. Best, 2nd A. S.; J. J. Holmes, Janitor. P.Z.s—Thomas Hill, W. Mawson, A. M. Matthews, W. Ibbeston, Alex. Hunter, M. Rogerson, H. O. Mawson, C. Pratt. Companions—W. Hodgson, Geo. Beanland, W. W. Barlow, F. W. Booth, H. Berlon, S. P. Firth, Thos. Woodhead, J. Clarke, J. Pickles, F. A. Williamson, T. Learoyd, (Truth 521) J. W. Monckman, (Sincerity 600.) The chapter was opened in antique form, when the minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed. Bro. Smart (Eccles-hill 1034) being a candidate for exaltation to this supreme Degree, having been elected at the previous chapter meeting, was duly exalted to the degree of R. A. Mason. The labours of the evening being ended, the chapter was closed in antique form, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment. A discussion arose as to holding meetings for practice, which resulted in Companion Barlow suggesting that there be a regular monthly practice meeting held in the lodge rooms, which was supported by the Companions generally, and adopted by the M.E.Z. A very agreeable evening was spent as well as a profitable one.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Chapter*, (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on the 9th December, at the Rising Sun Inn, Churchgate, Bolton, when there were present Comps. T. Wilson, H.; J. Horrocks, J.; Thomas Chambers, P.Z., Scribe E.; Jas. Newton, P.Z., Prov. G. Steward; Robt. Harwood, P.Z., Prov. G. Standard Bearer; also as visitors Comps. Thos. Entwisle, P.Z. 221, Prov. G. Scribe N.; G. P. Brockbank, Z. 37, P.Z. 221, Prov. G. Treas.; Jas. E. Hall, E. 325, P.S. 152, and others. The chapter being opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. James Allen, of Lodge 348, was unanimously elected as a candidate for exaltation, and being in attendance was admitted and exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason, Comps. Thos. Entwisle, officiating as Z. and Newton as P.S. Three candidates were proposed for exaltation and the chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—*St. Andrew's Lodge* (No. 34).—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 9th December, at Freemasons Hall, and was well attended. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Gibb Smith, P.M. 32, P.P.G.O., assisted by the officers. After the minutes were read and confirmed Bro. Friedlander was advanced to the degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master, the first portion of the ceremony being given by Bro. Gibb Smith, and the second by Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W. After the accounts were passed a hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. W. H. Hopkins, the W.M., who owing to the defalcations of the late secretary, has this year filled the onerous positions of W.M., Treasurer and Secretary. The W.M.-elect was then presented to Bro. C. F. Matier, who requested the non-qualified brethren to retire. A board of Installed Mark Masters was then formed and Bro. H. T. Robberds, P.P.G. Organist was installed into the chair of A. On the return of the brethren Bro. Matier invested the officers, Bros. Rome, S.W.; Gilles, J.W.; Benton, Arensberg and Milligan, Overseers; Meyer and Linck, Deacons; Salloun, Treasurer and Secretary, &c. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. Gibb Smith to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Several propositions having been made, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m. The brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour. Among those present we noticed Bros. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W.; J. Gibb Smith, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D.C.; Robberds, P.P.G. Org.; W. C. Gilles, Prov. G.S.D.; Rome, S.W.; Benton, Allison, Le Gros and many others.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Lodge* (time immemorial).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst. at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, when there were present Bros. Wm. Hamer, Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Mark Inspector of Works S.W.; Jones, M.O.; Horrocks, S.O.; Jno. Harwood, J.O.; Thos. Entwisle, P.M., P. Prov. G. Mark Master; D. Stansfield, P.M., P. Prov. G. Mork Deacon; Robt. Harwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon; Robt. Whittaker, P.M. P. Prov. G. Mark Assist. Dir. of Cer.; Thos. Morris, P.M., P. Prov. G. Mark Sword Bearer and a goodly number of other brethren. The lodge being opened the minutes were read and confirmed. Four candidates for advancement were balloted for and unanimously elected, and three of them, viz., Bros. Robt. Kellett, Jas. Heywood and Elijah Manuel being in attendance were admitted and advanced to the honorable degree of Mark Master Mason by Bro. Robt. Harwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon. This being the meeting for installation of W.M., the W.M.-elect Bro. James Newton, Prov. G. Mark Inspector of Works was duly installed into the chair of A. by Bros. Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master. The following brethren were invested officers, viz., Jno. Alcock, S.W.; Jas. Horrocks, J.W.; Jno. Harwood, M.O.; Robt. Grime, S.O.; Robt. Glaister, J.O.; Thos. Entwisle, Reg. of Marks; Thos. Morris, Sec.; Jas. Allen, Conductor; Thos. Holme, S.D.; Robt. Pickup, J.D.; Robt. Whittaker, Dir. of Cers.; Hy. Tattersall, Inner Guard. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Mark Warden was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. A grant of five guineas was made to the widow and family of a deceased member of the lodge. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

VICTORIA CHAPTER ROSE CROIX, H.R.D.M.—The annual meeting of the brethren of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, the 8th inst.; present—Illus. Bros. Emra Holmes, 31° and Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30°, P.M.W.S., Prelate;—Most Excellent Bros. the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, M.W.S.; C. T. Townsend, P.M.W.S., Recorder, and W. T.

Westgate, P.M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. Rev. A. W. G. Moore; Dr. Mills, 1st Gen.; E. J. Robertson, 2nd Gen.; G. Cresswell. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for a candidate, who was accepted, but who was not present to receive the rite of perfection. The ballot was also taken for M.W.S. when the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Rector of Chelmondiston, was re-elected unanimously for the ensuing year. The Rev. J. Tweed, Rector of Capel, was proposed for installation as a Sovereign Prince, Rose Croix, at the next regular meeting. Arrangements having been made for the annual audit of the accounts and other business transacted, the chapter was closed and the brethren retired for refreshment.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

The regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School was held at the School House, Burlington-road, on Tuesday, the 2nd December. The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, as Senior Vice-Patron in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, and the usual routine business transacted, the following Report from the Scrutineers of the Ballot, for the election of Six Pupils, was submitted:—

"We, the undersigned, Scrutineers of the Ballot for the election of Six Pupils into the Masonic Female Orphan School, have to report that with the aid of the Assistant Secretary, we have examined the several voting papers sent in. The total number of papers received was 1,091, viz.: 159 from Life Governors, 609 from Annual Governors, and 323 from Official Governors; of these 48 were from Governors whose subscriptions were unpaid, 26 were not properly signed, 6 were received in Duplicate, and 11 received late. The total number of votes recorded was 7114, viz.:

Laura Anne Ballantine...	...	397
Catherine Brett ...	...	166
Jane G. Crymble ...	...	726
Susan Mary Curran ...	...	392
Annie Wilson Cutter ...	...	359
Elizabeth Mary Gill ...	...	241
Florence Hendley ...	...	497
Eliza Janet Kewley ...	...	109
Margaret M'Intyre ...	...	578
Agnes Owen ...	...	612
Anne Campbell Christian ...	...	604
Sophia Constance Fenton	765
Henrietta M'Nally	785
Christina Anne Orr	874

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Burlington, Road, Dublin, 29th November, 1873."

It was proposed by Bro. C. Ferguson, seconded by Bro. Roper, and resolved—that Christina A. Orr, daughter of Bro. John Orr, Stock Broker, of Lodges No. 40 and 36, Belfast; Henrietta M'Nally, daughter of Bro. James M'Nally, Wholesale Stationer, of Lodges No. 59 and 22, Belfast; Sophia C. Fenton, daughter of Bro. James Fenton, Solicitor, Lodge No. 217, Ballina; Jane G. Crymble, daughter of Bro. Samuel G. Crymble, Hotel Proprietor, of Lodges No. 22 and 272, Belfast; Agnes Owen, daughter of Bro. John Owen, Engineer, of Lodge No. 63, Limerick; and Annie C. Christian, daughter of Bro. James C. Christian, Solicitor, of Lodge No. 20, Sligo, be declared duly elected as Pupils of the School, and that they be admitted into the School in the above order, and at such time as may be decided upon by the Education Committee.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1873.

THE LATE PAPAL RESCRIPT.

In a recent Papal Encyclical Letter by which Bishop Reinckens is excommunicated, his Holiness alludes also to secret societies, and mentions the Freemasons in terms of rebuke and condemnation.

It was to be expected, that, such an outpouring of "severe indignation," would be improved upon by the *Westminster Gazette*.

The Encyclical letter is dated from France, November 21st, and the *Westminster Gazette* at once offers us, most kindly and sympathetically, this commentary upon it.

"In the late encyclical letter the Sovereign Pontiff has not only pronounced the judgments of the Church on apostate priests, and on persecuting princes, but has exposed with a luminous brevity the history of the vast conspiracy against the Church of Christ, existing in most countries of Europe, and extending even to some States of America. This evil is tracked to its source, and the Sovereign Pontiff once more condemns those secret societies which, whether they be called Masonic, or pass under any other name, have no lesser object in view than the extinction of the Church. It is notorious that the worst of the secret societies now no longer work in the dark, but, as if assured of victory, openly proclaim the end they have in view. The International is an open conspiracy against the rights and liberties of the Church, as well as against established order in Europe. The leaders of the secret societies, Masonic or international, are in many countries at the head of affairs, and the strange spectacle is afforded to Europe of witnessing established Governments doing the destructive work of the secret societies. It is in these societies, the "Synagogue of Satan," as the Sovereign Pontiff describes them, that the conspiracy against the Church was hatched; and now, armed with all the power that civil authority confers upon them, they avow their intention to reduce the Church to the worst of slaveries, to remove the foundations on which it rests, and to alter its divine character. Princes and their servants, States and their Parliaments, are now compelled to minister to the secret societies, and to register the decrees. How just was the counsel of the Pope to the German Emperor in warning him that putting his trust in the secret societies and adopting their destructive policy, he was undermining his own throne. How long will thrones stand when altars are overthrown? To day the war is directed against religion; to morrow it will be waged against monarchy, against established order, and against property.

The principal object of attack in this article, is the "Internationale" with which we have nothing to do.

But then the writer, changing at once, so to say, his "venue," proceeds to associate our society with that of the "Internationale" with which it has nothing whatever in common. "The leaders of the secret societies, Masonic or International," he boldly says, are in many countries at the head of affairs, &c." And again, a little before, as he had declared, "the Sovereign Pontiff once more condemns those secret societies, which whether they be called Masonic, or pass under any other name, have no other object in view than the extinction of the Church, so a

little lower down, he informs us that by the choice expression, the "synagogue of Satan," it is these secret societies Masonic or otherwise, which are so denominated.

As we object on principle to "Billingsgate" at all times, we do not think it needful or becoming to continue the discussion on such terms. All we can do is, to assure the highly agitated man who pens this fluent article, that the Freemasons in England have nothing to do with the Roman Catholic body, and are in no way mixed up in any proceedings of a political character, or of a religious persecution.

In some countries abroad, mutual antagonism exists between the Ecclesiastical and Masonic bodies, and while we do not profess to defend either the words or acts of all Continental Masonic Grand Lodges, we feel bound to say, that, if the Church of Rome were wise in her generation, which she apparently is not, she would go on her own way, and leave interdicts and anathemas alone.

The sword of St. Dominic has been proved to be a very fatal weapon for a spiritual body to wield, and we surely have outlived the days and times of the Inquisition.

With the Church of Rome we have nothing to do, and if she will only leave Freemasons alone, and not perpetually insult them by allowing her representatives at one time to couple them with "Fenians," and at another time with the "Internationale," she may be as perfectly certain that we shall never in any way allude to the Church of Rome.

But the truth is, as we hear from all sides, the Church of Rome is now raising an organised attack on Freemasonry in several portions of the civilised world, and in many towns, without success. In Brazil, Bishop after Bishop has "charged" his clergy against these dreadful Freemasons, but all in vain, and such we feel certain will be the fate, everywhere, of unwarranted attacks and unfounded charges against our peaceful and philanthropic Order.

We are only speaking, to-day, of and for English Freemasonry, and we protest once for all against the old "ruse" of seeking to do injury to our Masonic body in public opinion by asserting of Freemasons that they have a secret political association. We emphatically deny the assertion and repudiate the charge, on behalf of English, and we believe we may say, American Freemasonry. If anywhere Freemasons are using the secrecy of our ancient Craft for the purpose of political movement against Church or State, we deeply deplore it, but such are not the genuine principles of Freemasonry. Once more we wish we could hope that the Church of Rome, taught by experience would give up her old habit of denunciation and anathema.

In seeking thus to "put down" Masonry or silence those who are opposed to her, she is in fact, like the famous old lady Mrs. Partington, immortalised by Sydney Smith, who sought to mop up the waves of the Atlantic beating on the sandy shore.

Since writing the above we have read Archbishop Manning's letter to the *Times*, of date December 10th. We deeply regret to find, that that undoubtedly able person endorses the mistaken view of the Roman Church, that Free-

masonry, as a system, had anything to do with the serious controversy between the Roman Church and the Prussian Government. Archbishop Manning quotes the *Rheinische Herold*, which he says "openly confesses itself to be the organ of the Masonic Lodges," a fact we venture to doubt, as speaking in terms of approval of the Emperor William's answer to the Pope. With that controversy we have nothing to do, for that is a question purely Germanic, and for the German people to settle for themselves, but all we contend for to-day, is, that we as Freemasons, in this country, openly disavow any political or religious discussions.

If in Germany, or elsewhere, the Masonic body and the Church of Rome are in collision, while we regret the fact, and should gladly hear that foreign Masonry pursued our far wiser course of action in all such matters, we cannot but repeat, that, the Church of Rome, in thus branding Freemasons as unbelievers, conspirators, and revolutionists, furnishes a handle to those who oppose her, and betrays alike the weakness of her own position, and the injustice of her own anathemas.

OTHER ATTACKS ON FREEMASONRY.

It seems that the Roman Catholic is not the only body of ecclesiastics which thinks it well to attack Freemasonry.

Some years ago, so far back indeed, as the last century, a Scotch Presbyterian Synod made a wonderful "deliverance" against our Order.

However, in that long-headed country, nobody took any notice of it, the matter soon dropped, and Freemasonry went on its way, none the worse for this "*magni Fovis incrementum*."

It still can be perused, though worth very little, even as an historical fact, in those dusty little volumes which delight the eyes of some Brother Hughan or other Masonic bibliopist.

In England, as a general rule, Freemasons are wisely let alone, but even from time to time, mutterings have been heard of doubt or disapproval based on religious grounds, as it has been said, on mostly on no grounds at all. That able and eloquent writer who afterwards was termed "Father Faber," alludes to Freemasons and Freemasonry in a very uncomplimentary way in some otherwise charming tracts of his we have perused, and Bishop Armstrong, a well known African missionary bishop, thought well to publish a severe condemnation of the principles and proceedings of Freemasonry.

There is also in America a very large, though in England a very small, supply of anti-Masonic literature, all based on so-called religious objections.

Latterly we saw in a juvenile periodical a controversy as to whether or no our Bro. Lord Eliot had accepted as a condition of his joining a well-known ecclesiastical society—the understanding that he should withdraw from an active participation in Freemasonry.

That such a state of things should exist in 1873, we could hardly credit, or that such a condition of intolerance and bigotry could be suggested, much less discussed, we must be permitted to doubt. For in truth such an aspect

of matters would reflect discredit on both parties to the discussion. But, still as there are, it appears, a certain number of people who still object to Freemasonry, let us look at it to-day from a very simple point of view.

We do not say that the objectors are very important, or the objections worth much, but still here they both are continually before us, and let us give them an answer once, for all:

We may observe, before we do so, that these childish aspersions on Freemasonry generally come from those who are very imperfectly acquainted even with their own dogmata, and who understand nothing of the history of the society they so foolishly anathematise. Now Freemasonry is not a religious or a political society, and in no way interferes with or antagonises any question of church or state. It is a purely philanthropic order, standing, no doubt, on a very wide basis—the recognition of one great and holy and eternal Supreme Being, and therefore being built up on so broad a foundation, it certainly disclaims all subjects either of debate or controversy which relate to especial creeds or form of belief, however good or excellent *per se*. Freemasonry, as a body, is ever willing to associate herself with a religious denomination in seeking to promote works of common piety and admitted usefulness, but as her banner is an universal banner, whether for good or evil, she goes on her way to-day, unruffled by the breezes of contemporary controversy unaffected by the religious discussions of mankind.

Some persons have objected to such a position and have asked, and have wished, that Freemasonry should be either more religious denominationally on the one hand, or take a more distinct view of mere philosophic or humanitarian progress on the other.

But Freemasonry has kept, and still keeps, as it were, the *via media* between these two extremes, and, without either discussing politics or religion, offers a broad ground of philanthropic sympathy and goodwill for her members to assemble on and act together. Her maxims are unchanging, of gentleness, toleration, forbearance, and moderation, and alike in her exoteric arrangements or in her esoteric teaching, she ever asserts the lessons of pure benevolence, and commends the humble practice of every moral and social virtue.

Why such a society should be objected to, or placed under a ban, and subject to an anathema or an interdict, is difficult for us to say, but, as has been often said, "such is life," and we can only deal with facts as they are, and as we chance to find them in our hourly existence.

Let us hope, that, gradually such foolish prejudices and idle cavils may all happily disappear, and that, Freemasonry may be recognized by many who for some cause, or for no reason, are still her opponents, as ever a handmaid to religion, to order, and to law, the faithful expositrix of her undying principles, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

We would draw the attention of our many readers to the fact that the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* for 1874, is now ready, price 2s. od. post free 2s. 2d., and may be had at Bro. Kenning's Masonic Depots, or through any respectable bookseller or newsagent.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Sunday, being the anniversary of the death of the lamented Prince Consort, Her Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Louise of Hesse, Princess Christian of Schleswig Holstein, Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Arthur, and Prince Leopold, went to the Mausoleum this morning at 11 o'clock.

A special service was performed by the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, assisted by the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster.

Sir George Elvey, Mus. D., and a portion of the choir of St. George's Chapel, were in attendance, and sang the following hymns and anthem:—

HYMN I.

Happy are the faithful dead,
In the Lord who sweetly die;
They from all their toils are freed,
In God's keeping safely lie:
These the Spirit hath declared
Blest, unutterably blest;
Jesus is their great reward,
Jesus is their endless rest.

Followed by their works they go
Where their Head is gone before,
Reconciled by grace below;
Grace has opened mercy's door;
Fuller joys ordained to know,
Waiting for the last Great Day,
When the Archangel's trump shall blow,
"Rise to judgment, come away."

Absent from our loving Lord
We shall not continue long:
Join we then with one accord
In the new, the joyful song;
Blessing, honour, thanks, and praise,
Triune God, we pay to Thee,
Who in thine abundant grace,
Givest us the victory. Amen.

HYMN II.

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying,
Awake, Jerusalem, at last!
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices,
Come forth, ye virgins, night is past,
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take.
Hallelujah!

And for His marriage feast prepare,
For ye must go to meet Him there.
Zion hears the watchmen singing
And all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.
Her star has risen, her Light has come!
Ah come, Thou blessed Lord,
O Jesus, Son of God.

Hallelujah!

We follow till the halls we see
Where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee.

ANTHEM.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."—Rev. xiv. 13.

Her Majesty has during the last week held an Investiture of the Order of the Bath, and the Star of India.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have been paying a visit to the Duke of Marlborough, at Blenheim, and on leaving Windsor Castle, will honour Lord and Lady Rendlesham, in Suffolk, by a short stay.

Dr. Lyon Playfair and the Solicitor-General have been returned for Edinburgh and Oxford respectively unopposed, and Mr. Arthur Mills has been returned for Exeter by a majority of 327 over Sir Edward Watkin.

The new London School Board has met, and elected Mr. Charles Reed, M.P., as chairman, and Mr. Currie as vice-chairman.

The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, has been made one of the Privy Council, and it is said will be raised to the peerage shortly, and both the Attorney and Solicitor-General have received the honour of knighthood. The new Bishop of Ely was consecrated on Sunday, at

Westminster Abbey, the consecration sermon being preached by Archdeacon Pott.

Mr. Jean Luie, a very important witness for the prisoner in the Tichborne trial, has been discovered to be a convict with a ticket-of-leave, of the name of Lundgren, and has been committed accordingly by Sir Thomas Henry to the Middlesex House of Detention, on the charge of "having forfeited his licence as a convict of ticket-of-leave, by neglecting to report himself at intervals to the proper authorities."

Four railway accidents, more or less serious, have occurred during the last few days, the worst being a double collision near Bolton, on the Lancashire and Yorkshire, by which ten passengers were severely injured, and several others slightly.

The news from the Gold Coast is not important. Sir Garnet Wolseley is still aboard the Simoom, but able to attend to business, and is awaiting the fine brigade now on their way. In the meantime every preparation is made for an advance, and every precaution is taken to ensure the health of the troops. Commodore Hewitt has assumed the naval command.

At the Cape of Good Hope, a skirmish has ensued in Natal, between "Langilabile," a Caffre chief, and some thirty carabineers, under Major Durnford; in which three Englishmen lost their lives. It is to be hoped that this unfortunate event may not lead to another "little Caffre War."

Sir S. R. Baker has given a most interesting account of his expedition, before a select audience presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Commander-in-Chief.

A furious gale has raged since early Tuesday morning, all through Yorkshire, and extending into Scotland, causing much damage to property.

In Foreign news, there is not a great deal to notice.

Marshal Bazaine, despite the eloquence of Maitre Lâchaud, has been unanimously condemned to death and military degradation by the court martial, but Marshal McMahon has commuted the sentence into seclusion for twenty years, and removal from the army.

We are not politicians, and only profess to record events, but we cannot help thinking this prosecution of Marshal Bazaine a great mistake, as it is impossible after the event to judge of much that a General commanding has to take into account.

The French joke about poor Admiral Byng returns to our memory, for certainly it would seem, as if the intense desire manifested by some to punish and shoot an old soldier was "pour encourager les autres"!

The Dutch have had a successful landing at Acheen—and will probably soon master the outbreak in their colony.

Carthage has not yet surrendered, and the Carlist movement seems at a stand still.

The Virginus has been surrendered to the United States, so that all possibility of war is arrested. But the great question of compensation remains for British and American subjects illegally put to death.

We have to announce with regret the death of Mr. Winterbotham, M.P., Under Secretary of State in the Home Department, who died at Rome, where he had gone for the benefit of his health, on Saturday.

The death of the Queen Dowager of Prussia is also announced, as also that of Professor Agassiz.

The Editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Acciajoli Florence, Italy. Prints, photographs, pictures, and English stationery, are also kept in stock.—
ADVT.

Original Correspondence.

FRUGALITY AND PHILANTHROPY

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Gottheil, in his able letter of Saturday last, though he has put forward his view of the subject with great power and perspicuity, has not quite represented the whole truth of the matter.

I quite agree with Bro. Gottheil that it would be most undesirable if even it were possible, to curtail the "amusements of the people," or to interfere unnecessarily with the social arrangements of our lodges, which I quite admit are not only most needful but most beneficial for our Craft. But the real question is, whether our system may not admit of some little amendment, and whether, in our present regulations on the subject, we quite do justice either to our lodges or our own feelings, or best promote the interests of charity, and the general welfare and progress of Freemasonry.

I quite endorse Bro. Gottheil's view that where the bye-laws of a lodge require a certain amount of annual subscription, and that for that sum certain banquets are specified among the privileges of the members, they receive in fact, only their "quid pro quo," and cannot fairly be said to employ the lodge funds for eating and drinking. At the same time I say this, I do not think those good bye-laws, which provide for any banquets out of the lodge subscriptions. For let us see how this system works. There are three systems in fact at present in vogue amongst us. One is the system which fixes the subscription at a given sum, and provides in the bye-laws for so many banquets gratis to the brethren yearly. The second is the system which calls upon the members of the lodge for a certain annual subscription, but says nothing about banquets, and when in consequence the expenses for refreshment are paid by the brethren personally each lodge night, and collected by the Stewards.

We must always bear in mind that while in London, and a few of our larger towns the lodges may be termed, without offence, dinner lodges, that is, where work is followed by a regular dinner, the great majority of our Provincial Lodges only have as a general rule supper after their labours, a much lighter and less expensive kind of refreshment. There is a third system where the subscription is at the minimum, and where the lodge provides the "catables," but where the Stewards provide the "drinkables," and each brother, to use a homely term, "pays his own shot." I do not purpose in this letter to pass any judgment, and least of all to cast any imputation upon either of these systems, or the Brethren who uphold advisedly, one or the other of them.

But the effect certainly of the present system is, that a large proportion of our lodges do not subscribe as lodges to any of the Masonic Charities, and though the names of the brethren appear on the list, the lodges themselves are not to be found there—with some happy and honourable exceptions. Bros. Hughan and Hodges, in their remarks, have been actuated by a desire to increase our charitable returns, and certainly the fact stated, if true, ought to suggest serious thought, namely that more than one lodge is in debt for the dinner fund, and is unable to do anything for charity.

This discussion will have this one good result. Let us hope that it will make some of us think, and if it only elicits one or two more as able letters as Bro. Gottheil's is, it will shew what I have always said, how great is the latent and dormant talent of the Craft.

I am, yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M. AND P.Z.

NOT GENERALLY KNOWN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not, I confess, at all appreciate or admire Bro. Jacob Norton's constant allusion to his "credulous brethren" in America, of whom, according to his own view, many "thousands" exist.

If our good brother possesses so much more

light than his brethren generally, he should seek to enlighten them in a kind, courteous, and Masonic way.

It is not Masonic always to be dwelling on the supposed ignorance or credulity of others; when some might think, that, Bro. Jacob Norton, earnest as he is, pushes his cavils to the verge of absolute scepticism, and might say, fairly enough, "It is better to believe too much than too little."

I am, yours fraternally,

NEMO.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "An Enquirer," honorary members cannot vote in lodge, and certainly cannot ballot for candidates for admission.

None but *bonâ fide* subscribing members to the lodge can vote or ballot.

I am, yours fraternally,

DRACO.

BRO. BIGG AND THE MIDDLESEX LODGE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter of "P.M.," which appears in your columns of the 13th inst., courts a reply from me to two questions, which I have no hesitation in giving, though I confess I have a dislike to anonymous correspondents. Possibly our worthy brother withholds his name, lest Bro. Salmon or myself should offer him the opportunity of enjoying our hospitality and thus disturb the balance of his fraternal impartiality.

1st. When the W.M. of the Middlesex came over to where I stood, and asked me to retire from the lodge until my introducer arrived, I said "All Masons were eligible to attend lodges and that it was not the rule of my lodge to expel brethren under such circumstances." Bro. Salmon told me in courteous terms, "It is our rule, and I advise you to withdraw."

2nd. The W.M. never hinted at the idea of "trying and proving" me, nor did I in the face of such a peremptory rule as the above, venture to obtrude myself on the brethren of the Middlesex Lodge.

I respectfully submit that the question at issue is not one involving "boorishness and inhospitality either, or caution and fidelity." It goes at the very root of "Masonry and its principles." It proclaims that the "Equality among Masons" is an axiom enforced in theory, but eschewed in practice, and that the maxims of "meeting on the level and parting on the square" is a practical Masonic joke. It admits of class lodges encouraging exclusiveness, and divests Masonry of its most attractive characteristic.

I never did, and I trust never shall attempt to thrust myself into any society where my presence would be objectionable, hence I withdrew on this occasion to the "convenient room adjoining the lodge," awaiting the arrival of my introducers.

In conclusion I may remark that had the W.M. and his Wardens performed the duties expected of them by Grand Lodge, they would have attended the last quarterly communication, and would have recognised me as the mover of the first resolution on the Agenda, but possibly I may be too much like the editor of the *Edinburgh Gazette*, who, when he had written a slashing leader denouncing everything and everybody, finding he had created no sensation, and was unrecognised, remarked "Good God! and this is popularity!"

Yours fraternally,

FREDERICK BIGG,

W.M., 1261, P.M. 66.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I waited till your publication succeeding that which gave an account of Bro. P.M. Bigg's reception and dismissal at the Middlesex Lodge appeared, and which I do not hesitate to say was an outrage on the principles of Freemasonry, and may now be fitly so called; no explanation or apology having appeared in your columns from any member of that lodge.

I do not feel that one need wait for the replies invited by your correspondent last week, although doubtless they will be satisfactorily given, because it does not appear that any question was raised as to Bro. P.M. Bigg being a Mason; indeed he bears an historic name his father was one of the leading and prominent Masons of a past generation, and no doubt his son wore the splendid jewel, presented to his worthy sire in olden time. No! the rejection and outrage were from a principle of exclusiveness unworthy of the Lodge and of Masonry, which it is hoped exists to a very small extent elsewhere. This should be broken down by less tenacious Masons than Bro. Bigg. Brethren steady and firm of purpose must visit the Middlesex Lodge, now and again, as enjoined by the Book of Constitution, till the Middlesex brethren are taught better, or the Lodge is erased from an Order which, in one instance at least, it has disgraced. Bro. P.M. Bigg had an invitation to visit that Lodge but any Past Master has a right to visit that lodge, and remain throughout the working without any invitation.

Let me say to the Middlesex exclusives that we have an organ of Freemasonry circulating in every part of England and vastly beyond it, and its violations of Masonic law and the principles of Freemasonry are disgusting every true hearted Mason within its wide and extended circulation.

Yours truly, and fraternally,
AN OLD PAST GRAND OFFICER.

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to "P.M. 402," I may say the passage of Scripture used in the 3rd degree, is always repeated—never "read." I am sorry I used the word "read," it was a great mistake on my part.

I would also assure your correspondent that the working of the ceremonies in the Hertford Lodge differs in no wise from that of any other lodge using the Emulation working. We only flatter ourselves that it is better done than in most lodges. With hearty good wishes,

I am, fraternally yours,
A P.M., 403.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It having come to the knowledge of the members of the Lindsey Lodge that a person giving the name of Geo. W. Ward, has, on more than one occasion succeeded in obtaining money from the Almoners of other lodges by representing himself to be a member of the Lindsey Lodge, and shewing a copy of the by-laws of that lodge in his possession, permit me to state for the benefit of your readers that although Mr. George Went Ward was initiated and passed in this lodge some two years ago, he never received the 3rd degree, circumstances having occurred which led to the lodge declining that honour. He has no certificate from Grand Lodge, and is returned as a defaulter by the Lindsey Lodge.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,
FREDERICK D. MARSDEN,
Prov. G. Sec.

Louth, Dec. 10th, 1873.

BRO. LUPUS AND BRO. MACLEOD-MOORE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of the 1st Nov., page 705, acknowledging from Bro. Emra Holmes the receipt of a copy of my address delivered before the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the 14th August last, you state with reference to the Order of St. John, that "I adopt" the views of Bro. Lupus. I beg to say that long before I ever knew that our talented brother was a member of the Order, or had written on the subject, I entertained those views, but must confess I feel much gratified by finding they are shared by so competent an authority as Bro. Lupus.

I am, yours fraternally,
F. W. J. B. McLEOD-MOORE,
Grand Prior of Canada.

MASSACRE OF FREEMASONS IN CUBA.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

I beg to call your attention to the following lines, taken from the *New York Times* of Wednesday, November 19, 1873,

"Letters have been received in this city under date of 'Santiago de Cuba, via Jamaica, Nov. 10,' showing that the Spaniards in Cuba, in addition to the bloody cruelty exhibited in the case of those on board the *Virginius*, have also recently been guilty of other atrocities. The facts are thus related in one of the letters:

'It is known that on the night of the 7th inst. after the *Virginius* had been brought here, the volunteers, together with the crew of the *Tornado*, wound up their infernal orgies by making an excursion outside the city where the widows of the unfortunate Master Masons, executed in 1868, lived in poverty. Shortly after the outbreak of the Cuban revolution, the Masonic fraternity in Cuba were forbidden to meet in council. The then Captain General issued an order prohibiting the contemplated session of the Grand Lodge at Santiago de Cuba. The officers ignored the pronouncement, and a company of Spanish volunteers were sent to the lodge-room. They broke open the doors, seized the officers and placed them in irons. The next day they were taken a short distance from the town and shot. The widows and orphans of the murdered men were sent into the woods and denied subsistence and clothing. They were also forbidden to leave the territory under the penalty of death. Since the year 1869, these outcasts have lived on what was surreptitiously sent to them by the humane Cubans. On the night of the 7th inst., when the news of the *Virginius* reached Santiago the Spanish volunteers, in fiendish exultation over their triumph, visited these poor creatures. The ruffians brutally outraged the helpless women, and in the struggle four of them were killed. Seven others have since died, and several are in such a dangerous condition that they cannot possibly recover.'

In view of the above terrible statement of facts, a petition is now being circulated in this city, which is being signed generally by the Masters of Masonic lodges in New York, and Past Masters of lodges residing here, calling for an emergent session of the Grand Lodge of the State, to take such action as may be necessary in the matter. Similar action on the part of the Masonic fraternity is being taken also in New Jersey and Massachusetts.

In the American State papers for 1869, "information in regard to the progress of the revolution in Cuba"—pages 58, 59 and 60—full particulars are given of the massacre of the Freemasons alluded to. They were all heads of families and well known in Santiago; Gonzalo Villar, lawyer; José Antonio Perez, physician; Manuel Espin, physician; Salvador Benitez, merchant; the brothers Bruno and José Antonio Collazo, merchants; Miguel Ascencio; Antonia Villasana, notary public; and Manuel Fremeda, notary public. They were shot by order of Colonel Palacios of the regiment of Onteguera, without any form of trial, or authority of any source whatsoever. Their only crime was to be Freemasons.

I entreat you to make these facts known to your readers. Freemasons as Freemasons have nothing to do with politics, but the Masonic fraternity of England can, for humanity's sake, ask the British Government not to be indifferent to such atrocities.

Yours Fraternally
December 3rd, 1873. MANHATTAN.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

(IN REPLY TO A BROTHER OF NO. 1353.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Honorary members should be composed of brethren upon whom the lodge may confer the distinction as a mark of respect, and in consideration of their zeal and exertion in the cause of Masonry and also for services rendered. Lodge 1353 should have a by-law such as this—"No member shall have a right to vote on any occasion, or to sit down to banquet, nor shall he

be eligible to any office unless he shall have previously paid his subscription."

Now as honorary members pay no subscription it is clear they cannot vote, take office, attend the banquet without invitation, nor can they legally address the chair without the consent of the W.M. unless called upon by the W.M. to give their opinion upon any subject. An honorary member is simply enrolled on the register of a lodge and receives the usual summonses, and has the privilege of attending the meetings, unchallenged as an ordinary visitor would be.

Grand Lodge will not recognize honorary members, and honorary members, P.M.'s who do not *subscribe* to some lodge cannot obtain admission to Grand Lodge by virtue of their being honorary members, even if P.M.'s of a lodge.

MAGNUS OHREN,

P.M. 33 and 452, G.J.W. for Surrey.

CHARITIES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to make one or two remarks on the unfavourable, but good-natured comments on the "Charity Voting Reform" movement contained in the leading article of last week.

I shall leave Bro. Hogg to speak for himself. For myself I am happy to say I am not a "new convert" but an old manager who has seen with deep regret the gross abuses of the voting system during the last ten years, at least.

I did not, and do not say that our "Charities" are "a pauperizing system," but that the mode in which the elections to them are conducted is certainly so. For instance, I should feel much humiliated to see the child and widow of my deceased friend running up and down the stairs, and corridors of Cannon Street Hotel, with supplicating looks and gestures; and thrusting cards of particulars into the hand of every supposed voter; or to find the latter sending out 6000 printed cards or circulars giving particulars of her domestic misfortunes, &c., &c. I think, too, you will agree with me that it is rather a "travestic of charity" to gravely offer by advertisement "six votes" for a certain "Asylum" in return for a "lop-eared rabbit" or a "seal-skin jacket." I look, sir, on every vote as a trust, to be exercised with a sense of responsibility, not a mere chattel for indulging patronage, making money or open to exchange.

The charities of England, as of Masonry, are amongst the brightest jewels in its crown of glory—and the managers are, in general, men of the highest integrity, the greatest ability and the most disinterested zeal; but it is not the charities or the managers we attack, it is something outside of both—a fungus growth of years, eating out the life of charity, and impeding the healthy action of the voting system.

I may mention that our present movement was intended to take within its scope only the general charities, and not those of particular bodies such as the Freemasons, Clergy and the like. Yet I cannot but feel in regard to all our charitable institutions, that the more British sympathy and Christian charity have free course the less shall we seek an equivalent for our gifts, or if we must have an equivalent in the shape of a vote, the more scrupulous shall we be to use it as a solemn trust, to be put out in the interest of the most poor, most friendless and most deserving.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Fraternally yours,
Dec., 17, 1873. R. J. SIMPSON.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather, excursions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulation of phlegm, can easily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's ointment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his ointment and pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution, to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.—ADVTR.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE.

The regular meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, was held under the auspices of the United Service Lodge, No. 69, at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, on Monday, the 15th December, when a large number of Mark Masons were present.

The R.W.P.G.M.M. (Bro. the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, M.A.) took his seat on the throne at 2.45. Prov. G.M. Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer.

After the usual salutations to the R.W.P.G.M.M. and the V.W.Dep.P.G.M.M. (Bro. T.H. Grove Snowden, W.M., 129), the minutes of the special P.G.M. Lodge held at Ramsgate, on the 14th of March last, were read and confirmed.

The P.G.M. Sec. (Bro. James W. Smith) reported that the By-Laws made at the last special Prov. G.M. Lodge had been approved by the General Board of G.M. Lodge, except as to the last clause of By-Law No. 7, which provided that Pro. G.M. Stewards should, on promotion to a higher office, pay the full fee of honour. This had been struck out by the General Board, so that Stewards, with respect to promotion, might stand on the same footing as other officers.

The P.G.M. Sec. likewise reported that the R.W.P.G.M.M., after the By-Laws had been made and approved, had appointed Bro. J. L. Ellerm, S.W. 152, to act as Auditor on his behalf and that the P.G.M. Treasurer's accounts had been audited by him as well as by the other Auditors appointed by P.G.M. Lodge.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was read and confirmed, the Committee congratulating the P.G.M. Lodge on the fact of there having been during the current year no petition for relief from the Fund of Benevolence.

The P.G.M. Treasurer (Bro. L. Finch, P.M. 129) presented his accounts, which were unanimously approved of.

Bros. Finch and Meager were then severally unanimously elected Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year.

The P.G.M. Master then appointed and invested the following officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. G. Ashdown, P.S.G.M.W.; J. G. Redman, P.J.G.M.W.; H. C. Fuhr, P.G.M.O.; G. Page, P.G.S.O.; John Canham, P.G.J.O.; W. H. Edwards, P.G. Reg. of Marks; James W. Smith, P.G. Secretary; William Crawford, P. Assist. G. Sec.; James Hewett, P.S.G.M. Deacon; Charles Burley, P.J.G.M. Deacon; W. B. Wallace, P.G.M. Inspector of Works; T. Newton, P.G.M. Director of Ceremonies; T. W. Fripp, P. Assistant G.M. Director of Ceremonies; T. Nicholls, P.G.M. Sword Bearer; H. Baker, P.G.M. Standard Bearer; W. Larkin, P.G.M. Organist; T. Watson, P.G.M. Purst; W. Tucker, P.G.M. Steward.

Bros. Emmerson, P.P.G.G.M.W., and Page, P.G.S.O., together with Bro. Ellerm, S.W. 129 (appointed by the R.W.P.G.M.M.), were then elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

Bros. Hiscocks, Crawford, Emmerson, and Redman, were then elected as a Committee of General Purposes.

The Lodge was then closed.

A grand banquet afterwards followed, at which the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, M.A., P.G.M.M.M., presided. After the cloth had been cleared and grace said, the following toasts were duly proposed and honoured:—

"The Queen and Mark Masonry." "The M.W.G.M.M. Earl Percy and the other Grand Officers." "The R.W. Deputy G.M.M. Earl of Limerick and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present." "The R.W.P.G.M. Master of Kent." "The United Service Brompton Lodge," complimenting them on their splendid reception. "The Deputy P.G.M. Master, Past and Present Officers of the Province of Kent," with Kentish fire. "Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M.M."

The company separating after a handsome collection for the Fund of Benevolence.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT PORT WILLIAM, WIGTOWNSHIRE.

Port William was on Tuesday last, Dec. 19, the scene of proceedings of a rather unusual character, and if they failed to excite widespread interest, it was because they were not patent to the outer world. We refer to the consecration and erection of the Mason Lodge, "Myrton," Port William, No. 539, and the installation of the office-bearers of the lodge by the P.G.M. of Wigtown and Kirkcubright, Capt. Harriott of Killiemore. Among the brethren in the province the "work" to be done excited a lively interest, and at an early hour in the forenoon of the day named, deputations from sister lodges found their way to Port William. The Monreith Arms, in which Bro. McCall does the duties of host with natural courtesy and geniality, was the general rendezvous, while the office-bearers elect of Myrton Lodge were getting the tools ready. At one o'clock the brethren met in the Myrton Lodge-room, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the office-bearers present being:—Bros. Capt. Harriott, of Killiemore, R.W.P.G.M.; T. W. Campbell, of Walton Park, D.P.G.M.; Dr. Millman, New Galloway, P.G.S.W.; William McIlwraith, Stranraer, P.G.J.W.; Rev. D. Stewart, Dalbeattie, P.G. Chaplain; James McMuldrow, Kirkcubright, P.G. Secretary; William Kerr, Dalbeattie, P.G.S.D.; John Hislop, New Galloway, P.G.J.D.; James Clarke, Kirkcubright, P.G.I.G.; James Livingstone, Kirkcubright, P.G. Tyler. The solemn and impressive ceremony of consecration was proceeded with in due form, and according to the well-established usages and customs of the Craft. The new lodge having been duly consecrated, the office-bearers elect presented themselves, and were cordially approved of. The P.G.M. then, in Masonic style, installed the following as office-bearers of the Lodge Myrton, Port William, No. 539:—Bros. Alex. Thomson, Barmael, R.W.M.; Henry Montgomerie, D.M.; James McCall, S.M.; James McMurray, Drumrae, S.W.; Hugh McMaster, J.W.; John Macfarlane, Secretary; John McCulloch, Treasurer; J. D. Picken, S.D.; John Nish, J.D.; James Chalmers, I.G.; Gavin Melville, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, R.W.M. Bro. Thomson briefly thanked the P.G.M. and assembled brethren for the honour and favour the members of Port William had received at their hands. The P.G. Lodge was then reduced from the high degree in which the labour had been conducted, and closed in the usual form. The brethren afterwards met in the Monreith Arms, under the presidency of the P.G.M., and dined together in fraternal style. After dinner the lodge was opened, and soon after the column in the south was observed to be in the ascendant, which induced the craftsmen to spend a couple of hours in harmony. The P.G.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in capital style, and under the guidance of the D.P.G.M. the brethren executed several rounds of "volley-firing" with spirit and precision. In proposing the toast of the evening—"Success to the youngest daughter of the province, 'Myrton,' Port William"—the P.G.M. adverted to the work which the brethren had undertaken in the locality, and enlarged in an eloquent

strain on the prominent principles of the Order, which in their lives and actions, they would be called upon to illustrate and promote. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Thomson, R.W.M., who made a brief and appropriate response. Other toasts followed from the east, and were honoured in truly Masonic style. Among those were the deputations from sister lodges, which were acknowledged by the following brethren, whose names were coupled with the toast:—Bro. McMuldrow, R.W.M., St. Cuthbert's, Kirkcubright, No. 41; Bro. T. W. Campbell, R.W.M., St. John's, Castle Douglas, No. 189; Bro. Rev. D. Stewart, Chaplain, Granite Union, Dalbeattie, No. 480; Bro. Dr. Millman, R.W.M. St. John's, New Galloway, No. 494; Bro. Hunter, St. Ninian's, Newtonstewart, No. 499; Bro. W. Shaw, D.M., Kilwinning, Stranraer, No. 519. At last a call from the south brought the brethren from refreshment to labour, and it having been ascertained that all were satisfied, the lodge was closed in the usual manner. The brethren from the east drove to Newtonstewart, some to catch the late train, and others to continue their journey through 18 miles of a wild and exposed, although romantic district, while those from Stranraer drove home through Glenluce. Much satisfaction was expressed at the tokens of life manifested by the P.G. Lodge, and a hope was entertained that another meeting might be held before long under its fostering care.

RESTORATION OF ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

A brilliant and most successful concert was given on Tuesday evening, 25th, at Woodhole Park, Herts, the magnificent seat of Bro. Abel Smith, M.P., under the patronage of the Lady Susan Smith, assisted by a party of well-known musicians in aid of the fund for the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey.

The concert was held, as on previous occasions in the spacious library, at the end of which there was a temporary raised platform, and in front of which a number of choice and elegant foliage plants were very tastefully grouped. Whether from the interest felt in the object for which it was given, or from the certainty that a musical treat was in store, or, perhaps, from a combination of both feelings, an audience assembled which filled the room to overflowing. The visitors staying in the house who were present at the concert, were—The Earl of Verulam and the Ladies Grimston; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marten; Mr. and Mrs. Toulmin; Mr. Balfour, cousin of the Marquis of Salisbury—the future member for Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoare, &c., &c. Amongst the general company we noticed Bro. Abel Smith, M.P., and Lady Susan Smith and Miss Evelyn Smith; Bro. the Rev. Lewis Deedes, P.G. Chaplain for Herts, and Mrs. Deedes; Major General Bouchier; Mrs. Hudson, and Bro. W. H. Hudson and Lady Audley; Mr. and Mrs. Finch; Bro. the Baron Dimsdale, the Baroness and the Miss Dimsdales; Col. and Mrs. Robertson; Bro. W. C. Baker and Mrs. Baker; the Hon. Canon Barrington and Lady Catherine Barrington; Bro. R. B. Croft and Mrs. Croft; Capt. and Mrs. Mark Pechell; Mr. and Mrs. Fowel Buxton; Mrs. Busk; the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Mostyn, and the Misses Monk; Rev. Sir J. C. and Lady Hawkins; Major Logan; Sir H. Vavasour; the Mayor of Hertford, (the only gentleman who attended the concert in morning dress, he is *not* a Mason); Bro. McKenzie and the Misses McKenzie; Bro. Dr. Warrener and Miss Warrener; Bros. Morris; Stephen Austin and Mrs. Austin; Bros. Wright; Herbert Busy Hodges and Mrs. Herbert Hodges and about 260 other ladies and gentlemen.

The appreciative enjoyment of the entertainment was most unmistakably evinced by the unanimous and loud applause elicited by each separate performance.

The following was the programme of the concert, which was under the able direction of Bro. WILHELM GANZ, who has so often displayed his

talent, as well as his liberality on similar occasions at Woodhole Park.

PART I.—

Piano. Duett... Rondo Brillante in A... *Moschelles*
Mrs. Frank Marten and Bro. Ganz.

Quartett "In this hour of softened splendour" *Pinsuti*
The Misses Ferrari, Mr. Benson & Mr. Hardy.

Song... "He that loves a rosey cheek"... *L. Benson*
Mr. Hardy.

Duett... "Una Motte a Venezia"... *Lucantoni*
Miss Erica Robertson and Mr. Benson.

Song... "Bid me discourse"... *Bishop*
Miss Sophie Ferrari.

Piano "La Gazelle" Souvenir des Pyrenees *Kullak*
Bro. Ganz.

Song... "O! Santissima Vergine" *Gordigiani*
Mr. Benson.

Part Song... "You stole my love"... *Macfarren*

PART II.—

Piano. Duett... "Tarantelle"... *Döhler*
Lady Harriot Grimston and Mrs. F. Marten.

Song... "C'est l'Espagne"... *Offenbach*
Miss Erica Robertson.

Duett "When the wind bloweth in from sea" *Smart*
Miss Sophie Ferrari and Mr. Hardy.

Song... "A fireside song"... *Wallace*
Mrs. Richard Hoare.

Duett... "Sceudi Sel Verdé prato"... *Dugola*
The Misses Ferrari.

Song... "The Better Land"... *Arthur Cecil*
Mr. Benson.

Quartett... "Bella feglia" (Rigoletto)... *Verdi*
Miss Erica Robertson, Miss E. Ferrari, Mr.

Benson and Mr. Hardy.

Poet Song "O hush thee, my babie" *Sullivan*
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

"Bid me discourse," was beautifully rendered by Miss Sophie Ferrari, as was also the duett by the two sisters. The voices of the Ladies Grimston, Miss Evelyn Smith, Miss Mary Blake, and Mr. Sykes, rendered efficient aid to swell the choruses.

Of the masterly playing of Bro. Herr Ganz, both in his solo and in the accompaniment of the songs, it is enough to say that it was "perfection."

The company numbered over two hundred and sixty ladies and gentlemen, who all partook of the generous hospitality of Bro. Abel and the Lady Susan Smith, and who were all delighted with their treat, and charmed with the courtesy of their host and hostess. The total receipts of the concert was £59, which will be paid to the Restoration Fund of St. Alban's Abbey, the whole of the expenses of the concert being defrayed by Bro. Abel Smith, (403).

Those brethren who are believers in our old Masonic traditions will say that this was well done.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland was held, on Monday, in their library, Royal Institution, Scotland. The first business being the election of office-bearers in room of those retiring, the Duke of Sutherland was elected president, and Sir Joseph Noel Paton one of the vice-presidents: while W. F. Skene, LL.D., Mr. Robert Horn (advocate), and Captain Thomas, R.N., were added to the council, in room of the retiring members. Baroness Burdett-Coutts was elected a lady associate of the society. The treasurer gave a satisfactory statement of the condition of the funds. During the year 250 articles of antiquarian interest have been presented to the museum, and 250 volumes of books and pamphlets have been presented to the library. The Sutherland collection of coins has also been acquired by purchase from the Faculty of Advocates.

SEDENT.—The only guaranteed cure for Toothache.—This extraordinary application, marvellous in its effects, gives immediate relief, without injuring the tooth, and forms a temporary stopping is. 1/4d.; post free 1s. 3d. The CORALITE TOOTH PASTE, for cleansing and improving the teeth, imparts a natural redness to the gums and gives brilliancy to the enamel. Price 1s. 6d. The ROYAL DENTIFRICE, prepared from a recipe as used by her Majesty, gives the teeth a pearl-like whiteness, and imparts a delicious fragrance to the breath. Price 1s. 6d. Sold by all chemists and perfumers, and by the proprietors, MESSRS. GABRIEL, the old-established Dentists, 72 Ludgate-hill and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square London.

Reviews.

"Ever the Same." Written by Bro. ALFRED B. EMANUEL; composed by C. RICHARDSON. London: John Shepherd, 20, Warwick Lane, Paternoster Row, and of the author, 27, Somerford Grove, Stoke Newington.

This beautiful ballad has now reached a fifth edition. It is really charming in melody, and the poetry is very pretty. It is in the key of E flat; compass E flat to E flat.

It has been sung with much enthusiasm by many popular singers, including Mr. Sims Reeves. It cannot fail to please wherever sung, either in drawing or concert room. We beg to recommend it to our musical brethren, and feel confident whilst so doing they will be highly delighted.

"Often." New Song. Words and music by CARL WAGNER. London: Bro. Alfred B. Emanuel, "Bijou" Lodge, Burnt Ash Lane, Lee, S.E.

This excellent composition may be classed with Carl Wagner's great production, which have all proved great successes. Both words and music are good, and should be placed in every drawing-room. We congratulate the composer of this pathetic song, and may say great power has been displayed in its arrangement; and we trust that it will obtain a large and well-deserved circulation.

The Secreta Monita of the Jesuits; being the private rules of the Lion's Provider. Edited by H. M. W. Revised and collated with former editions; with an appendix by writers of eminence. Dedicated to the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Enniskillen. Glasgow: William Love, 40, St. Enoch Square.

The sole end of this edition of the "Secreta Monita" of the Jesuits, is the enlightenment of our fellow-countrymen as to the aims and ends of that confederation. And the editor has tried in this little work to rouse a Protestant spirit against the system he has opposed. It contains some seventy pages, well printed on fine tone paper.

We have also received "The House of Argyll and the collateral branches of the Clan Campbell, from the year 420 to the present time." Glasgow: John Tweed, 11, St. Enoch Square. London: Houlston and Son, Paternoster Row.

The House of Argyll, as the head of the Clan Campbell, holds a prominent position in our national history, its records are so closely blended with every struggle for religious and political freedom, the actions of its chiefs have shed such lustre on our annals, that any fresh fact connected with their history cannot fail to be welcome to the public. The contents gives—"The House of Argyll, The House of Craignish, The House of Breadalbane, The House of Cawdor, The House of London, The Campbells of Lochnell, The Campbells of Asknish, The Campbells of Auchinbreck, The Campbells of Abernehill."

The writer has very ably shown that the Campbells were equal to any of their compeers in the various arts, manufactures, and commerce. And were also eminent in the pulpit and the press, the synod and the senate, distinguished alike at the bar and on the bench, in the camp and at the court. He says—"No race has more freely offered up their lives in their country's service, both by sea and land. They have shone alike as poets, philosophers and philanthropists, doctors, and divines."

In the appendix are given some prominent facts in the history of the Clan, omitted by McEwin and Colvin, by the first setting forth an epitome of the history of the younger branches, and afterward giving a sketch of a few of the most distinguished men of the name, amongst whom are Baron Campbell, Lord Clyde, and many other noted celebrities. We have much pleasure in recommending this valuable and well-written history. The binding is so attractive, that, lying on the drawing-room table, would be quite an ornament. Then, those who take it up and open it, cannot fail to be delighted with its illustrations—so admirable in

design, and so exquisite in execution, and those who go on to read its pages will be carried along gently and pleasantly by its choice reading. Altogether it contains the fullest account yet published of the history of the Clan Campbell. We cordially recommend it to our numerous readers, feeling assured that it will win their appreciation.

Masonic Tidings.

At a meeting held in furtherance of the objects of the Sydenham Industrial Exhibition, Bro. Magnus Ohren, *M.I.C.E.*, presided.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is to be the guest, during the present week, of Lord Rendlesham, agreed to receive an address from the Mayor and Corporation of Ipswich, at the Railway-station, where the train waits on Tuesday. It was hoped that H.R.H. would be able to visit the town during the cattle show, but his many engagements prevent his doing so. The Ipswich Masons were particularly desirous to show him some mark of respect and entertain the Prince, and communicated with the Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Lord Waveney, on the subject. His lordship telegraphed to Bro. Bobby, S.G.W. of Suffolk, on the 11th, that the Prince of Wales thanked the Masonic body, but as he would not arrive at Ipswich till late and proceed at once to Lord Rendlesham's, he regretted he could not accept their invitation.

THE MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.—The arrangements for the forthcoming annual Masonic Ball in the "good old town," on the 13th of January next, are in a forward state, and there is no doubt that this will probably be as brilliant as any of the twenty-four which have preceded it. The patronage is a most distinguished one, and the Committee is composed as follows: Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., President; Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M., Vice-President; Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249 & 1094, Chairman; Bro. C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg., Vice-Chairman; Bro. D. W. Winstanley, Hon. Sec.; and Bro. R. Brown, Treasurer. At a meeting on Friday last, thirty-five Stewards were appointed and it was then resolved to have a set of splendid Stewards' badges manufactured by Bro. G. Kenning, of London and Liverpool, with distinguishing badges for the members of the Committee. The Mayor and Mayoress, Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, and ex-Mayor (Bro. Samuelson) and Mrs. Samuelson are expected to be present.

We regret to learn that the worthy and talented organist, Bro. William Sparks, of Springfield Villa, Leeds, is suffering from a most severe attack of bronchitis, which precludes him from attending to his professional and other duties.

A very pretty five point, blue enamelled star, set in gold, with crossed quills filleted by a band, also of gold, and attached to a blue ribbon, with three bars of the precious metal, shaped somewhat after the style of Mercury's wand, was presented to Mr. John Alexander, by some of his brethren at the Joppa Lodge, on Tuesday evening, as an additional recognition of his services of a Past Secretary, and his merits as an individual. On the back is the inscription, neatly engraved, "Presented to Bro. Alexander, by a few members of the Joppa Lodge, Oct., 1873."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—Thursday next being Christmas Day, the usual monthly meeting of the House Committee will be held on the day previous.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., M.W. Grand Master, has signified his consent to preside at the anniversary festival to be held on Wednesday, 11th of March next, "absence from England not preventing."

The Rev. O. G. D. Perrott, *M.A.*, Oxon, Head-Master of Stepney Grammar School (in union with King's College School), has been elected Head-Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and will enter on his duties at the termination of the Christmas holidays.

THE FIRST GRAND LODGE IN AMERICA.

Under the above heading, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, of Philadelphia, in a recent number of the "Keystone," of which admirably-conducted publication he is editor, gives an extract from my "Historical Notes on Scotch Lodges," now appearing in the "Freemason." It has reference to a letter of introduction presented by a Brother from Boston to the Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning in the year 1736. Having learned from Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, that in American Masonic circles some interest is attached to the letter in question, I beg to submit a verbatim copy of the minute as it appears in the oldest records of Glasgow Kilwinning:—"At the Old Coffeehouse. 2d Novemr. 1736. Members present: The Rt. Worshipful Jas. Montgomery pro Mastr.; John Murdoch pro Senr. Wrd.; Thos. Hamilton pro J. Varden; John Thomson, George Murdoch, James Craig, Robert Scot, Robert Draghorn, Arthur Martine, Andrew Scot, Alexr. Wardrop, John Telfier, William Robb; Robert Hamilton, Roger Rodburn (visiting brethren). At this meeting the following letter being presented by our trusty & well-beloved Brother Pathrick Robertson of New England, merchant, from our Sister Lodge in Boston, this lodge unanimously agreed and ordered the said letter to be engross'd in the books, and also judge it proper that an answer thereto may be transmitted by the hands of the above brother. James Montgomerie, pro. Mr. 'Most Worthy & Dear Brethren: Our true affection for the whole Fraternity will not permit, us to slip this favourable opportunity to give you sincere assurance of our due respect and regard for all our worthy brethren. Our hearty good wishes we forward to you under the care of our worthy Brother, Mr. Pathrick Robertson, who is a well esteem'd member of our Lodge. It will perhaps be acceptable to you that we inform you our Lodge was constituted here by our Right Worshipfull Master, Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master, on the 31st day of August, A.M. 5733, and is held at the Royall Exchange Tavern in King's Street, the second & fourth Wendsday of every month, and is adorn'd with the most eminent gentlemen of this great town, and keep up to its primitive beuty & purity. We shall always be ready & desirous to convince our Brethren, & particularly those of our R. Worshipfull Lodge, that we are with due respect Most Worthy & Dear Brethren, your sincere Bros. & humble Servts., Henry Price, G.M.; James Gordon, D.P.G.M.; Robt. Tomlinson, M.; Hugh M'Daniell, Sr. W.; John Osburn, Jr. W.; F. Breterth, Secretary. At Boston in New England, September the 1st, A.D. 1736."

D. MURRAY LYON.

Ayr, December 6, 1873.

The Scottish Corporation of London held its annual festival, on Monday, in the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor (Mr. Alderman Lusk, M.P.) About 500 ladies and gentleman were present, many of the latter being in Highland costume. In proposing the toast of the evening, the Lord Mayor warmly commended the objects of the society to the consideration of the charitable; and the secretary (Mr. Macrae Moir) then announced subscriptions amounting to nearly £3000. Among them were 100 gs. from her Majesty, and similar sums were given by the Lord Mayor Sir A. Sassoon, Mr. Peter Reid, and Mr. P. Denny. Lord Chief Justice Coleridge responded for the Bench, and remarked that, though only a Devonshire lawyer, he still had some claim to Scotland, as he had Scottish blood in his veins. When he considered how successful Scotchmen generally were, he felt inclined, like Mr. Lowe, to wish that he had more of the Scottish element in his composition. Mr. Clemens (Mark Twain), who was one of the guests, responded for "The Ladies."

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—The directors have elected Captain Flood Page to succeed Mr. Grove, as Secretary, at the end of the year.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, December, 26 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, December 20.

Lodge 1364, Earl of Zeland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, December 22.

Lodge 28, Old Kings' Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7. Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, December 23.

Lodge 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
Chap. 7, Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
Pilgrim Lodge of Instruction (No. 238), German Gymnasium, Old St. Pancras-road, King's Cross. (Working in German.)
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, December 24.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.
Red Cross Conclave 15, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, December 25.

Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, December 26.

Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road, Finsbury.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, December 27, 1873.


Monday, December 22.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
Tuesday, December 23.
Lodge 1393, Hamer, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
Joppa Mark Lodge (11), Masonic Hall, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
Wednesday, December 24.
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
" 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 8.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction, 90, Duke-street Liverpool, at 8.
Thursday, December 25.
[Being Christmas Day, these meetings will probably be adjourned.]
Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1313, The Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh's Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
Friday, December 26.
Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
For the week ending Saturday, December 27, 1873.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, December 22.
Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
Tuesday, December 23.
Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill, Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
Wednesday, December 24.
Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
Thursday, December 25.
Lodge 167, Free Operative, Masons' Hall, Biggar.
" 177, St. John, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.
Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.
Friday, December 26.
Lodge 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, Masons' Hall, Hamilton.
" 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 347, St. John's Operative, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
Saturday, December 27.
Lodge 34, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

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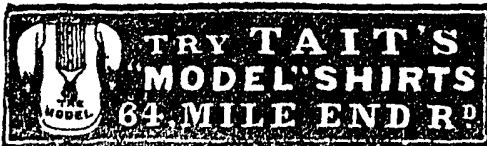


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Craft Masonry.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—*St. Hilda's Lodge* (No. 240).—On Monday, night the annual ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of St. Hilda's Lodge, took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street. The lodge, which was crowded to excess by brethren of the lodge and visiting brethren from the neighbouring lodges, was opened in the usual manner by Bro. T. Potter, W.M. Some routine business was transacted, after which the chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. J. Roddam, P.M., who officiated as Installing Master. Bro. R. E. Thomson, S.W., the W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, and the impressive ceremony was ably performed. The W.M. then appointed his officers, as follows, T. Potter, P.M.; J. G. Wilson, S.W.; H. Claughton, J.W.; H. Hewison, P.M., Treasurer; G. S. Shotton, Sec.; Rev. D. Evans, Chap.; T. G. Mabane, S.D.; T. Coulson, J.D.; J. Roddam, P.M., D.C.; J. Ashby, I.G.; G. D. Hall, Organist; T. Lumley, and J. H. Morton, Stewards; J. Doohar, Tyler. The auditors presented the Treasurer's balance sheet, as examined and found correct, shewing a favourable balance in favour of the lodge for the past year. The W.M. called upon Bro. Hewison, P.M., to make the presentation of a fancy P.M.'s jewel, apron (silver mounted), and collar with jewel attached, to Bro. Potter, P.M. The jewel was engraved as follows, "Presented to Bro. Potter, P.M. by the brethren of St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240, as a testimony of their sincere regard and personal esteem, Dec. 8th 1873." The lodge was closed in due form.

SHEFFIELD.—*Royal Brunswick Lodge* (No. 296).—The annual installation in connection with this lodge was held on Monday, 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, when Bro. H. W. Maleham, S.W., was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. F. Moss, Immediate Past Master, in due and ancient form. There was a large attendance of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England; Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Sec., West Yorkshire; E. Boteler Chalmer, Prov. Grand Chaplain, West Yorkshire; Hewitt, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., Derbyshire; Hazlehurst, P.M. Chesterfield, and several other Provincial Grand Officers. The officers of the lodge appointed by the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year are—Bros. H. W. Pawson, Senior Warden; H. Ecroyd, Junior Warden; Bartolome, Treasurer; Sucley, Secretary; Walter Nicholson, Senior Deacon; Schott, Junior Deacon; Marshall, Inner Guard; C. H. Bingham, Steward. The banquet which followed was of a most recherche kind, and the evening was spent in an enjoyable and harmonious manner.

PENRITH.—*Lodge of Unanimity* (No. 339).—On Thursday, 11th inst., the brethren of the Lodge of Unanimity, held their annual festival, when Bro. Greaves, P.D. Prov. Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M. and P.G.J.D. Afterwards Bro. Greaves appointed the following officers.—Bros. C. R. Musgrave, S.W.; T. J. Scott, J.W.; Porteous, P. Prov. G.C., Chaplain; Thwaites, S.D.; Dixon, J.D.; Arnison, P.M., Treasurer; Kirkbride,

P.M., Secretary, Marshall, I.G.; Whitehead, T. The business of the lodge being concluded, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Wagstaff, Crown Hotel. A few distinguished visitors from different lodges in the province were present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in ancient and due form, and a very agreeable and harmonious evening was spent.

CHESTERFIELD.—*Scarsdale Lodge* (No. 681).—The annual installation, in connection with this lodge, was held on Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, when Bro. W. M. Hewitt, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively performed, in due and ancient form, by Bro. Foulds, P.M., P. Prov. G. J.W. of Derbyshire, in the presence of a large gathering of Masons, from various parts of the province, and from adjoining provinces. Amongst others were Bros. Rev. A. A. Bagshaw, P. Prov. G. Chaplain of Derbyshire; Rev. E. B. Chalmer, W.M. Britannia, 159, and P.G. Chaplain, West Yorkshire; J. F. Moss, P.M.; Perry, Birmingham; Rev. W. Maltby, and Booth, Farnsworth, Pym, Lugg, Clarke, Rowbotham, Witham, Wilson, Cupit, Webster, Taylor, Linacre, Dixon, &c. The officers appointed by the W.M. for the ensuing year are.—D. Douglas, S.W.; W. Edmunds, S.D.; G. Lee, D.C.; J. F. Hale, J.W.; H. Robinson, J.D.; C. J. White, I.G.; H. Slack, Organist; W. M. Hewitt, Treasurer; W. T. Jones, Secretary; S. Rollinson, and E. Nicholls, Stewards; H. W. Smith, Tyler. A banquet followed, enlivened by the strains of Mr. Mountney's band.

ABERYSTWICH.—*Aberystwith Lodge* (No. 1072).—The annual installation meeting was held at the lodge room on Thursday, the 11th inst., at 3.30, p.m.; when were present Bros. J. W. Szlumper, I.P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W., Acting as W.M.; Edward L. Cole, P.M., Prov. G.J.D., as I.P.M.; G. T. Smith, Prov. G.S.W., acting S.W.; Stanley J. Balcombe, Prov. G.S., J.W. also acting as Sec.; John Vaughan, P. Prov. G.S. Works, Treasurer; Edward Hamer, Prov. G.S. Works, S.D.; Jonathan Pell, P. Prov. G.D.C., J.D.; Henry Culliford, acting I.G.; J. G. Parry Hughes; W. H. Boundy, Hugh S. Richardes, Arthur J. Hughes, B. E. Morgan, F. R. Roberts, John Kitto, M. L. Vaughan Davies, E. R. Pughe, Henry Owen, George Careswell, John Davies, J. R. Richards, Griff Jones, William Jones, J. R. Jones, E. Vaughan Rees, Tyler. The lodge was honoured by the attendance of the following visiting brethren viz., Edward J. Morris, D. Prov. G.M. Eastern Division South Wales; W. J. Morgan, W.M. 476, Prov. G.J.W.; Dr. Hall, of Swansea, Prov. G.S.W. Eastern Division South Wales; Captain S. G. Homfray, D. Prov. G.M. Mon.; J. J. Griffiths, Liverpool. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Vaughan, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. V. Rees, Tyler. Notice was here given that Bro. Major J. Allen Lloyd Phillips, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was waiting, and he was received with the honours due to his position, and took his seat. Upon the first enquiry being made, two or three brethren complained of the non-delivery of Grand Lodge certificates, the Secretary was directed to attend to the matter. A suggestion was also made that longer notice of the date of meeting should be given. Bro. E. R. Pugh, having been duly examined, was instructed and retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Pugh was re-admitted and raised to the F.C. degree. The chair having been taken by Bro. E. J. Morris, D. Prov. Grand Master, Eastern Division, he opened the lodge in the third degree, when Bro. George Tempny Smith, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sec., Prov. G.S.W., Western Division South Wales, was presented for installation by the W. the D. Prov. G.M., Western Division, Bro. Major J. Allen Lloyd Phillips, P.M. 224, in a few well-chosen words referring to Bro. Smith's past exertions for the benefit of the Craft. Bro. Smith having in due form signified his assent to the ancient charges, and having been obligated, all below the chair retired, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Smith was regularly installed

as W.M. (for the fourth time). The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and the W.M. was duly saluted and proclaimed in the three degrees the Installing Master explaining the working tools, and handing over the Charter, Book of Constitutions, and Bye-laws in proper rotation, and the W.M. duly closed his lodge in the third and second degrees, and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. W. Szlumper, I.P.M.; Stanley J. Balcombe, S.W.; Edward Hamer, J.W.; John Vaughan, (re-elected) Treasurer; Jonathan Pell, S.D.; Arthur J. Hughes, J.D.; Griffith Jones, I.G.; E. V. Rees, (re-elected) Tyler. The offices of Secretary, Chaplain, and Organist, were left open until a future occasion, owing to the unavoidable absence of the brethren nominated. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed, the W.M. seconded, and it was carried by acclamation—That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to the W. the D. Prov. Grand Master of the East Division, Bro. E. T. Morris, for the able manner in which he has performed the ceremony of Installation, and for his kindness in travelling so great a distance for that purpose. Bro. Morris returned thanks in most impressive language, congratulating 1072 on its steady and successful progress, urging the brethren to go on steadily in the right direction, and promising his advice and assistance at all times. The lodge was then closed, according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet prepared in excellent taste, and comprising every delicacy in season, reflecting the greatest credit upon Bro. Pell. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the pleasures of the evening being enhanced by the excellent vocalization of the W.M., and Bro. Captain Homfray-Jones, Llyngroes-Hamer, and others, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on the 4th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Aldershot, at six p.m., on which occasion the chair was occupied by Bro. A. McKenzie, the new W.M., who was ably supported by his officers, viz., Bro. Captain Richardson, I.P.M. and Treasurer; Bros. R. White, S.W.; R. Bennett, J.W.; U. Lucas, Secretary; F. Anderson, S.D.; J. Smith, I.G., as J.D.; W. Mirror, as I.G.; and Burns, O.G. the lodge having been opened in form in the first degree, ballots were separately taken for Bro. J. E. Williams, Surveyor R.E. Department, as a joining member, and Mr. Henry Robinson, as a candidate for initiation, which proved in each instance unanimous. Mr. George Hickens, a candidate who had previously been balloted for and elected, being present, both he and Mr. Robinson were skilfully initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the ancient Order, the charge being very impressively delivered by the S.W., Bro. White. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Fisher and Peterkin, who had been previously entrusted with a test of merit were passed as F.C's. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, when Bro. James Irving, who had proved his proficiency in the former degree, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and the lodge was resumed to the first degree. The correct working of the three degrees by Bro. McKenzie, W.M., at this, the first meeting after his installation, augurs well for the success of the lodge during his year of office, especially as his officers are well acquainted with the duties of their respective offices, and attend regularly the Lodges of Instruction. The members of the "Charitable Association" in connection with the lodge, then balloted for, as life subscribers in one of the Masonic Charities, and in this instance it proved favourable to Bro. P.M. John Coleman, 19th Hussars. After several sums had been voted for charitable purposes, and a brother proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, with solemn prayer, at or about ten o'clock.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Half Moon, Herne-hill, on Thursday 18th inst., when there were present Bros. W. G. Brighton, W.M.; Wm. Worrell and Hamilton,

P.M.'s.; Francis, Sec., C. H. Benham, acting S.W.; Klench, J.W.; Bassnett, G.D.; Coc, W.S.; also Bros. Pillinger, Grist, Inskman, and others. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, after which Mr. Piper, of Upper Norwood, who had been previously balloted for and accepted was duly initiated in the mysteries of Masonry. Bro. Grist, after having answered the usual questions, was initiated and passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge being raised to the third degree, Bro. Harris having first proved his proficiency in the former degree, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the three ceremonies being most impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. Brighton. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, the same being declared unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. Klench. After a few remarks from the W.M., Bro. Klench thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had showed him in electing him as their W.M. The ballot was then taken for the Treasurer, when P.M. Bro. Hamilton was unanimously re-elected. An audit committee was also appointed. The ballot taken for Mr. Rodgman of Upper Norwood, for initiation, which proved in favour of the same, the lodge was then closed in due form by the W.M., and the brethren then sat down to a most sumptuous banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly responded to and the Tyler's toast brought the pleasant evening's proceedings to a close. The brethren, so happy to meet, sorry to part and happy to meet again, dispersed before high twelve.

INSTRUCTION.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1305).—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 16th, the usual weekly meeting of the brethren was held at Bro. Fowler's, the British Stores, New-street, St. John's Wood. After the lodge business, the brethren were entertained at a sumptuous banquet to celebrate the presentation of three portraits, of Bro. Adams, P.M., P.G.P., P.Z.; Bro. Stringer, W.M., of the Mother Lodge; and Bro. Foxall, P.M., and founder of the Mother Lodge; the two former given by Bro. Briggs, the celebrated photographer, of High street, St. John's Wood, and the latter subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. J. Smith presided as W.M., and Bro. E. White as S.W. After the usual toasts the chairman introduced the business of the evening, and called on Bro. Briggs, who after a few introductory remarks said:—Brethren, when the idea first entered my mind of presenting the portraits of Bro. Adams and Bro. Stringer to this lodge I never contemplated that the presentation would be celebrated by such a banquet as we have partaken of this evening. Having had the honour of knowing Bro. Stringer for many years, I did not know till I met him in this lodge of instruction that he was a Mason, and I felt I should like to show the great respect and high esteem in which I, in connection with the whole of the brethren, hold our Bro. Stringer by presenting his portrait to hang in this lodge, he being the W.M. of the Mother Lodge. With regard to the portrait of Bro. Adams, the idea of presenting his portrait occurred to me when, after the long and very serious illness from which it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to restore him, we again had the pleasure of seeing him amongst us I felt that I should like to see his portrait hanging in this lodge to show the high estimation in which we all hold our respected Bro. Adams. We owe a great deal to him, he has regularly attended this lodge of instruction to instruct us in our duties, he has made it the business of his life to afford instruction to all who are willing to receive it and without him it would have been impossible for this lodge to hold the position it does, and to rank among its members so many brethren who are now well up in Masonry. Brethren as there is another presentation to take place I will not delay the business by making any further remarks. Bro. Adams in presenting you with this portrait, to hang in this lodge, my great desire is to evince to you the great admiration that I and the whole of the brethren of this lodge feel towards you, and as

an humble recognition of the services you have so freely rendered to this lodge, and I sincerely hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will spare you for many years amongst us. Bro. Stringer, it affords me great pleasure to present you with this portrait to hang in the lodge. As W.M. of the Marylebone Lodge you have won for yourself the respect and esteem of the brethren, and have set us a noble example to follow, there is no brother amongst us who has been more assiduous in his duties than yourself, you have filled that honourable position with credit to yourself and satisfaction to the lodge, and I trust that when your year of office has expired, you may be spared for many years to be an ornament to the lodge. Bro. Adams in reply said that he felt very proud of the honour that had been shown him, in presenting his portrait to the lodge, he had been photographed to death, having set so many times for portraits, but these were the finest he had seen in his life. He thanked Bro. Briggs for his kindness in presenting him with this mark of respect, and hoped he might be spared by the Great Architect of the Universe, so as to be enabled to gaze on it for many evenings, he likewise thanked the brethren in his usual jovial manner for entertaining him at such a splendid banquet he should remember this as one of the happiest hours of his life. Bro. Stringer in reply said you must excuse me from making a speech this evening, as you are all aware of my usual bashfulness, but I must say I feel highly honoured by this presentation, it is impossible for me to express my thanks, it is very gratifying to me, if it is agreeable to you, and I esteem it highly, and when I have passed away, the brethren will remember the time when it was presented, and it will remain as a memento of the happy times we have spent in this room. The Chairman then presented the portrait of Bro. Foxall, and said that it afforded him great pleasure to do so on behalf of the brethren, who had subscribed towards it, as it was to him the lodge owed its existence, he being the founder of the lodge, and as Bro. Briggs, had so generously offered to present the pictures, to Bros. Adams and Stringer, the brethren felt they should like to present Bro. Foxall's picture as well. Bro. Foxall in reply said W.M. and brethren, I thank you sincerely from my heart for presenting my portrait. I feel it a great honour to be the founder of the St. Marylebone Lodge, and of this Lodge of Instruction, and I hope to be founder of the Royal Arch Chapter now forming, and for which we already have the charter, and I am also very proud of the distinction you have conferred on me, and I hope we shall live to enjoy each other's society for many years. Bro. Adams then said as he had a long distance to go, and as it was getting late, he should like before leaving to propose the health of the Committee, who had been appointed to carry out the business of the evening. Bro. B. Phillips then responded on behalf of the committee, and said he was sorry that it had fallen to his lot to respond, he being a junior member of the lodge, he wished some brother who had more experience in such matters would have performed the duties. However, he was glad to see so many assembled that evening, but still he wished that more of the members had met to do honour to the founder of this lodge. It gave him great pleasure to be one of the committee, and he thanked them for the very cordial manner in which they received the toast. The health of the Chairman having been proposed by Bro. Stringer, was responded to by Bro. Smith. Bro. Foxall then proposed the health of Bro. E. White, S.W., who said: Brethren, I thank you kindly for drinking my health. I hope, whenever I am called upon to act as Preceptor of this lodge, I shall do my best endeavours to carry out the duties to the best of my abilities, which I hope will give every satisfaction. Brethren, I thank you. The health of the host, Bro. G. Fowler, having been drunk, to which he responded in his usual jocular manner, the meeting broke up a little before one o'clock, a.m., the authorities having granted an extension to that hour. The meeting was enlivened by some harmony, in which Bros. Smith, Foxall, C. A. Smith, Andrews, Hutchinson, Phillips, Draper, and White took part. Bro. Briggs assisted at the piano. The portraits, which hung

in lodge, and were very much admired by the whole of the brethren assembled, were enlarged photographs, beautifully coloured, 33 inches by 27 inches, in handsome gold frames.

Royal Arch.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Chapter* (No. 1293).—The first meeting of this chapter, since its consecration, was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 13th instant. Comp. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G. Supt. and M.E.Z., presided, supported by Comps. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., H.; Frederick Davison, J.; H. J. Buss, P.Z., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., S.E.; S. Rosenthal, P.Z.; J. Boyd, P.Z.; T. W. White, and others. After the usual ballot, Comps. Frederick Keiley and C. Hamerton were elected joining members, and a large number of candidates for exaltation were also approved. Bros. Henry Phythian, W.M. elect 1293; David Pearse, P.M. 657, D.C. 1293; J. H. Tyler, P.M. 975; John Hancock, W.M. 1089; Isaac Coalbank, I.G. 1293; R. Kotzenberg, 1292, and J. W. Sanders, 1293, being in attendance, were then regularly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. In consequence of the large number of candidates awaiting admission, the M.E.Z. announced his intention of holding a chapter of emergency on Saturday, the 17th January. Comp. Phythian was elected P.S., and some formal business having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions sat down to an excellent repast, after which the usual toasts were given and duly honoured. Comp. Green, 975, being the only visitor present, expressed his gratification at having witnessed so successful a meeting, and thanked the companions for their hospitality. It is intended to limit the number of members of this chapter to 45, the same as in the parent lodge.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73).—Tuesday Dec. 16th, the first meeting under the presidency of the new Master, Bro. G. Weston, was distinguished by an amount of work that does not often occur at one meeting, the whole of which was performed in a manner highly creditable to the R.W.M., and his officers, all of whom were in new positions. The lodge having been opened in the 1st degree, Mr. Louis Bloom was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. G. McDonald, I.P.M. Bro. Solomon Joel was also initiated. The latter was to have attended on Saturday at an emergency meeting, along with six other gentlemen of the ancient race of Israel, who were there enrolled into our equally ancient Order. The Lodge was then raised to the second degree, and at the request of the R.W.M., Bro. W. B. Pattison, conferred that degree on two brethren. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the new R.W.M. proceeded to raise seven brethren to that sublime degree in a manner that augurs well for the future working of the lodge, five of these gentlemen were Israelites, and Bro. S. Joel said he had no doubt that from the care taken by all the officers in the rendering of their several duties that more of God's ancient people would soon join this ancient lodge. After some private business relating to the affairs of the lodge, it was closed, and all being highly pleased with the ability shown by the new R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment*, K.T.—The usual monthly meeting was held on the 15th inst., in St. Mark's Hall. The E.C., Sir Kt. R. Bell, being compelled to leave on urgent business the chair was taken by H. Tulloch, and after some routine business, the encampment was closed by Sir Knt. G. W. Wheeler.

GLASGOW.—*Royal Ark Mariners* (No. 73).—This lodge met at, 170, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Dec. 18th, Bro. J. Balfour, F.N.; Jas. Bannermann, as S.; J. Johnston, T.; G. W. Wheeler, Sec., as Pilot. Three distressed Mariners, Bros. T. Mitchel, H. Thompson, and Colon M'Kenzie, were then received on board the Ark, and instructed in the mysteries of the ancient rite, and after a committee to audit the accounts had been appointed, the ark was again moored in safety.

GLASGOW.—RED CROSS DEGREES.—A council of Knights of the Sword was opened by J. Balfour, P.G.W.W.S.G.; J. Bannerman, J.G.; R. Bell, 1st Capt. of the Guards; J. Johnstone, Conductor; when Comps. G. S. McManus, Thos. Mitchell, Hugh Thompson, and Colin McKenzie, were introduced and dubbed knights of the sword. A council of Knights of the East was then formed:—J. Balfour, D.; J. Bannan, S.G.; Joseph Johnstone, J.G.; T. Boyd, 1st C.; D. Campbell, 2nd C.; R. Bell, T.; G. W. Wheeler, Conductor; J. Ramsey, G.; and T. Kay, Sentinel; when the same four candidates received that degree, and afterwards that of Knights of the East and West. A slight refreshment followed, and in reply to the health of the "Newly-dubbed Knights," proposed by Sir Knt. Balfour, Sir Knt. Colin McKenzie said he had for some time been a Knight Templar, and though he loved that order much, yet, from what he had seen of the Knights of the Red Cross degree, he was only sorry that it was not better known in Glasgow, in order that its excellence might be more highly appreciated.

FICTITIOUS CHEQUES.

[The following appeared in the *Echo* of Monday. We know nothing whatever of the man Windsor.—*Ed. Freemason.*]

At the Hammersmith Police-court, this day, John Henry Windsor was finally examined on a charge of feloniously endorsing a certain order for the payment of money. There were several cases against the prisoner.

Mr. Albert David Potter, a newsagent of Piccadilly, said about a week previous to the 26th ult., the prisoner came to his shop and asked him to undertake the publication of a newspaper called *The Freemason*. He called three times. On the 26th he asked if he had a banking account. Witness said "Yes." The prisoner then showed him a cheque and asked him to cash it. The cheque was drawn by G. Wheatley and Co., on the Birkbeck Bank for £5 11s., in favour of Mr. Hudson. Witness said he had not sufficient. The prisoner then asked him to give him what he could spare, and he would have the balance in a few days. Witness advanced him £3. He asked him whose cheque it was. He said, "Wheatley, Regent-street." He did not see the prisoner again. Witness sent the cheque to his bankers, and it came back marked N.A. He had requested the prisoner to endorse it. He wrote "H. Hudson, Highwood, Hendon, N.W." He also gave witness a card bearing the name of Hudson, advertising collector. Witness wrote to the address, but his letter was returned through the Dead Letter Office.

Mr. Vincent Smith Fleet, clerk to George W. Wheatley and Co., Overland Agents, of Regent-street, said the prisoner had nothing to do with their firm. The signature on the cheque was not that of the firm.

Inspector Shore said he found five cheques, in a bag the prisoner carried, on the Birkbeck Bank, signed "G. Wheatley and Co."

The prisoner, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial.

The Editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Acciajoli Florence, Italy. Prints, photographs, pictures, and English stationery, are also kept in stock.—*ADVT.*

THE VITAL SPRING CONTAMINATED sows misery, destruction and death. To ensure health it is absolutely necessary that fluids and solids of the human body should be kept free from those impurities, which are continually getting into the system through erroneous living, unwholesome atmospheres, or disordered stomach. The only safe and certain mode to expel impurities, is to take Holloway's pills, which have the power of cleansing the blood from all noxious matters and at the same time removing any irregularity which their presence has produced in any organ. Holloway's pills expel all humours which taint and impoverish the blood which they purify and invigorate and give general tone. They are applicable alike to both young and old, robust or delicate.—*ADVT.*

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. W. M. BRYCE GRAND TYLER, GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

It is very pleasant to have to record a very graceful act on the part of the Right Honourable the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, on his retiring from the throne of the Grand Lodge, which his Lordship has so much adorned for the last three years, in presenting W.M. Bryce, Grand Tyler, with a valuable and handsome testimonial, consisting of a silver salver and cake basket, both of very elegant design and beautifully chased, as a mark of his Lordship's estimation of the services rendered to Grand Lodge by Bro. Bryce.

We feel assured that this graceful act on the part of the Earl of Rosslyn will give universal satisfaction to the brethren of the Craft in Scotland, more particularly to the members of Grand Lodge, by all of whom Bro. Bryce is regarded and esteemed as a friend, and who have all, on many occasions, experienced his ready and valuable assistance; in fact, Bro. Bryce's willingness to oblige is only equalled by the close and assiduous attentions to the various and arduous duties he has to discharge in connection with Grand Lodge.

The testimonial bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Brother William M. Bryce, Grand Tyler, by Brother the Earl of Rosslyn, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, in recognition of many years of faithful services to Grand Lodge. St. Andrew's Day, 1873."

The following is a copy of the Earl of Rosslyn's letter which accompanied the gift, and Bro. Bryce's reply thereto:—

Skeffington Vale, Leicester,
15th Dec. 1873.

To Mr. W. Bryce, Grand Tyler.—

Dear Mr. Bryce,—Now that my reign is ended, I wish before retiring into a comparatively humble position in the Craft, to mark my sense of the assiduous manner in which you have performed your duties, and the eminent services you have rendered to Grand Lodge and the Craft in general during the period I have occupied the throne. I advisedly use the word "eminent" because whether by Grand Master or Grand Tyler, duty conscientiously and faithfully and regularly performed is an "eminent" service done to the individuals or the body on the body on whose behalf such diligence is exercised. During upwards of twenty years in which I have known you, you have been a conspicuous example of such performance of duty. I beg your acceptance of the accompanying mark of my goodwill and am,

Yours truly and fraternally,
ROSSLYN, Past Grand Master.
Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh,
18th Dec. 1873.

My Lord,—I have the honour to acknowledge by the hands of Bro. Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller, the very handsome piece of plate your lordship has so generously condescended to honour me with. It is quite impossible for me to convey to your lordship any adequate sense of the gratitude I feel in receiving this flattering mark of your lordship's approbation of my humble services. The acknowledgment that I have had the happiness to render satisfaction to your lordship in the discharge of my duties, is in itself ample reward for my efforts to that end; but I am perfectly overpowered by your lordship's generosity. I feel that this testimonial from so distinguished a nobleman will ever be judged by my family as a most precious heirloom, and I shall ever look with pride and gratitude upon it. With the repeated expression of my humblest thanks and duty to your lordship.

I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,
WM. M. BRYCE, Grand Tyler.

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tell

That with its echo, there hath passed away
The last of many,—yea, the year's last day.
Methinks I hear thee whisper, now I go, but
not alone
For on my eager wings, Earth's dearest ones
are flown

I've culled the richest flowers that did her
gardens fair adorn,
Some in full bloom, and others yet in youth's
first budding morn,
But in a nobler garden now, and in a nobler
sphere
These flowers are blooming beautiful that
only withered here.

And not in anger nor in wrath have all these
deeds been done
For it is better far that they should be trans-
planted there;
Then let not tears of anguish, friends, from
your fond hearts be wrung,
But seek for strength when Heaven requires
to trust them to its care,
Remember still that all the joys and blessings
that ye crave
Are His to give, and when He takes 'tis only
what he gave.

Look o'er the past and on its changes all,
Yea, ponder deeply, bring it all to mind,
And on each page thy memory shall recall
The stamp of Love and Mercy thou wilt
find;

Then in the future years that come, still put thy
trust in Him,
His arm it will not shorten, nor will His eye
grow dim.

But now I must away, for yonder comes
My Heir in all his pomp and grand array,
With all his hopes and joys he comes,
Like to a bridegroom dress'd so blythe and
gay;

Then as we part, Old Year, one word of
thanks I'll say,
Thou still hast left us some dear friends to
wish a happy New Year's Day.

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THE RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

Some little controversy having arisen lately on this subject, we think it will be well to point out what are the undoubted rights, as regards visiting other lodges, of all members of the Craft.

We apprehend it to be beyond a doubt, that, all subscribing members of lodges have a right to enter any lodge during the hours of "work," if they can satisfy the brethren of such lodge that they are *bonâ fide* registered members of some Grand Lodge, and are equally undoubted Masons. We are aware, that, in many London lodges a "voucher" from a member of the lodge is also required, but this, though a very convenient arrangement, is not tenable as an actual test of admission by the Book of Constitutions.

For instance, if a brother hears that a lodge—say, 1500, the Lodge of Friendship—is holding a meeting, and he presents himself with his Grand Lodge certificate, and offers to submit himself to due examination, we feel convinced that any W.M., either declining to admit him, or suggesting another mode of proof or voucher, would, on complaint to the Board of General Purposes, find himself, to use a familiar expression, "in queer street." As a general rule, so ready are our lodges to admit strangers, and so hospitable are our brethren, that such a question, happily, seldom arises.

But a recent controversy in our pages shows that such a question may arise, and, therefore, it is most necessary, that the law should be distinctly understood, in order that the rights of all may be equally guarded and carefully upheld. If the statement of our Bro. F. Bigg, W.M. 1261, P.M. 66, be correct, and of its correctness we have not the slightest doubt, it is quite clear that, out worthy Bro., the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge, acted *ultra vires*.

If he was not satisfied that Bro. F. Bigg was a Mason, if he was of opinion, that, there were some doubts about his right to be present, he should have called upon him to withdraw, until the lodge had satisfied themselves in the usual way, that he had, as a Master Mason, a right to be present, and that he was, what he professed to be.

But if on the other hand, the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge knew Bro. Bigg to be actually a W.M. of a regularly warranted lodge under the English Constitution and despite this, insisted on his retiring until his "Voucher" or "Introducer" came, he clearly, in our opinion, infringed in so doing the inherent right of all actual W.M.'s, and above all, of all M.M.'s under the English Constitution, to attend any Lodge under the English Grand Lodge, in its hours of work. But it may be alleged by the W.M., that he did not know Bro. F. Bigg, and that as it happened none of the brethren present knew him, and that as he said, he therefore acted in accordance with "our rule," and he bade him retire until his "Introducer" arrived.

Even in this case, according to our view, the W.M. is clearly "out of court."

He ought to have asked "are you vouched for? Unless you are vouched for, I must call upon you to submit to the regular examination."

But, instead of a public voucher, so to say, the W.M. asks for a private voucher.

We say all this without prejudice to the answer of the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge, because as Masons we are bound always, "*audire alteram partem*," and though our Bro. F. Bigg's merits and position as a Mason are too well known for us to suppose, that, his statement is at all inaccurate in any of its details, yet there may be some qualifying circumstances which may be alleged by W. Bro. Salmon. For instance, he may allege the lodge bye-law. If any such bye-law exists in the Middlesex Lodge collection, the sooner it is modified—rather, removed—the better, as we are quite certain that, on the case as stated, and on the grounds as alleged, the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge had no right to ask our Bro. Bigg to retire from the lodge, and therefore, in his case, an injustice was committed, deeply to be regretted on every ground.

But there is a still more important question involved: the common right of subscribing members of other lodges, duly registered in the Grand Lodge, who, humbler persons than Bro. Bigg, and less known to the Craft, may not have the will or the opportunity of making their complaints known to their brethren in Freemasonry.

It might so happen, that, a visiting brother was known to no one in the lodge. What is he to do? If he is not "introduced," he cannot be admitted, according to the *obiter dictum* of our worthy brother, the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge! Hence, the sooner the question is settled, the better.

In our humble opinion such a custom is a great innovation, and a most hurtful "gloss" on the standing regulations of Freemasonry; and we feel also equally certain, that, such a regulation is opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry, and would be at once quashed on appeal to the Board of General Purposes.

CHARITY VOTING.

Our excellent Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., has written to us with reference to this matter, and we have carefully perused his letter.

We do not see, that our good Bro. advances very much in favour of the great changes he advocates, except a somewhat sensational little story, about an exchange which is apparently taken from that interesting publication called "Barter" we believe, or some such euphonious name.

But our Rev. Bro. says, that, it is not to the system that he objects, but to the details of arrangement, and coincides with us both as to the excellency of the charities themselves, and the high character of the managers. But he adheres to his main point that reforms are needed, and then lays down "a canon of administration," that "every vote" is a "trust" to be "exercised with a sense of responsibility," "not a mere chattel for indulging patronage," "making money, or open to exchange." We have never so far heard, of much patronage being indulged in by charity voting, much less of "making money," but we are all no doubt aware of such

votes being "open to exchange." And to the last remark of our good brother we feel specially bound to take exception, as, with all deference to him, involving both a fallacy and an absurdity.

Let us put the case in this way. A certain number of applicants are to be elected. A has a case in which he takes a particular interest, B has no case in which he takes a personal interest, except than as a well-wisher to the charity, and desirous of helping the indigent or orphan. A says to B I want to get in case 35; you have only a general interest, but may on distinct grounds prefer perhaps case 32 yourself, but you do not deny that case 35 is a good case; therefore help me this time, and if you have a case next time I will help you. Is there anything wrong in this?

B no doubt might have voted for 32 on general grounds of philanthropy, but at the request of A he supports a very good case per se, 35, and how can he be blamed?

Or, D says, E vote for me this time and I will vote for your case next time! In that way we shall certainly get them both in. Again, is there anything wrong in such an exchange?

On the contrary is it not by such arrangements, habitually, and constantly made, that numbers of benevolent people exert themselves to secure, and they do secure the election of cases, which but for them would perhaps have no chance at all.

There is a tendency amongst us all, just now, we don't know why, to lay down certain hard and fast lines on all subjects, charity not even excepted.

Now we profess to be somewhat old fashioned on this, as on all subjects, and modes of thought and action, and of this one fact we feel persuaded, that the less we interfere with those, who know what they are about, the better, as a general rule for us all, and the better for all classes in society,

That some abuses in the charities may exist we do not deny. And where do not abuses exist? Yet if any one is so foolish as our Bro. Simpson alleges, to offer to exchange six votes, for a certain asylum for a "lop eared rabbit, or a seal skin jacket," (we fear that the offender is a She,) surely, that is not a sufficient justification of the little reforms proposed, which would entirely alter the character of some of our charitable institutions, and take away undoubtedly a large amount of personal support, and of individual interest.

We still say, as we said before, that with some few changes, if needed, it is far wiser to leave well alone.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

The Queen and Court have left Windsor Castle for Osborne, where they arrived on Saturday. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales returned to Marlborough House on Saturday from their visit to Lord and Lady Rendlesham.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who presided at the Conversazione given to him by the Society of Arts on Thursday last, will it is said leave England on the 30th en route for Russia, and is expected to arrive at St. Petersburg on the 4th of January.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Louis of Hesse have returned to Darmstadt.

Her Majesty has raised to the high honour of

the Peerage, Mr. Monsell, late Postmaster-General, by the title of Baron Emly; Mr. Moncrief, Lord Justice Clerk of Scotland, by the title of Baron Moncrief; Admiral the Hon. Edward George Granville Howard, by the title of Baron Lamerton; and Sir John Duke Coleridge, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, by the title of Baron Coleridge.

The governing body of the well-known school at Rugby have removed Dr. Hayman from the head-mastership, a proceeding which, among other consequences, will certainly give rise to a long correspondence in the *Times*.

The news from the Gold Coast continues good, though a good deal of sickness is prevalent. Colonel Wood, V.C., and Major Home had pursued and attacked apparently Anamquartias retreating, and disorganised masses, and the Ashantees seem "on the trail" homewards.

The Castro trial is adjourned to the 30th, when Dr. Kenealy will be expected to finish in a week, though a good many people think, that, in his case certainly, the licence of counsel has been carried far enough and long enough in all conscience.

There is not much home news to record, the more so as most people are thinking of the Christmas celebration, and we wish a happy Christmas to all our readers.

In foreign news there is not much to notice. Marshal Bazaine is to go to the Isle of St. Marguerite, famous in older days for being the place of detention for some time of the Man in the Iron Mask.

The Dutch have had another successful encounter at Acheen, but have lost General Dixon by cholera.

The bombardment of Carthage continues, but an assault is talked of. In the meantime, "Jack," every ready to do a good turn to somebody, is happily and cheerfully employed in taking off the women and children: The Carlists are quiet, but General Moriones contemplates some active movements. The Virginians has been delivered up to the Americans, and compensation is promised. The American accounts of the butchery of the captain and the poor crew, all non-combatants, are simply sickening, and a disgrace to the humanity and civilization of the age.

Original Correspondence.

BRO. BIGG AND BRO. SALMON.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hope I am not exceptionally thinned, but I do confess to a little soreness at the tone of Bro. Bigg's letter, especially at his allusions.

1st. His avowed dislike to anonymous correspondents. Now Sir, I do not consider myself to deserve that character, and if you will allow me to be guilty of the ingratitude of grumbling just a little bit of one who is so good as to insert his lucubrations, I think an asterisk referring to a foot note which you, Sir, might have supplied to Bro. Bigg's letter, should in justice to me have informed him that my letter, after the signature P.M., contained the number of my lodge, which, Sir, you thought fit to omit, and also the place whence I dated my epistle, both which, taken together, would sufficiently have conveyed my identity to the majority of the metropolitan esoteric world, but this locality you also thought fit to omit, and if I may venture to say so, Sir, I think rightly, although I assert that I sent them for purposes of publication, because I did not wish to lay myself open to the charge, I think rather ungraciously, brought against me by Bro. Bigg, of being an anonymous correspondent.

But, Sir, I think that upon principle your omission was commendable, for I hold that where facts are, or probably will be, admitted, and mere suggestions as to the applications of law and principles to those facts are all that are offered where accurately speaking no personal matter at all is involved, it is wholly immaterial whether the thoughts so propounded, assuming that they carry intrinsic evidence of being offered *bona fide* are vouched by any signature at all, so long as your rule is complied with, (and the ap-

pearance in type is a guarantee of that condition precedent having been fulfilled) and you have access to the writer, if communication with him subsequently should become necessary.

2nd. The implied sneer about disturbing my fraternal impartiality is uncalled for, applied to a writer who only wished to assert the value of the golden rule, *audi alteram partem*; it is beside irrelevant, and, considering the tone of my letter unbecoming.

I still venture to think that the question at issue between Bros. Salmon and Bigg does involve a charge of boorishness and inhospitality on the one hand, and might (if we had had a reply from the Middlesex Lodge, which I had a right to assume, when I wrote, would be forthcoming) have involved a justification on the ground of caution and fidelity on the other. Nor can I see in such an issue anything inconsistent with the proposition made by Bro. Bigg of the controversy being one which goes to the very root of Masonry and its principles.

However, while protesting against the tone of Bro. Bigg's letter, and admitting that the other epistle from "An Old Past Grand Officer," glances wildly aside from the issue, I frankly admit that the existence of the rule or bye-law, (if the latter, what has our esteemed Grand Secretary to say to it) cited by Bro. Salmon to Bro. Bigg, and the line of conduct adopted towards the latter brother, have raised a *prima facie* case against the Middlesex Lodge, which, to my mind, most imperatively calls for an answer, and the reticence displayed, in my judgment, goes far to justify the imputations of exclusiveness and repudiation of the principle of Masonic equality, not obscurely conveyed by the two letters upon which I have commented.

May I add in conclusion that I fully subscribe to the exposition of the doctrines of Masonic theory and practice contained in those letters, however much I may take exception to the tone in which such exposition is promulgated, and I will not yield to either of the writers in strenuous advocacy of the maintenance of the landmark in its fullest spirit and completest integrity, which not merely confers as a privilege, but enjoins as a duty, the constant practice of Masons to visit and study the working of all lodges under our English constitution, whenever they find leisure and opportunity, and possess the desire in this manner to pursue the object, dear to every true Mason, of obtaining further proficiency in the knowledge of the noble science.

On the principles I have stated in a former part of my letter, I now deliberately refrain from indicating my personalty, the knowledge is, however, heartily at Bro. Bigg's or Bro. Salmon's service, should both or either of them refer to you for it. For the information of the Craft at large I content myself by simply subscribing my *non de plume* as,

Dear Sir, yours fraternally,

P.M.

LODGE BANQUETS v. MASONIC CHARITIES:

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must apologize for not answering our good Bro. Gotthel's communication before, but all my spare time has lately been required for purposes not of so pleasant a character as a friendly discussion in the pages of *The Freemason*.

My friend, Bro. Dr. Hodges, knowing well the true state of the funds of many country lodges, in his customary kind and effective manner, supported a few lines from me respecting our lodge banquets, and their payment out of the "Funds."

Bro. Gotthel, a zealous Mason in London, has in a most fraternal letter written to express his objection to the views advocated by us, and were the reasons offered for our brother's disapproval, as "just and true," as he believes them to be, evidently we are wrong, and Bro. Gotthel is right.

I venture, however, to differ entirely from the description offered by Bro. Gotthel of the general character of our lodge subscriptions in the country, and while I cheerfully admit that all the members of those Lodges wherein additional, or inclusive payments are made for banquets, have a right to enjoy the festivals and

suppers, without extra charges, I emphatically protest against their customs being made a shield for those brethren who belong to lodges whose subscriptions are only levied to meet the necessary expenses of management, and who yet nevertheless gratify their tastes in eating and drinking out of the funds of the lodge." My opinion is that Bro. Gottheil was not aware of the latter fact, or he would have supported me in exposing such un-Masonic conduct, and having the pleasure of knowing how energetic he is in helping in a good cause, I quite believe he will be one of the foremost in seeking the removal of customs so derogatory to the principles of Freemasonry.

A great number of lodges in the country, probably nearly all, receive annual subscriptions from their members, varying generally from twelve to twenty shillings, which would usually be sufficient to meet the "incidental expenses," and allow of a sufficient margin to devise a portion to our masonic charities, without which I fail to see any just reason for their existence. It is not the custom to include banquets or suppers, for manifestly, if so, the foregoing subscriptions would be insufficient, as the most of the Lodges meet either fortnightly or monthly all the year round.

I know of several lodges where the brethren pay about a sovereign annually for their subscription, and yet the members have a supper, or refreshment of some kind or other provided for them nearly every time the lodge meets (lately such a "feast" was provided every month), for which no extra charge is made, and the members partake of the same for their "annual subscriptions." From a computation I have made the cost could not be less on an average than 2s. per member for each night, making a total of twenty-four shillings per annum or in other words, if a member attended every meeting and partook of a supper, and in such lodges there are always as many present at the latter as the former, the lodge would lose at least eight shillings annually, because of the dues to the Provincial and Grand Lodges having to be paid, as well as the balance to be met of four shillings, which the brethren had consumed "over and above" their subscription. Hence the lodge adopting or allowing such a use of its funds, can only manage to "pay its way" by drawing from the "initiation fees," and without new admissions frequently taking place the lodge is bound to get into debt, we can hardly wonder if unsuitable persons are initiated, rather than the members should lose the benefit of the "fees."

Now I am quite certain Bro. Gottheil does not support this shameful system, and though I am glad to say such a course of "feasting out of the funds of the lodge" is gradually dying out, am I not warranted in appealing to the Craft to give it a "death blow," and am I not justified in holding up the grand example of the "Great City Lodge" for others to go and do likewise.

The Great City Lodge, however, gave what was their own to one of our Masonic charities, whereas my letter was especially written to ask certain brethren to keep from taking what strictly speaking was not their own, but money, which should be applied exclusively for the hallowed purposes of Freemasonry.

Bro. "Nemo" has done well in so kindly supporting Bro. Gottheil from a London standpoint, and I should have much pleasure in doing the same had our friend confined his remarks to the metropolis of the Craft, but when he has stated in *The Freemason* that my advice was not only "gratuitous," but even (however unintentionally) "offensive," it is time to say why we object to brethren feasting at the lodge's expense. Wherever and whatever brethren have paid for their dinners or refreshments, either by additional subscriptions, or by charges made at the time, certainly no one in their senses would object to their enjoyment, but when I know that sometimes more money has been spent in lodge banquets in a year than the united subscriptions of the members would discharge, and when I know that right thinking members have refrained to attend these "free banquets" because the funds of the lodge were used to pay for them, and others disgusted with such gormandising and unmasonic exhibitions have retired from the Craft, I must again reiterate my former

statement, and advise all such to "gratify their tastes in eating and drinking out of their own pockets."

W. T. HUGHAN.

Truro, 20th Dec., 1873.

CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention having been called to your remarks of the 13th ult., on "Charity Voting," and to a wish that I should state, to which Masonic charity I alluded as doing its work by a select body or committee, I will do so in as few words as possible. I feel some regret to find I was not reported more fully, as you would have seen that I stated the Masonic charities were in some respects quite exceptional, and for one or two very good reasons, did not come within the scope of any general remarks, inasmuch as they partake of the nature of private charities, are exclusively supported by the members of a fraternity who alone are responsible for their good management, and have a right to say how affairs should be conducted or candidates elected. They are also well managed and free from most of the defects of those Institutions with which the "Charity Voting Reform Society," proposes to deal. I therefore had little to say about them, and with the exception of expressing a wish to see a "Committee of Selection" tried, simply because I know the great clarity of the Masonic body is already administered by a "Committee," or Lodge of Benevolence, which meets monthly to distribute a large amount of very substantial relief to a number of most deserving candidates, in the true spirit of charity, that of "not letting the right hand know what the left doeth," and to the perfect satisfaction of the whole of the Craft. You will notice I purposely avoided any allusion to the Lodge of Benevolence in a mixed assembly, and who would not perhaps have understood it. I believe, however, you will admit that it does its work in a most unexceptionable and satisfactory manner, and I see no reason why we should object to leave the work of selecting the most deserving candidates for our schools to a committee chosen, as is the Board of Benevolence—annually—from the whole body of subscribers. Such a committee would, doubtless, do its duty faithfully, and with a full knowledge of the responsibility imposed upon it; while by such method the widow and friends of the candidates would be relieved from an outlay and amount of trouble which presses upon those who are ill able to bear it.

It will not be denied that the present system of canvassing for votes is an objectionable one, and one which we should like to get rid of; while few will be disposed to say that individual interest and regard for our schools will be diminished if some other and better method of election were adopted.

I am, yours fraternally,

JABEZ HOGG.

BRO. BIGG AND THE MIDDLESEX LODGE (alias THE EXCLUSIVES).

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think there remains very little to be said upon the question after the excellent letter from "An Old Past Grand Steward," wherein he reminds Masons of the duty they owe to the Craft in general, as explained in the beautiful ceremony at their initiation, which some of them seem to have forgotten.

Masters of lodges cannot be too particular in who they admit into the lodge, indeed, some are not particular enough. If it had been that Bro. Bigg could not prove himself to be a Mason to the satisfaction of the W.M., then the W.M. would have been justified in excluding him; but as that does not appear to be the reason, and the W.M. has not answered the accusation, either from shame or contempt, I think the Board of General Purposes ought to summon the W.M. before them to answer for his extraordinary conduct.

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M. & P.Z.

THE JOPPA LODGE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Seeing an announcement of a presentation of a Past Secretary's jewel to a Bro. John Alexander, at the Lodge of Joppa, I beg to inform you that I have had the honour of being Secretary above ten years. There never has been a Secretary, or even a member of that name, belonging to the lodge.

Yours fraternally,

G. P. ALBERT, P.M.,

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Those brethren who have been interested in reading the capital descriptions of the grand Masonic Temple of Pennsylvania, which have appeared from time to time in *The Freemason*, will be glad to learn that Bro. F. Gutekunst, of 712, Arch-street, Philadelphia, Penn. (U.S.A.), has succeeded in taking a series of twenty-two stereoscopic views of this truly magnificent structure. Bro. Gutekunst is one of the leading photographic artists of the United States, and in this instance has done good service, especially to the Craft, by producing such excellent and faithful pictures of the exterior and interior of the Temple. There are three magnificent photographs of the Grand Lodge Room, E., S., and W.; also two fine views of the Grand Chapter Room (East and West), the Oriental Room, the Norman Room, the Ionic Room, the Egyptian Room, &c. The Library interests me most; and certainly, judging from the photograph of this splendidly furnished room, and its well-filled cases of Masonic books, I shall not be satisfied until I have explored its contents personally before many years have passed. I know nothing of the cost of these stereoscopic slides, as they have been sent me by a very dear friend and brother from across the "big pond;" but I strongly advise our artistic friends to procure copies, being photos of the finest Masonic Temple in the world.—W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar. (By an old Editor of Masonic Calendars.)

The fourth year of publication of this most useful and handy volume has arrived, and we are glad to notice various changes have been made in the arrangement of the information which will considerably add to its value. As each successive edition has appeared, the Craft will have seen how numerous improvements have been introduced, and certainly the present copy has far excelled all previous issues. It is virtually the successor of the extinct British and Irish Masonic Calendar, published, we think, from 1859, first of all under the editorship of Bro. Donald Campbell—a well-known Mason—and latterly by the accomplished craftsman, Bro. J. Dixon Porteous, of Glasgow. We are glad to see that an accurate list of all the London and Provincial Lodges and Chapters, have been arranged and classified alphabetically according to their names, and towns they are held in; and a capital calendar is given, in which will be found all the London Lodges, Chapters, &c., as also the various Board and Benevolent Committee meetings. These, we know, have only been compiled after an expenditure of considerable time, labour, and patience. The information respecting the Mark Grand Lodge, the Grand Council of Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Masters, the Orders of the Temple, and of the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, is especially full and valuable; and their various Lodges, Councils, Preceptories, Conclaves, and Chapters, are carefully recorded, and nothing of importance seems to have been omitted with respect to these rites—information, by the way, which cannot be obtained in any other publication, and which alone is sufficient to make the Calendar a great success.

The "Cosmopolitan" is also thoroughly worthy of its name, for intelligence is afforded of the chief officers, and of the names, numbers, and localities, of nearly all the Grand Lodges in the world. Within the compass of 250 pages there is matter enough compressed, clearly and closely printed, to fill several ordinary sized volumes. We are pleased to observe many advertisements inserted at the end of the Calendar, without which aid, we are convinced, the volume will never pay at 2s.; and as its circulation is "world-wide," we cannot imagine a better medium for the advertisers. We conclude by expressing our earnest hope that the support afforded it by the brethren of the "mystic tie" will be commensurate with its usefulness, accuracy, and compactness.

Obituary.

R.W. BRO. THE LORD ATHLUMNEY.

The Right Hon. Sir William Meredyth Somerville, Baron Athlumney, of Somerville, in the Peerage of Ireland, and Baron Meredyth, of Dollardstown, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, P.C., died at Dover on the 7th inst. His lordship was born in 1802, the elder son of Sir Marcus Somerville, Bart., M.P. for the county of Meath, by his first wife, Mary Anne, only daughter and heiress of Sir Richard Georges Meredyth, Bart.; and succeeded his father, as fourth Baronet, July 11, 1831.

He first entered the diplomatic service, and was paid Attaché at Berlin, November, 1821, to December, 1832. From July, 1846, to July, 1847, he was Under-Secretary of the Home Department; and from the latter date till February, 1852, his lordship (then Sir William Somerville) held the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland.

He sat in Parliament for Drogheda from 1837 to 1852; and for Canterbury, from 1854 to 1865.

Lord Athlumney was raised to the Peerage of Ireland, Dec. 14, 1863; and to that of the United Kingdom, May 3, 1866.

He married first, December 22, 1832, Lady Maria Harriet Conyngham, youngest daughter of the late Marquis Conyngham, K.P., by whom he had a son, who died an infant, and a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, wife of the present Earl of Charlemont, K.P. His lordship married secondly at Paris, Oct. 16, 1860, Maria Georgina Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Herbert George Jones, sergeant-at-law, by Maria Alicia, his wife, daughter of Sir George W. Leeds, Bart., and leaves by her five daughters, and an only son, James Herbert, Gustavus Meredyth, present Lord Athlumney, born March 23, 1865.

Orator and statesman, the nobleman whose decease we record held a high position among the leaders of the Whig party; and as a resident landlord he was esteemed and honoured beyond most men in Ireland.

Lord Athlumney was a steady and consistent supporter of the Masonic Order, and had successively filled several offices in the Grand Lodge of Ireland. He was elected, we believe, to succeed the Earl of Donoughmore, as Senior Grand Warden, and held that distinguished post at the time of his decease. There can be no doubt that his loss will be greatly felt by our Irish brethren, as his suave and dignified manners had endeared him to all.

BRO. JOHN TURNER.

The funeral of the late Bro. John Turner, an active member of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, and an old and respected member of the Liverpool Licensed Victuallers' Association, of which he was several years since the chairman, took place on Saturday last, the 29th ult., at Anfield Cemetery, near Liverpool. Our deceased brother formerly carried on business as a licensed victualler for several years; and as a recognition of his valuable services he was elected chairman of the above-named association in 1872. He afterwards removed to Barrow-in-Furness, where he began business as a wine and spirit merchant. A short time ago he was seized with an illness which terminated fatally, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. A large number

of brethren and others, who were led by representatives of the trade, were present at the grave to pay their last tribute of well-earned respect to the deceased. Amongst those present were Mr. Ellis, chairman; Bro. R. Ing, vice-chairman; Bro. Captain Berry, Sec.; Bros. Tozzard, Meakins, Morrison, and Taylerson, members of committee, as representatives of the Licensed Victuallers' Association; Bros. T. Blizard, Singleton, &c.

BRO. WILLIAM DAWSON,

On Saturday the 13th December, the mortal remains of Bro. William Dawson, aged 75 years, of Lark-street, Bolton, were interred in the Church of England ground at the cemetery, Bolton. Deceased was initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 221, of Freemasons, on the 17th February, 1821, or upwards of 52 years ago, and was believed to be the oldest Freemason in the province of East Lancashire. He served the various subordinate offices in his lodge, and was installed as W.M. in 1826. In the year 1828 he served the office of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Bolton on the 2nd July, 1846, on the occasion of the installation of the Earl of Ellesmere as Prov. G.M., he was appointed Prov. G. Tyler. This office he continued to hold until his death, on the 9th instant, a period of over twenty-seven years, during which time he attended with one exception the whole of the meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The last meeting was held at Clitheroe, on the 6th ultimo, but Bro. Dawson was unable to attend it in consequence of suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, from which he died on the 6th inst. Bro. Dawson was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in 1826, in Chapter 221, and served the various offices in his chapter, being installed as First Principal in 1828. He was also a Knight Templar and Mark Master Mason, and for many years acted as Tyler to the various Craft and Mark Lodges in Bolton; also as Janitor to the Royal Arch Chapter; Equerry to the Knight Templar Encampment, St. James of Jerusalem; Prov. G. Janitor; Prov. G. Mark Tyler; Prov. G. Equerry to the Prov. G. Conclave of Lancashire, and as serving brother to the higher grades of Masonry, as practised in Bolton. Bro. Dawson was well known not only in Bolton, but throughout the whole of East Lancashire, his services being always cheerfully rendered for the benefit of Freemasonry, to which he was deeply attached. To testify their respect to his memory, the brethren of deceased's lodge, as well as of other lodges, assembled at the Baths' Assembly Rooms on Saturday afternoon, and met the funeral cortege on its way to the cemetery. They all walked in procession in front of the hearse. On arriving at the church, the brethren opened out to the right and the left, and allowed the hearse and mourners to pass. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Walter Chamberlain, M.A., vicar of St. John's, Little Bolton. The following members of deceased's lodge present were:—Bros. Wm. Hewitt, W.M.; W. H. J. Jones, S.W.; Robert Grime, J.W.; C. P. Brockbank, P.M.; P. Prov. G. Deacon; John Tunnah, P.M.; Prov. G. Sec.; Joseph Howarth, P.M.; James Fitznewton, P.M.; Thomas Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Sup. of Works; T. Morris, P.M.; T. Mitchell, P.M.; J. W. Taylor, P.M.; George Ferguson, P.M.; and Cartner, E. Fellows, Waite, Wm. Webster, Isherwood, and R. Blackburn. The brethren present from other lodges in Bolton were:—Bros. James Pilkington, W.M., 37; Jas. Walker, J.W., 37; R. W. Knowles, P.M., 37; James Newton, P.M., 37; W. H. Horrocks, S.D., 37; Charles Whowell, 37; Robert Glaister, W.M., 146; A. W. Crabtree, S.W., 146; John Wild, J.W., 146; Thomas Glaister, P.M., 146; Henry Ainsworth, P.M., 146; Robert Luthy, P.M., 146; Fred Wood, Thomas Draper, John Duxbury, George Mason, Job Rostron, and Hulton, all of No. 146; Robert Harwood, P.M., 348; S. Barrett, E. Mannell, and H. Stephenson, of No. 348. The brethren present from district lodges were:—Bros. Henry Maiden, Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; J. W. Kenyon, P.M., No. 42, Bury; James Heap,

Nos. 1045 and 1170, Altrincham and Manchester respectively; Robert Pickup, P.M., No. 1032, Whittle Springs; John Heaton and S. Marsden, No. 344, Radcliffe; and John Hamer, No. 128, Bury. The brethren were marshalled in procession by Brother Robert Whittaker, P.M., 678, Farnworth, Assistant Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. At the request of the deceased no Masonic clothing was worn, the brethren appearing in simple mourning attire. Tea was provided for friends from a distance by Mr. J. Bostron, of the Trinity-street Station Refreshment-rooms.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Kent, C.C., has been elected W.M. of the Domestic Lodge 177, for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation will take place at Anderton's Hotel on the 9th January.

A portrait of Bro. W. Foster White has been placed in the court-room of Christ's Hospital, by the governors, in appreciation of his long and distinguished services as treasurer. It is also proposed to establish "Foster White prizes," with the same object.

The Right Hon. Russell Gurney, Q.C., M.P., has been initiated as honorary member of Court William Rufus, of the Ancient Order of Foresters.—*City Press*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 2, 1874.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, December 27.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, December 29.

Lodge 79 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

" 831 British Oak, Bank of Friendship, Bancroft-place, Mile-end.

Chap. 188 Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7. Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Depford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, December 30.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, December 31.

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

Chap. 435 Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, January 1.

Lodge 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227 Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231 St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 1445 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
 Rose Croix Chapter, St. George, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, January 2.

Lodge 143 Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 890 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Chapter 3 Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144) Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, January 3, 1874.

Monday, December 29.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 " 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.

Tuesday, December 30.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, December 31.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 5.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 Alpass Encampment of Knights Templar, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, January 1.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
 " 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, January 2.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
 For the week ending Saturday, January 3, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, December 29.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-street.

Tuesday, December 31.

Chapter 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
 Wednesday, December 31.

Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 Thursday, January 1.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 366, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

" 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

Friday, January 2.

" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

" 166, St. John Airdree, Green-street, Airdree.

" 242, Johnstone, Cross Keys Hall, Johnstone.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 512, Thorntree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.

Saturday, January 3.

Lodge 305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

" 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

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